



## **Town of Franklin Council**

### **Agenda**

**July 6, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice-Mayor Jack Horton
3. **Adoption of the July 6, 2021 Town Council Agenda-** Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2021-** Town Council
  - A.) Approval of June 7, 2021 Town Council Minutes
  - B.) Budget Amendments
  - C.) Re-Appointment of Town Tax Collector
  - D.) Resolution Authorizing Town Tax Collector to Collect 2021 Taxes
  - E.) Franklin Tubular Certificate of Satisfaction
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business**
  - A.) Resolution to Adopt the Clay Macon Hazard Mitigation Plan – Interim Town Manager Justin Setser
  - B.) Update on Skate Park Request - Interim Town Manager Justin Setser
  - C.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Employee Recruitment and Retention - HR Director Travis Tallent
  - D.) Funding Request for TDA – Interim Town Manager Justin Setser
  - E.) Fire Sub Station Time Extension Request – Interim Town Manager Justin Setser
  - F.) Discussion on ABC Referendum for Election Ballot – Mayor Bob Scott
  - G.) Discussion on Pathway Around Wetland – Council Member David Culpepper
7. **Legal**
  - A.) Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-006, Police and Fire Ordinance Corrections
  - B.) Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-007, Discretionary Warning Citations
8. **Announcements**
  - A.) Town Council Meeting Monday August 2, 2021
  - B.) Next Free Family Movie night will be on Friday August 6, 2021 in the Lower Town Hall Parking Lot. The Featured Presentation that Night will be the Princess Bride.
9. **Adjourn**

## **July 6, 2021 meeting,**

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Jack Horton, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Jack Horton.

### **Adoption of the July 6, 2021 Town Council Agenda**

Mayor Scott said that an Insurance Claim Policy added under the Consent Agenda as item (F).

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Horton to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2021**

- A.) Approval of June 7, 2021 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments
- C.) Re-Appointment of Town Tax Collector
- D.) Resolution Authorizing Town Tax Collector to Collect 2021 Taxes
- E.) Franklin Tubular Certificate of Satisfaction
- F.) Approval of Insurance Claim Policy

**Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Mashburn to approve the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2021. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

### **Public Session**

There were no speakers.

### **New Business: Resolution to Adopt the Clay Macon Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Interim Town Manager Justin Setser presented this item.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Collins to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Clay Macon Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

### **New Business: Update on Skate Park Request**

Representatives from J.E. Dunn said they preferred to use Memorial Park for the skate park.

Mayor Scott said he thought the Town Council should take a vote at the meeting to choose a location.

Interim Town Manager Justin Setser said there was some flooding concerns at Memorial Park but if the Town Council wanted it to be the location, then the Town could make it work.

Council Member Culpepper said that he preferred the property by the County's dog park if there could be an agreement worked out.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said that the timeline for the county property would take a couple of months to get settled before construction could take place.

**July 6, 2021 meeting continued,**

Council Member Horton said the Council needs to figure out a location so that input can be gathered from the people wanting to use it.

Public Works Director Nathanael Moore said a company had reached out projected about \$20,000 for construction plans, but that with the smaller square footage proposal, the cost would probably decrease.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Mashburn to begin working towards using Memorial Park as a location for the skate park with an understanding that if it does not work, to begin looking at the property beside the County's dog park. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**New Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Employee Recruitment and Retention**

Human Resource Director Travis Tallent presented this item. He said that adding .5% longevity payments for employees who worked for the Town for five to nine years would help with recruitment and retention.

Council Member Horton said the costs were minimal.

Council Member Lewis said it was important to retain employees. He said the costs for this policy was cheaper than losing the knowledge of the employees and retraining new employees.

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to approve the change to the Longevity Policy and include .5% payments for five (5) to nine (9) year employees starting in the 22-23 Fiscal Year. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**New Business: Funding Request for TDA**

Interim Town Manager Justin Setser said the TDA was requesting to add \$25,000 from their fund balance to their budget. He introduced TDA Chair Connie Grubermann to discuss the item.

Grubermann discussed the request. She said the TDA looked as though they would roll a lot of money from their current collections into their fund balance due to the impacts of COVID-19. She said the TDA would like to request that \$25,000 be granted to the board in the 21-22 Fiscal Year.

Town Clerk Travis Tallent (the Town's delegate) said that as of the May collections, the TDA was only \$4,000 short of the request. He said he expects June's collections to be anywhere from \$12,000 to \$18,000 based on the current trend.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to grant the TDA's request to keep \$25,000 from rolling into their Fund Balance and to be used in the 21-22 TDA Budget. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**New Business: Fire Substation Time Extension Request**

Interim Town Manager Justin Setser presented the request for an extension.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Horton to approve the Fire Substation Time Extension Request. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**July 6, 2021 meeting continued,**

**New Business: ABC Referendum for Election Ballot**

Mayor Scott presented this item.

**There was no action taken.**

**New Business: Discussion on Pathway Around Wetland at Greenway**

Council Member Culpepper presented this item. He handed out images of similar projects.

Council Member Collins said he liked the idea.

Council Member Lewis said he thinks it would be a great joint project.

Council Member Mashburn said she thinks it would be a great memorial project to former Vice Mayor Barbara McRae.

**The Town Council said they are in support of the project.**

**Legal: Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-006, Police and Fire Ordinance Corrections**

Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. told the Town Council that this would clean up some old wording from before the Town moved to a Manager-Council form of government.

Council Member Lewis said the Town had been operating like this anyway.

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to approve the Police and Fire Ordinance Corrections. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Legal: Discussion on Draft Ordinance 2021-007, Discussion on Warning Citations**

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said this would allow officers the discretion to give a warning citation.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to approved the ordinance change for Warning Citations as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**General Discussion**

**Council Member Lewis said the Town did a great job with the fireworks.**

**Council Member Culpepper said he wanted to acknowledge that REACH raised over \$8,000 with their disc golf tournament at Sunnyside.**

July 6, 2021 meeting continued,

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.  
Vote: 5 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk