

**November 2, 2020 meeting continuation,**

The Franklin Town Council held its continuation meeting of the November 2, 2020 meeting on **November 17, 2020** at 5:30 p.m. 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.

**Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. for Franklin Fire Department Sub-Station Financing**

Nobody from the public spoke.

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Town Council that the budget would not be affected and that \$74,000 that is in the Capital Outlay Reserve line would be used to pay the loan on the sub-station.

Architect Tom Ritter told the Council that Western Builders was the low bidder out of the two that were received. He said that the first-time bids were solicited that they got two bids. Since there wasn't three, the bids were not opened and the solicitation was readvertised. He said the same bidders submitted their proposals and that they were both opened. The original low bid was \$594,400 but that he had told them it had to be under \$400,000. He said that Western Builders and the other firm both agreed that Ritter should negotiate to a lower price with the low bidder. He said the final number was \$399,019 from Western Builders. **A list of deductions is attached.**

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Board Action on Franklin Fire Department Sub-Station Financing**

Town Manager Summer Woodard said that there were two financial institutions who had submitted financing options. BB&T and United Community Bank with United Community coming in with the lowest interest rate at 1.99 percent for a fixed 10-year term. She said First Citizens had responded but they did not have a 10-year option.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Lewis to approve the resolution allowing the Town to pursue financing options to build the Franklin Fire Department Sub-Station. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Lewis to use United Community Bank as the financier of the sub-station pending LGC approval. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to award the building contract to Western Builders pending LGC approval. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Budget Amendments**

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**November 2, 2020 meeting continued,**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk