

## **May 18, 2021 meeting,**

The Franklin Town Council held a continuation of its recessed meeting of the May 3, 2021 on **May 18, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Jack Horton, Council Members Joe Collins, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

Council Member David Culpepper came to the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

### **Adoption of the May 18, 2021 Town Council Agenda**

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to approve the May 18, 2021 Town Council Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda for May 18, 2021**

A.) Budget Amendment

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Lewis to approve the consent agenda for May 18, 2021. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.**

### **New Business: Revenue Update on Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget**

Town Manager Woodard presented this item.

She said that if the books were closed today, the Town would be better than previously expected. The numbers are as follows.

General Fund Revenue: \$3,529,976.53 compared to current expenditures of \$3,406,599.44

Fire Fund Revenue: \$938,845.55 compared to current expenditures of \$627,962.34

Enterprise Fund Revenue: \$3,538,523.67 compared to current expenditures of \$2,749,320.97

She said that there will be other expenses come in before June 30 but that the Town will be in good financial standing.

### **New Business: Discussion on Tow of Franklin Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Town Manager Woodard presented this item. Proposed budget and the Manager's message is available for inspection at Town Hall and at [www.franklinnc.com](http://www.franklinnc.com).

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser and Police Chief Bill Harrell gave a presentation on the need for a Code Enforcement Officer.

Council Member Collins said that he wasn't sure it was necessary to have a full-time employee in the position and that it may be better suited as an administrative position instead of a sworn officer. He said the money that has been budgeted should remain in the budget until a new manager can decide how to move forward.

**May 18, 2021 meeting continued,**

Council Member Horton said that Setser has too much on his plate as is and that the Town needs somebody. He said he leans towards a sworn officer.

Council Member Lewis said that he thinks it's needed and that the money should be left in the budget for a new manager to decide on the way forward.

Council Member Mashburn said she agrees.

Mayor Scott said he thinks the Council should vote on the position tonight.

Council Member Mashburn said she didn't think there was anything to vote on tonight.

Town Manager Summer Woodard read a letter from Council Member Culpepper. He said he'd like to see Pickin' on the Square more inclusive with Main Street merchants, he doesn't want to cut round about improvements, a skatepark could work at Memorial Park or the old service station property, and that a 2% COLA is necessary for retention and recruitment of employees as well as more intown recreation opportunities for employees and their families.

Council Member Horton said that he thinks the budget as presented reflects the priorities of the Town Council.

**Legal: Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-319.11(a)(3), to consult 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, and 3) under subsection (a)(6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.**

**Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Mashburn to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-319.11(a)(3), to consult 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, and 3) under subsection (a)(6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.**

**Council Member Culpepper joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.**

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**May 18, 2021 meeting continued,**

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to schedule a public hearing on June 7, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. concerning the possibility of an Economic Development loan and acquiring a security interest on property located on Siler Road. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to appoint Justin Setser as Interim Town Manager effective as of June 8, 2021. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Horton to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk