



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

November 2, 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the November 2, 2020 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for November 2, 2020**- Town Council
 - A.) Approval of October 5, 2020 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendment
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
 - A.) Presentation of Civilian Commendation Recognition- Mayor Scott and Chief Bill Harrell
 - B.) Update from Nikwasi Initiative- Executive Director Elaine Eisenbraun
 - C.) Water Line Extension Request for 154 Morrison Church Road- Morris Stamey
 - D.) Discussion on Veterans Day and Winter Wonderland Events 2020- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - E.) Presentation on Ray's Chapel- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
 - F.) Presentation on Cross Connection and Back Flow Policy- Town Engineer Nathanael Moore
7. **Legal**
 - A.) Franklin Fire Department Sub-Station- Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(5), to establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.
8. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Wednesday November 11th, 2020 for Veterans Day
 - B.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th for Thanksgiving
9. **Adjourn**

November 2, 2020 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the November 2, 2020 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Culpepper to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for November 2, 2020

- A.) Approval of the October 5, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Gwen Taylor made positive comments about Fall decorations on Main Street.

New Business: Presentation of Civilian Commendation Recognition

Franklin Police Chief Bill Harrell presented Mr. and Mrs. Shiffman a Civil Commendation Award for their donations to the Police Department, especially for the addition of a canine program.

New Business: Update from Nikwasi Initiative

Nikwasi Initiative Elaine Eisenbraun presented this item.

New Business: Water Line Extension Request for 154 Morrison Church Road

Resident Morris Stamey made this request. He said he was willing to pay to have the line run to his property from where the line currently ends.

Town Engineer Nathanael Moore said that the policy says the property owner can fund the extension.

Council Member Mashburn asked if the addition would put a burden on the water infrastructure in that area.

Moore said that it would not.

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Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Culpepper to approve the water line extension request to 154 Morrison Church Road if a price can be agreed on by the Town and the home owner. Motion carried Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Veterans Day and Winter Wonderland Events 2020

Mayor Scott updated the Town Council on the annual Veterans Day event. He said that the Special Liberty Project was going to host an event on Berry Cove Road where there would be a short program instead of a parade as usual due to COVID. He said there would be appropriate social distancing and masks being worn.

Town Manager Summer Woodard said Winter Wonderland would take place on November 28 and December 5, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. both nights. She said there would be a tree lighting on the 28th but with regard to COVID the event would not have the usual attractions and would largely focus on the large Christmas display at the square and the Main Street Merchants. She asked the Council to close Main Street on both days from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Horton to approve the street closing request for Main Street from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Presentation on Ray's Chapel

Vice-Mayor McRae gave a presentation regarding the history of Ray's Chapel.

New Business: Presentation on Cross Connection and Back Flow Policy

Town Engineer Nathanael Moore explained new guidelines from the State of North Carolina that would require industrial water customers and bulk customers to not only have a back-flow device, but to submit proof of inspection on a yearly basis to the Town of Franklin.

Council Member Culpepper asked if the Town could supply a list of inspectors to the customers who would be subject to the updated policy.

Moore said that he was currently working on gathering a list.

Council Member Horton asked if some customers were already doing this.

Moore said that a lot of the newer and bigger customers were already doing it.

Council Member Lewis said that the letter informing customers of the change should say "per state guidelines."

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Horton to amend the Cross Connection and Back Flow Policy as suggested. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Amended policy is attached.

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Legal: Franklin Fire Department Sub-Station

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. updated the Town Council on the sub-station. He said the design was complete and architect Tom Ritter had been excellent. He said the formal bidding process brought back two bids that were over budget. Ritter negotiated with the lowest bidder to get the total under \$400,000. He said that now a public hearing would have to be advertised and tonight's meeting would need to be continued to the night of the hearing.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. concerning financing and construction of the Franklin Fire Department's Sub-Station. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(5), to establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Culpepper to enter into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(5) at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to return to open session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Meeting was continued to November 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk