



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

April 13, 2020

5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the April 13, 2020 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for April 13, 2020**- Town Council
 - A.) Approval of the March 2, 2020 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendments
 - C.) Town of Franklin Utility Fees
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
 - A.) Presentation from Franklin Fire Department- Chief Matthew Breedlove
 - B.) Discussion on Projected Revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-2021- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - C.) Discussion on Debt Service for Fiscal Year 2020-2021- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - D.) Discussion on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021- Town Manager Summer Woodard
7. **Legal:**
 - A.) Discussion on Sun Trust Loan- Town Attorney John Henning Jr. and Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - B.) Discussion on Outdoor Seating Areas- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
8. **Adjourn**

April 13, 2020 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held a special called meeting on Monday April 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and council members Joe Collins, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the April 13, 2020 Town Council Agenda

Mayor Scott said that he would like to add a request to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation concerning recent flooding and Crawford Branch.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to approve the Town Council Agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Lewis to allow Mayor Scott to send a letter to NCDOT concerning flooding from Crawford Branch. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Horton to excuse Council Member Culpepper from the meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for April 13, 2020

- A.) Approval of the March 2, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendment
- C.) Town of Franklin Utility Fees

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Public Session

Mayor Scott said that Steven Crabtree had sent a letter concerning the reopening of Town businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The letter is attached.

New Business: Presentation from Franklin Fire Department

Council Member Culpepper arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Chief Matthew Breedlove presented the Town Council with an architectural drawing of a future substation to be used by Franklin Fire Department. He asked the Town Council for permission to pursue bids for construction.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McRae to allow Chief Breedlove to pursue bids for the construction of a substation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

April 13, 2020 meeting continued,

New Business: Discussion on Projected Revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented the projected revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Revenues are attached.

New Business: Discussion on Debt Service for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Woodard presented this item. A report of the Town's current debt is attached.

Vice Mayor McRae said that it may benefit the Town to look at refinancing options.

New Business: Discussion on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Woodard presented this item.

Vice Mayor McRae said that it may be a good idea to look at some state funding options for neighborhood revitalization.

Council Member Collins said that he appreciated the continued efforts to improve the town's sidewalks.

Council Member Culpepper said that he agreed about the sidewalks. He said that the Town should consider annexation of complexes like Verbena in the future. He said that currently the higher water and sewer rates they pay outside of the city limits benefits the Enterprise Fund but that there could be more benefit for the Town if they paid Town taxes that would help the General Fund instead.

Council Member Horton said that the Town needs to continue to support emergency services, especially in light of the recent storms and mudslides.

Mayor Scott said that Public Works crews responded, too.

Legal: Discussion on Sun Trust Loan

Woodard said that if the Town Council chose to do so, the parcel where the Police Station and Fire Department is located could be split into two parcels, one for each building. If this were to happen then the Town could choose not to carry flood insurance on the Fire Department and therefore, save a significant amount of money.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to allow the division of the parcel where the Police and Fire Department is located into two parcels. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Discussion on Outdoor Seating Areas

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to pass amended ordinances pertaining to outdoor seating and the serving of alcohol on sidewalks. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Ordinances are attached.

April 13, 2020 meeting continued,

Items from the Board

Council Member Horton said that he wanted to thank all of the employees for their work during COVID-19 and those who responded to the storm.

Council Member Lewis also thanked the town employees.

Vice Mayor McRae thanked Mayor Scott and the town employees for the COVID-19 response.

Council Member Mashburn also thanked the employees and Mayor Scott.

Council Member Culpepper said the employees had been excellent. He also asked everybody to support local businesses.

Council Member Collins also thanked the town employees.

Adjournment

Motion made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk