



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

April 5, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Mayor Bob Scott
3. **Adoption of the April 5, 2021 Town Council Agenda-** Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for April 5, 2021-** Town Council
 - A.) Approval of March 1 and March 12, 2021 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendments
 - C.) Re-Appointment of Donnie Bishop to the Tourism Development Authority
 - D.) Re-Appointment of Tim Crabtree to the Tourism Development Authority
 - E.) Approval of Martin-Starnes Audit Contract for FY 2020-2021
 - F.) Set Public Hearing for UDO Text Amendment for May 3, 2021 at 6:05 p.m.
 - G.) Set Public Hearing for Wireless Communications for May 3, 2021 at 6:10 p.m.
 - H.) Set Public Hearing for Minimum Housing for May 3, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.
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 - K.) Approval of Tax Releases
 - L.) Approval of Utility Water Tap and Availability Fee Refund
 - M.) Approval of Fire Call Pay Rate for Volunteer Firefighters
 - N.) Approval of Street Lights at Meadowbrook and Van Raalte Street
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
 - A.) Proclamation in Honor of Vice Mayor Barbara McRae- Mayor Scott and Town Council
 - B.) Discussion on Appointment of Vice Mayor- Mayor Scott and Town Council
 - C.) Discussion on Re-Opening Gazebo- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - D.) Presentation on Franklin Fire Department 9/11 Never Forget Fundraiser- Chief Ben Ormond
 - E.) Street Closing Request for Various Events for 2021- Dave Linn
 - F.) Street Closing Request for Streets of Franklin for 2021- Gwen Taylor
 - G.) Update on Litter Campaign- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - H.) Appointment to Economic Development Commission- Mayor Scott and Town Council
 - I.) Presentation on Water and Sewer Asset Management Plan- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - J.) Resolution Adopting Water and Sewer Asset Management Plan- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - K.) Discussion on American Rescue Plan- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - L.) Discussion on Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual for Public Safety- Chief Ben Ormond and Chief Bill Harrell
 - M.) Adoption of Proposed Schedule to Prioritize Whitmire Property- Town Manager Summer Woodard
7. **Legal**
 - A.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Solicitation Ordinance- John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a), 1) under subsection (a)(3), to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege; and 2) under subsection (a)(4), to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.
8. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town Council Budget Meeting Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
 - B.) Celebration of Life for Barbara McRae Saturday April 17, 2021 at the Town Gazebo at 1:00 p.m.
9. **Adjourn**

April 5, 2021 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott.

Adoption of the April 5, 2021 Town Council Agenda

Mayor Scott asked to add discussion of a letter to the Attorney General concerning the hospital as item 6(N).

Town Manager Summer Woodard asked to add discussion of adding a referendum to change alcohol sales permissions via referendum as item 7(B).

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

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Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Culpepper to approve the Consent Agenda for April 5, 2021. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Public Session

Nobody from the public spoke.

April 5, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: Proclamation in Honor of Vice Mayor Barbara McRae

Mayor Scott read the Proclamation in Honor of Vice Mayor Barbara McRae.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to approve the Proclamation in Honor of Vice Mayor Barbara McRae. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. Proclamation is attached.

New Business: Discussion on Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Scott said he would entertain a motion to appoint Jack Horton as Vice Mayor.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to appoint Jack Horton as Vice Mayor. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Re-Opening Gazebo

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Collins to open the Gazebo to the public following state guidelines in concern of COVID-19. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Presentation on Franklin Fire Department 9/11 Never Forget Fundraiser

Fire Chief Ben Ormond presented this item. The fundraiser will take place on September 11, 2021.

New Business: Street Closing Request for Various Events for 2021

Dave Lynn presented street closing requests for the following events:

Braveheart 5K and Cherokee/Scottish Heritage Celebration on June 19, 2021 from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

80's Flashback Weekend Parade on August 7, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Never Forget 5K on September 11, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to approve the street closing requests as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Street Closing Request for Streets of Franklin for 2021

Gwen Taylor presented the following street closing requests:

lotla, Phillips, and Main Street on May 29, July 17, and September 4, 2021 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve all street closing requests as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

April 5, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: Update on Litter Campaign

Police Lt. Devin Holland presented this item. He said that litter pickups had occurred using people who needed to do community service.

Council Member Lewis said that he had been in contact with the school system and that they are working on a plan to bring awareness into the schools.

New Business: Appointment of Economic Development Commission

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to appoint Council Member Lewis to the EDC and Culpepper to the FROGS. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Resolution Adopting Water and Sewer Asset Management Plan

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Mashburn to approve the Resolution Adopting Water and Sewer Asset Management Plan. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on American Rescue Plan

Town Manager Summer Woodard said the information that has been available indicates that funds are unable to be spent on pension funds but are available for offsetting revenue loss, hazard pay, water and sewer projects, and other infrastructure projects. She said one caveat is that you may not use the fund to offset lowering of taxes.

New Business: Discussion on Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual for Public Safety

Fire Chief Ben Ormond presented this item. The proposal was to base sick and vacation accruals on time worked by fire and police employees.

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Mashburn to approve the Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual Rates for Public Safety. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. A breakdown of the proposal is attached.

New Business: Adoption of Proposed Schedule to Prioritize Whitmire Property

Town Manager Summer Woodard proposed the following dates to discuss prioritization of the Whitmire Property.

June 21, 2021, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

June 25, 2021, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 26, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Council will decide a date and time at the May meeting.

April 5, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: HCA Letter Discussion

Mayor Scott said that he would like to propose a letter on behalf of the Council to be sent to the Attorney General in concern of practices and lack of programs from HCA.

The Council said they would like to review the letter at its May meeting.

Legal: Discussion Town of Franklin Solicitation Ordinance

The Town Council asked the Town Attorney to bring the issue back to the May meeting.

Legal: Discussion on Possible Referendum Concerning Alcohol Sales

Town Manager Summer Woodard said the owners of Yonder did not qualify to sell alcohol for onsite consumption under the referendum that was approved by voters in 2006. She said the only way to change the approved wording would be to have a referendum in the fall.

The Council did not take any action.

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Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-319.11(a)(3) and subsection (a)(4) at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to return to open session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to recess the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to recess the meeting until April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk