

MINUTES
MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 PM
CITY HALL COURTROOM
November 1, 2018

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The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, Georgia, met in regular session Thursday, November 1, 2018 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. All councilmembers were in attendance except for Councilmember Jiles.

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

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Councilmember Hayes 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 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 revenues exceeded expenses by \$96,458 in October. Year-to-date, revenues are exceeding expenses by \$98,724. Our insurance premium received October 16th was \$71,102 which was \$5,172 more than last year.
2. Sales tax decreased \$2,866 from last month and increased \$5,969 from last year. SPLOST increased \$1,725 from last month and \$3,495 from last year.
3. Property taxes and business license renewals have all been mailed out and payments are steadily arriving. As recommended by our auditors: all business owners are to update their business information to verify correct license pricing; property owners are to request Council permission for any penalty and interest changes to their property taxes.

Police Department – Chief Hannah requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

Street Department – Street Supervisor, Alan Holcomb, was not present. Mayor Rogers reported new Christmas light hooks were being ordered for the City.

City Attorney – Attorney Sam Newsome was in attendance for Attorney David Mecklin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Trash Fees** – Councilmember Hayes read two proposed trash fee options to the Council. Councilmember Putzek made a motion to adopt Option #2 trash fees effective January 2019, seconded by Councilmember Almond. The vote to approve the option was unanimous. The Council was in agreement that the new trash fees will be advertised in the newspaper and notices will be mailed with the trash bills.

2. **2019 Budget/Health Insurance Renewal** – Councilmember Hayes proposed an employee benefit enrollment worksheet that would give City employees the opportunity to choose their healthcare package yet put a \$1000 monthly cap on what the City spends on each employee’s healthcare going forward. Councilmember Bradfield made a motion to adopt the employee health benefit worksheet and monthly benefit structure, seconded by Councilmember Hayes. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. Councilmember Hayes verified with Attorney Newsome that the motion should be added to the City personnel policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Department Maintenance** – Chief Worth updated the Council on maintenance needed at the Fire Department and presented quotes that he had received as a starting point for Council discussion. The Mayor and Council advised that they would gather and compare more quotes for the work needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

MAYOR COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURN: There was no further business to conduct and Councilmember Almond made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield, to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. The meeting closed at 7:15pm.

Joel Rogers, Mayor

Members Present:

Cynthia Putzek, Post #1
Willie Almond, Jr., Post #2
Kevin Hayes, Post #3
Sara Alane Bradfield #4

Clerks Present:

Karen Boyd