

**MINUTES**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 PM**  
**May 3, 2018**

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The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, Georgia, met in regular session Thursday, May 3, 2018 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. All councilmembers were in attendance except for Councilmember Almond and Councilmember Hayes.

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

**MINUTES OF Council Meeting April 10, 2018**

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

**AMEND THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Bradfield made a motion to amend the order of the agenda to add "Street Department Skid Steer Equipment" and "Riverbank Cleanup" under New Business, seconded by Councilmember Putzek. 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 expenses exceeded revenues by \$16,473 in April. Year-to-date, revenues are exceeding expenses by \$126,928; therefore, there is enough to get us to October property tax season even though our sales tax revenue continues to decline, and our expenditures continue to exceed revenue.
2. Sales tax decreased \$4,341 from last month and \$9,154 from last year. SPLOST decreased \$24,784 from last month and \$2,798 from last year.

**Police Department** – Chief Hannah, spoke on the following:

1. Playground Maintenance - Chief Hannah received quotes from KorKat for bonded sealer maintenance, replacement of swings, and repairs to the City playground. Mayor Rogers approved the KorKat quote that included labor and a separate quote for cedar mulching of the playground to be paid from SPLOST. The Street Department will pressure wash the playground and equipment.
2. GMA training – Councilmember Hayes and Chief Hannah attended an informative training session on alcohol licensing. A follow up meeting with an Agent Knox will be held next

week to clarify the City's licensing procedures and any questions the Council may have are welcome.

3. **Cinco De Mayo Festival** – The event is moving forward well.
4. **Updated Police Policies** – Councilmember Jiles made a motion to approve the updated police policies subject to Attorney Mecklin's review and approval, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**Street Department** – Street Supervisor, Alan Holcomb, updated the Council that the street department had completed the maintenance items documented by Councilmember Hayes except for statue maintenance which was discussed. The Mayor approved painting of the entire Community Center inside and outside for \$4,324.

**City Attorney** – Attorney David Mecklin updated Council that the Riverwalk litigation was still pending with a potential sale of the property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Library** – Jessica Everingham, Director for West GA Regional Library System, spoke to the Council about the many library services available to the Community and the funding received from Counties and Cities that enable them to provide these benefits. Councilmember Jiles made a motion for the City to give the library a donation of \$1,280 to cover the period of January 2018 to December 2019 to be paid from Special Events, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – Councilmember Putzek updated the Council on the Chamber of Commerce coordinated event. Councilmember Jiles made a motion to approve SummerFest as a Special Event, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
3. **Street Department Skid Steer Equipment** – Councilmember Jiles made a motion for the purchase of a new Bobcat for the street department, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
4. **Riverbank Clean-up** – Councilmember Putzek made a motion to approve Earthscapes Site Services \$10,000 quote to clean-up the riverbank by July 4<sup>th</sup> according to Core of Engineer specifications by mulching anything smaller than 8", seconded by Councilmember Jiles. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilmember Jiles made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, 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 Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Rogers stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Councilmember Bradfield made a motion to do away with the part-time maintenance position

and to hire, after advertising in next week's paper, a full-time maintenance employee who can operate heavy equipment, seconded by Councilmember Jiles. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE**

**MAYOR COMMENTS: NONE**

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

  
Joel Rogers, Mayor

**Members Present:**

Cynthia Putzek, Post #1  
Sara Alane Bradfield #4  
Clifford Jiles #5

**Clerks Present:**

Karen Boyd

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