**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING - MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 PM**

**DECEMBER 7, 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Rogers opened the public hearing and announced the following:

1. CDBG funds in the amount of $750,000 have been approved for Water and Sewer System Improvements in the City of Franklin. Project will benefit 330 residents of which 322 are low-and-moderate-income. City is providing $223,480.00 in matching support for the project. Total project cost $973,480.00.
2. Funds are available for the following activities:
   1. Approximately $705,000.00 for activity P-03J-02 Sewer Facilities
   2. Approximately $45,000.00 for activity A-21A-00 Administration

There were no public comments. Councilmember Hayes made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Jiles. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, Georgia, met in regular session Thursday, December 7, 2017 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. All councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor Rogers began the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and gave the invocation. Councilmember Almond lead the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES OF November 2, 2017**

Councilmember Jiles made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Hayes made a motion to approve the order of the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Jiles. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Finance –** Finance Officer, Karen Boyd, spoke on the following report:

1. All accounts have been reconciled to the bank. General fund revenues exceeded expenditures by $3,794 in November and $84,659 for the year.
2. Although, sales tax decreased about $4,795 from last month, it was $2554 more than last year. SPLOST decreased about $3,067 from last month and was $520 less than last year.
3. Property taxes and business license renewals are steadily coming in.

**Police Department** – Chief Hannah had nothing to report.

**Street Department –** Street Supervisor, Alan Holcomb, was not in attendance.

**City Attorney -** David Mecklin requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Plans and More, LLC –** Sharon Armstrong spoke on her work updating zoning ordinances to reflect the new FEMA floodplain maps. Armstrong requested to come back in February to further discuss these updates and have the Council vote on their approval**.** Councilmember Hayes inquired about the solar panels within the City and their compliance with City floodplain documentation. Armstrong updated the Council that she had requested flood elevation certification four times from Inman Solar and hadn’t received it. She suggested the City may have better luck obtaining the documentation.
2. **City Cemetery Agreement –** Council discussed a City Cemetery Agreement that originated the City’s maintenance of non-City property. Attorney Mecklin advised the agreement is no longer legally binding and would need to be updated. Councilmember Jiles requested wording be added to protect the City from liability of any damage incurred on non-City property while maintaining the City Cemetery.
3. **Playground Equipment –** Mayor Rogers explained that the playground equipment would be fixed temporarily for Winterfest and later permanently fixed. The order for new equipment has taken two months instead of two weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Amend 2017 Budget –** Mayor Rogers addressed the annual need to amend the current year budget for expenditures that exceed the budget. Finance Officer Boyd explained that increases in Fee and Court revenues during the fiscal year lead to increases over budget in Judicial, Culture & Recreation, and Housing & Development expenditures. Councilmember Hayes made a motion to amend the 2017 budget, seconded by Councilmember Jiles. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **AirEvac –** Shane Cammon gave a presentation on AirEvac services, flying citizens to medical treatment via helicopter for a minimal cost, and requested partnering with the City of Franklin. Council requested pricing for AirEvac services for the City of Franklin to be presented at the January Council meeting.
3. **2018 Municipal Positions –** Councilmember Jiles made a motion to approve the 2018 Municipal Positions, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmember Jiles made a motion to enter executive session regarding litigation, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. Councilmember Jiles made a motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Councilmember Hayes. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Rogers stated that litigation was discussed, and no action was taken during executive session.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE**

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Rogers updated the Council that the closed bid process for City Auditor is underway and the selection by the Panel; comprised of Mayor Rogers, Chief Hannah and Clerk Boyd; will be ready for approval at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to conduct and Councilmember Jiles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Almond, to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

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Joel Rogers, Mayor

**Members Present: Clerks Present:**

Cynthia Putzek, Post #1 Karen Boyd

Willie Almond, Jr., Post #2

Kevin Hayes, Post #3

Sara Alane Bradfield #4

Clifford Jiles #5