

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2022**

THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL held a regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room located at 95 East Main Street Franklin, NC.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Horton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Vice Mayor Joe Collins, Council Members David Culpepper, Stacy Guffey, Mike Lewis, Adam Kimsey and Rita Salain.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Joe Collins.

3. INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A.) Carolyn Fryberger and Jess Wilkinson, UNC Chapel Hill Representatives, were introduced by Council Member Stacy Guffey. These ladies work with Economic Development in Western North Carolina.
- B.) Captain Devin Holland introduced Officer Cody Tiger (Cody was unable to attend and will in attendance at the November meeting).
- C.) Bill Deal, Public Works Director, introduced the Town's new Meter Reader, Tony Nichols (Tony was unable to attend and will be at the November meeting).
- D.) Public Works Director, Bill Deal presented Bobby Clubb, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, with the NC Area Wide Optimization Program Award. This is the 4th year that the WTP has received this award. This award is given for water quality that is above and beyond all state and national standards.

4. PROCLAMATION

- A.) Mayor Jack Horton presented Shelah Portoukalian with The Lost Colony Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century of Franklin, a Proclamation and declared October 2022 as National Colonial Heritage Month.

5. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2022 TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Vice Mayor Joe Collins made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stacy Guffey to adopt the Town Council Agenda for October 3, 2022. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6 – 0.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 3, 2022

- A. Approval of September 6, 2022 Town Council regular meeting minutes.
- B. Budget Amendments- ARPA Funding and General Fund
- C. Tax Releases
- D. Revision to Purchasing Policy- Off Road Diesel Fuel
- E. Memorandum of Understanding with Macon County Board of Commissioners for the extension of Little Tennessee Greenway
- F. Request for Qualification- Recreation Plan for Whitmire Property

Council Member Guffey made a comment that he hopes that the MOU with the County is the first of many.

Council Member Mike Lewis made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rita Salain to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Vote 6 – 0.

7. PUBLIC SESSION

No one signed up to speak at Public Session and no one addressed the Town Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Request for approval of Memorandum of Understanding with The Givens Estates, Inc.

Town Manager Amie Owens and Town Attorney John Henning, Jr., presented information on the MOU with The Givens Estates, Inc. to allow them to help with a feasibility study of the old Angel Medical Center building. The Town was approved for a \$267,500 grant from Dogwood Health Trust for the feasibility study. The Town will partner with Givens for consulting services. Givens has relationships with various engineers and would be the liaison for the Town on this project.

Council Member Mike Lewis made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stacy Guffey to approve the MOU with The Givens Estates, Inc. as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6 - 0.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Request for approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County for acceptance of the *Sowing the Seeds of the Future* monument

Town Attorney John Henning, Jr., presented the MOU he drafted between the Town and the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County. The MOU outlined the responsibilities and included a formal acceptance of the monument by the Town.

Folk Heritage Member, Mary Polanski, spoke and thanked the Town Council and community for their support in this project. She also thanked the late Barbara McRae for her vision on this project. Council Members Rita Salain, Stacy Guffey and Town Planner Justin Setser will be part of a joint committee for the landscaping on this project.

Council Member Mike Lewis made a motion, seconded by Council Member Stacy Guffey to approve the MOU with the Folk Heritage Association as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6 – 0.

Town Manager, Amie Owens and Folk Heritage Association Chairman, Anne Hyder signed the MOU. Council Members Guffey and Rita Salain thanked the Folk Heritage Association for raising the funds for this project and for the Women’s History Trail.

10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member David Culpepper stated it was a monumental agenda and that there had been multiple items completed and approved.

Council Member Mike Lewis said he was honored to be a part of the Council.

Council Member Stacy Guffey agreed with Council Member Lewis. He is also honored to be a part of the Council.

Mayor Jack Horton commented that he loves it when a plan comes together.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Council Member David Culpepper made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mike Lewis to enter into Closed Session under NC General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

The Town Council entered Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

The Town Council returned from Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.) Next Town Council Meeting will be held Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- B.) Pumpkinfest- Saturday, October 22, 2022

14. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mike Lewis made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rita Salain to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6 to 0.

C. Jack Horton, Mayor

Reviewed by: Amanda W. Owens, Town Manager
Acting Town Clerk

Prepared by: Nicole Bradley
Human Resources Director