



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

March 5, 2018

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Approval of the February 5, 2018 Town Board minutes**
4. **Adoption of the March 5, 2018 Town Board Agenda**
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business**
 - A.) Proclamation for Women's History Month- Mayor Bob Scott
 - B.) Proclamation for 80's Flashback Day- Dave Linn
 - C.) Street Closing Request for Macon Your Heart Beat 5K- Bonnie Peggs
 - D.) Street Closing Requests for 2018- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - E.) Budget Amendments- Finance Officer Kyra Doster
 - F.) Minimum Housing Bid Proposals- Land Use Administrator Justin Setser
 - G.) Update on NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Grant- Land Use Administrator Justin Setser
 - H.) Letter of Support for Watch for Me Program- Land Use Administrator Justin Setser and Police Chief David Adams
 - I.) Proposed NCDOT Improvements on US 441 Georgia Road from Wide Horizon to Belden Circle- Town Engineer Nathanael Moore
 - J.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Movie Nights- Town Manager Summer Woodard
7. **Legal**
 - A.) Easement for Root and Barrel Restaurant- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Comprehensive Plan- Town Attorney John Henning Jr. and Land Use Administrator Justin Setser
 - C.) Set Public Hearing for Telecommunications Ordinance- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
8. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town Hall Offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday on Friday March 30, 2018.
9. **Adjourn**

March 5, 2018 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday March 5, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Dinah Mashburn and Brandon McMahan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae.

Approval of the February 5, 2018 Town Council minutes

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Kimsey to approve the February 5, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adoption of the March 5, 2018 Town Council Agenda

Mayor Scott – Mr. Kimsey wants to bring up alcohol at events and Mr. Culpepper wants to bring up a Read2Me request.

Vice-Mayor McRae – Could we also add discussion of Ray’s Chapel?

Council Member Culpepper – And I think there is a representative from Read2Me here to present during public session.

Mayor Scott – Okay, we’ll scratch Read2Me and add Ray’s Chapel as 7(D) under Legal. So the alcohol discussion will be 6 (K) under New Business and Ray’s Chapel will be 7(D) under Legal.

Motion made by Kimsey, seconded by McMahan to add discussion of alcohol at town events under 6(K) and Ray’s Chapel under 7(K) and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Sandra Crownover spoke about concerns of tenants on Curtis Street. She said that a person had been caught looking in the windows of a neighbor. The police told the person not to come back on the property. She also said there was a man walking down Curtis Street with a shotgun.

Raymond Holland did not speak but said he agreed with Sandra Crownover.

Sam Franklin spoke about the same issues on Curtis Street and West Boulevard. He said that there were drug operations going on at the residence. He said there are a lot of young kids in the area and they live at the home being discussed. He said one appeared to be a toddler. He said the area is a blight on the town.

Diane Cotton represented Read2Me. She discussed a partnership with local business owners to possibly organize a story walk on the west side of town at Memorial Park. Read2Me handles the fundraising of the project. Signs Express creates their story boards.

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Summer Woodard – Town Manager – If the board would like, I can work with Land Use Administrator Justin Setser and Ms. Cotton as well and go look at the area and bring something back to your April meeting.

Jimbo Ledford thanked the Town Council for their discussion at the retreat the prior weekend. He encouraged them to continue to work well together. He encouraged working towards allowing alcohol consumption on town property. He also said he's working towards opening a venue to cater to an after-hours crowd and asked about a clearer path to obtain a noise permit that would allow him to do so.

New Business: Proclamation for Women's History Month

Mayor Scott presented the proclamation. Please, see attached.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to proclaim March as Women's History Month. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Proclamation for 80's Flashback Day

Mayor Scott presented the Proclamation for 80's Flashback Day. Proclamation is attached.

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by Culpepper to Proclaim August 4, 2018 as 80's Flashback Day. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Street Closing Request for Macon Your Heart Beat 5K

Bonnie Peggs presented this item.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to close Deport Extension from 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. on March 24, 2018. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Street Closing Requests for 2018

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item. List is attached.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to approve street closings as presented for 2018. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Budget Amendments

Finance Officer Kyra Doster presented this item. Amendments are attached.

Motion by McMahan, second by Culpepper to approve budget amendments as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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New Business: Minimum Housing Bid Proposals

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented these proposals.

Justin Setser – Land Use Administrator – With the house on Pauline Avenue, the owner originally had an asbestos study conducted and when he saw the cost he decided not to do anything with it. We don't have an exact quote for what it would be to remove the asbestos. Some of the quotes are in about the \$8,000 range because it has to be a certified technician. That could be an added cost for that one site.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – One thing for you all to consider is that the lowest bid on Pauline Avenue is for \$6,000 but given the internal research you could be looking at an additional \$8,500. The cap would be \$14,500 with the council's blessing since it is kind of a shot in the dark right now.

Motion made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to accept lowest bids of \$6,000 with an additional \$8,500 built in for Pauline Avenue property demolition and \$13,472 for Hillcrest Avenue demolition and to move the money from contingency fund. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Update on NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Grant

Justin Setser – Land Use Administrator – I helped the fourth grade class at East Franklin work on a grant with the NCDOT in order to get bicycle helmets. There was no money requirement. They were awarded 65 helmets that would be distributed in a bicycle rodeo during the week of bike and walk to school week.

New Business: Letter of Support for Watch For Me Program.

Justin Setser – Land Use Administrator – We're asking for a letter of support to apply for the Watch For Me Program. It's a statewide education and enforcement program. It's no cost to apply. This is an educational program for people who walk, use crosswalks, and ride bicycles. It's just a way to bring awareness to pedestrian safety. If we apply and get accepted then law enforcement gets training and then they can receive points from the governor's highway safety program and then they can use those points to buy radar, vests, cones, and a lot of other equipment. With the program you would get advertisement materials, educational materials, and pamphlets.

Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by McMahan to allow Setser to pen a letter of support for the Watch For Me Program. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Proposed NCDOT Improvements on US 441 Georgia Road from Wide Horizon to Belden Circle

Town Engineer Nathanael Moore presented this item.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Kimsey to approve reimbursable agreement up to \$82,000 and to budget for the amount accordingly in the FY 18-19 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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New Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Movie Nights

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Council Member McMahan – I think this is a great service that we can provide for the town. It is an awesome event and it brings people out.

Council Member Culpepper – I think it's a great event but in the future could we ask other people to sponsor?

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – We looked at this before and you have to consider that when you have other sponsors you limit your control on what movies you can show.

Motion made by McMahan seconded by Kimsey to move \$1,000 from the contingency fund to pay for May and June Town of Franklin Movie Nights. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Alcohol at Town of Franklin Events

Council Member Kimsey – I just wanted to open up some dialogue about possibly allowing alcohol at town events and on town property. I've seen alcohol being consumed at events regardless of our ordinances. I looked at some places like Waynesville and Sylva. Sylva especially has had a similar event with their music in the park where they allow beer vendors to serve. I don't know enough on my own but I thought we could ask management to possibly reach out to these other places and see what their risk management has been in regards to these types of events.

Council Member Culpepper – Do we have an ordinance against it?

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – There is an ordinance that we have actually amended recently. It used to say no alcoholic beverage or fortified wine on property owned or occupied by the town including in public streets, sidewalks, parks, boulevards, and alleys. We amended that a few years back because of the Lazy Hiker. I haven't researched enough to know if we can make an exception but I can certainly look into it.

Chief David Adams – State law prohibits state owned roads but private property is different.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – Obviously there's some risk about having it on town property like at Memorial Park with the creek there. It's worth looking into though.

Council Member Kimsey – I just wanted to get some dialogue going and to see if we could get management to reach out to Sylva and Waynesville to see how they deal with these things.

Mayor Scott – I'm going to be with a some mayors and managers next week and board members from across the state Wednesday so I'll start that conversation and bring you back something. I don't know what it will be but I'll bring something back. I know other towns have wrestled with it. I think the concern has always been on public property.

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Legal: Easement for Root and Barrel Restaurant

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion made by Collins, seconded by McRae to authorize Mayor Robert Scott to sign a boundary line and easement agreement on behalf of the Town of Franklin with Barnard Inns of North Carolina, Inc. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Discussion on Town of Franklin Comprehensive Plan

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by McMahan to allow staff to seek proposals for a comprehensive plan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Set Public Hearing for Telecommunications Ordinance

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motioned made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to set a public hearing on April 2, 2018 at 6:05 p.m. for consideration of a telecommunications ordinance and potential Unified Development Ordinance amendments concerning small cell regulations. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Ray's Chapel

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to allow Town Attorney John Henning Jr. to draft the appropriate documents to pursue ownership of Ray's Chapel. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Items from the Board

Council Member Mashburn – I had mentioned an update of the opioid and substance abuse issues in the town and county. I wanted to make myself clear that I would just like the Town Council members to put it in the forefront of their mind of where they see themselves falling in consideration of that.

Council Member Culpepper – My son and I walked from Memorial Park to the Greenway. In the bike-walk plan the Crawford Branch greenway ranks pretty high. I spoke with one land owner about that. I would like some guidance on how to pursue a project like this.

Mayor Scott – I think you should bring us some info back about who we would need to talk to and who the property owners are. I think that is sort of what Duke did with the greenway and then we can start to put a plan together.

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Council Member Collins – I don't want us to forget the charging station idea. Electric cars are going to come.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – I can reach out to Duke again about some grants. The Town of Sylva did that and it was an upfront cost to the town of \$10,000.

Announcements

Town offices will be closed on March 30, 2018 in observance for Good Friday.

Adjournment

**Motion made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk