



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

October 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order- Mayor Bob Scott**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae**
3. **Adoption of the October 7, 2019 Town Council Agenda**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda for October 7, 2019**
 - A.) Approval of the September 3, 2019 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendments
 - C.) Street Closing Request for Jeepers Creepers
 - D.) Tax Releases
 - E.) Forward Re-Zoning Petition to the Town Planning Board
 - F.) Set Public Hearing for Plat Stamp Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
 - A.) Presentation on Growing Outdoor Communities- Cory McCall
 - B.) Discussion on Love Street Property- Joyce Handley
 - C.) Discussion on Waiving Tap Fees for Macon County's New Dog Park- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - D.) Discussion on W-R Contract for Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - E.) Update on Leash Law- Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - F.) Update on Opportunity Zones- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
7. **Legal:**
 - A.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Guardrail Policy- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
 - B.) Update on NCDOT Sidewalk Agreement along US 441 South to Prentiss Bridge- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
8. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town Hall Movie Night will be Friday October 18, 2019
 - B.) Pumpkin Fest will be Saturday October 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - C.) Second Annual Town of Franklin Leaf Pick Up is available
9. **Adjourn**

October 7, 2019 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday October 7, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and council members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Brandon McMahan, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the October 7, 2019 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Culpepper to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for October 7, 2019

- A.) Approval of the September 3, 2019 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments
- C.) Street Closing Request for Jeepers Creepers
- D.) Tax Releases
- E.) Forward Re-Zoning Petition to the Town Planning Board
- F.) Set Public Hearing for Plat Stamp Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance for November 4, 2019 at 6:05 p.m. at Town Hall.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Culpepper to approve the October 7, 2019 Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Elaine Campbell talked about a neighbor who has a overgrown yard and chained dogs.

Jimbo Ledford praised the new bridge, roundabouts, and the sidewalks.

New Business: Presentation on Growing Outdoor Communities

There was no presentation.

New Business: Discussion On Love Street Property

Joyce Handley told the Town Council about a Half-Way House located on the street that the neighborhood was concerned about.

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New Business: Discussion on Waiving Tap Fees for Macon County's New Dog Park

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Mashburn to waive fees and charge \$792 for materials. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: W-R Contract for Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented a rate study proposal from Withers Ravenal. The proposal would project rates in order to pay for phase II of the Water Treatment Plant upgrade. She also said that costs of phase II were being projected at \$8 million whereas when the first projects were made 5 years ago it was around \$4 million. She said the second part of the contract would allow W-R to pursue funding options for the upgrade. This would not commit the Town Council to moving forward with the project.

Mayor Scott said he would like to look at alternative water sources.

Council Member Collins agreed.

Town Manager Woodard said that there was time since it would be 4 or 5 years before the project begins construction but that she would recommend moving forward with the rate study for \$17,500. This cost could come from retained earnings. She said the rate study would let the board know how to fund the project moving forward.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to move forward with the proposed rate study for \$17,500 to come from Retained Earnings. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Update on Leash Law

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented a change to the current ordinance regarding animals at large. 91.01 prohibits animals from running at large except for dogs. He proposed removing the exception for dogs. The updated ordinance would also allow police officers to fine people who allowed their animals including dogs to run free.

Vice Mayor McRae asked if it was illegal to let cats run loose.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said it would be

Mayor Scott said he thought that the incident on Wilkie Street was a strange circumstance.

Council Member Mashburn said she would like to adopt the ordinance for the time being and still research and consider other options in the future.

Council Member Culpepper asked if this ordinance protects the Town from having to take custody of the dog.

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Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said it does.

Council Member Culpepper said he feels like the town is ill equipped to deal with stray dogs and that the Town should rely on the county ordinance that the town has previously adopted.

Motion made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to pass the ordinance as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Culpepper opposed.

New Business: Update on Opportunity Zones

Vice Mayor Barbara McRae presented this item. She described legislation that had been passed on the federal level that would help investors develop areas that had been chose with downtown Franklin being one of those areas.

Legal: Discussion on Town of Franklin Guardrail Policy

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to approve the guardrail policy as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Policy is attached.

Legal: Update on NCDOT Sidewalk Agreement along US 441 South to Prentiss Bridge

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said that with the help of Town Engineer Nathanael Moore had found that NCDOT will be widening the area and will be acquiring easements to the middle of the road and obtaining deeds to do so. He said that at that point the Town Council could annex the area which would then allow the construction of sidewalk via the agreement with NCDOT.

Comments from the Board

Council Member Mashburn said she would like to see an improved animal control ordinance.

Mayor Scott thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for helping a family who had vehicular issues while on vacation.

Announcements

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October 7, 2019 meeting continued,

Adjournment

Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by McMahan to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:15 p.m. p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk