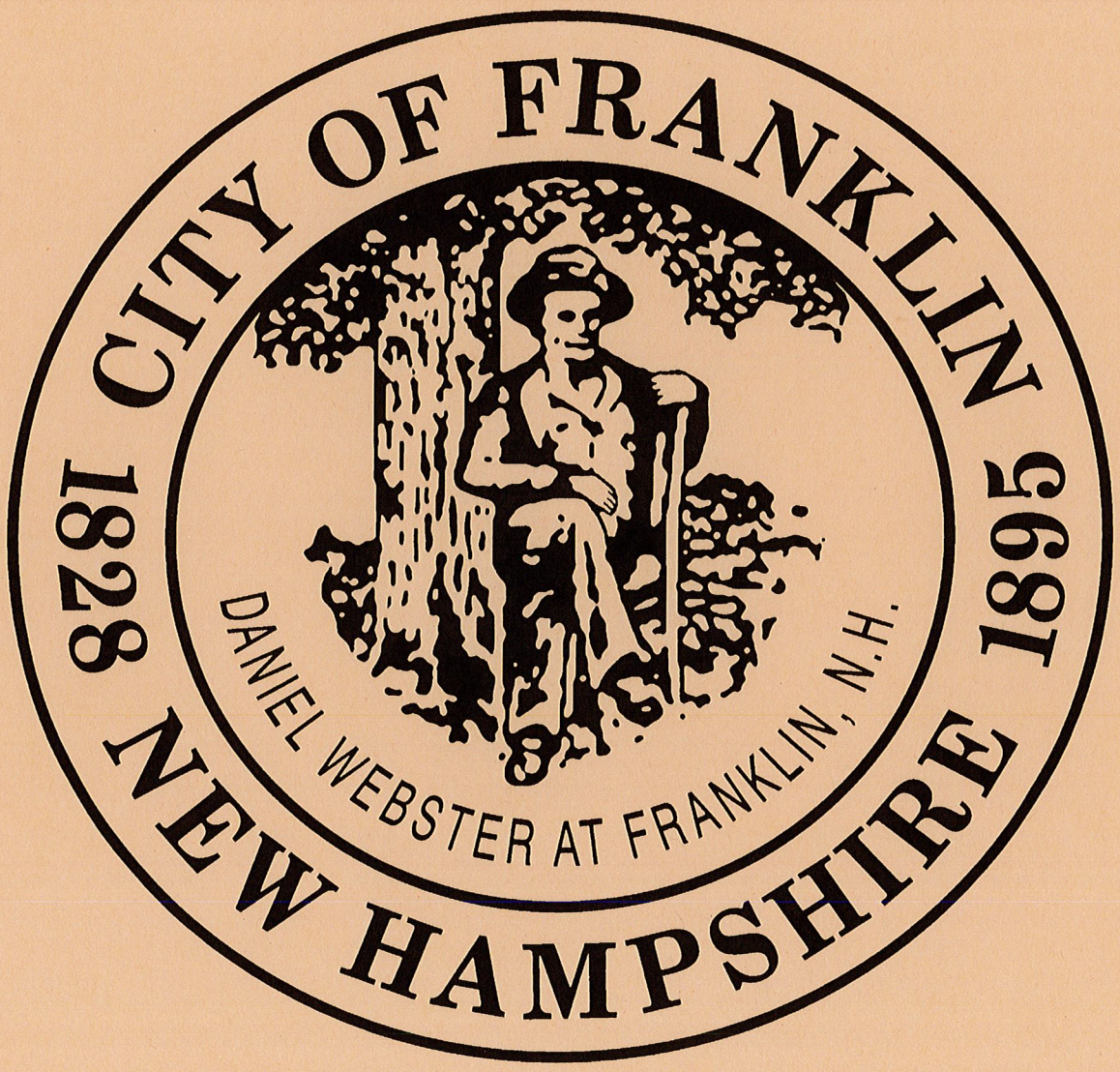
CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2018
6:00 P.M.



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING
# Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM
# Council Chambers – City Hall

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## SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Ordinance #04-19** – Proposing an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 272, Taxation, Article III with regard to Elderly Assessment Exemptions.

**Resolution #05-19** – A Resolution accepting the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant in the amount of Five Thousand dollars, approving the memorandum of Agreement with Tilton and Northfield.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Persons wishing to address the Council may speak for a maximum of three minutes. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary.

## CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor will recognize any Councilor who wishes to express their appreciation of behalf of the City.

## MAYOR'S UPDATE

### Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the amendment of the July 2nd City Council Meeting to include the roll call vote to seal the minutes of the non-public session that was taken but inadvertently left out of the minutes. Council to also consider the minutes of the July 18th City Council Final Budget Review Meeting, the minutes of the October 1st City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the October 5th City Council Meeting.

### Agenda Item II.

Monthly School Board Update

### Agenda Item III.

Council to consider approval of Ordinance #04-19, Proposing an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 272, Taxation, Article III Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemptions, 273-3 Designated Amounts; Qualifications with regard to the elderly assessment exemptions amounts and qualifying income thresholds

### Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider adoption of Resolution #05-19, Accepting the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant in the Amount of Five Thousand Dollars, approving the memorandum of Agreement with Tilton and Northfield Police Departments

### Agenda Item V.

Council to set a public hearing for Resolution #07-19, establishing a Trust Fund with the Trustees of The Trust Funds for School Donations to support operations

## Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider consulting agreement with Richard Ellert for the LEANMAP Process

## Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider disposition of property

## Agenda Item VIII.

**Other Business**

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **City Manager's Update**
3. **Late Items.**

**Non-Public in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (e)**

Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

**Adjournment**

*The City Council of the City of Franklin reserves the right to enter into non-public session when necessary according to the provisions of RSA 91-A.*

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM I

**Subject: Approval of Amending Meeting Minutes**

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**Motion: "I move that the Franklin City Council approve the amendment of the minutes of the July 2nd City Council Meeting to include the roll call vote to seal the minutes of the non-public session that was taken but inadvertently left out of the minutes. Council to also consider the minutes of the July 18th City Council Final Budget Review Meeting, the minutes of the October 1st City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the October 5th City Council Meeting.**

**Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and the vote.**

**Approved as amended by the City Council on August 6, 2018**

# City Council Meeting
# July 2, 2018

## Call to Order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:01 p.m.

## City Council in Attendance

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Vincent Ribas, Councilor Steve Barton

Salute to the Flag was led by City Manager Judie Milner.

## Public Hearing

A public hearing was scheduled regarding Ordinance #01-19, proposing a change to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees to increase the Water Commodity Charge and an increase in the Sewer Disposal Charge.

Resident Roy Gilberth, 4 Edwards St. returned again for another water increase hearing. Mr. Gilberth expressed some frustration apologizing for wasting the City Council's time and also the City Council wasting his time. He stated that the water commodity charge has risen 43% in the last 4 years. If this latest increase is approved, it will increase 46.8% in the 4.5 years. He stressed that during this same period, inflation has increase 5.67%. The water flat rate was $20.00 in 2014, up 50% in the 1st quarter of 2015. He feels this is like hitting a defenseless player or defenseless rate payer. He compared this rate increase with other consumer increases that residents have experienced during this time frame. He began by sharing the last 4 years of his bills with rate information for MetroCast Atlantic Broadband Cable TV which are up 36.2% for expanded basic service. He stated that when our water expense increases are out running our cable tv rate, we have a problem. PSNH is up 8.9%. Dartmouth College only raised their rates 13.3%. People are borrowing money to pay for these school increases. Adding runaway water rates will not be a good recipe mix for this town. He further expressed his frustration stating that this financial tactic compares to a slum lord on Bow Street who needs to squeeze a few more dollars out of a section 8 housing program. If rates increases continue, there will be more vacant properties and water conservation from those who live here. He stated that he'd like to make a $20.00 wager that the City will increase water by $10.00 (33%) by the end of 2019. He continued by stating that we shouldn't worry and keep searching for the Franklin Holy Grail industry to come here and save us. And keep a candle burning in hopes that Northern Pass will happen. He concluded by stating that maybe Permaculture, our shiny new revitalization plan, will bless our downtown with fancy restaurants and expensive products and food that no-one here can afford.

David Therrien, ward 2 resident stated that he has returned again to oppose this latest rate increase. He asked the City if it is back charging waterworks to service vehicles and asked if the dump trucks are being used for other purposes such as snow plowing. He stated that he saw back hoe trucks being used for snow plowing and wondered how that is handled as far as back charges.

City Manager Judie Milner responded to Mr. Therrien stating that she and Director Brian Sullivan discuss the budget and number of vehicles every year and allocate out the Water and Sewer. The Water and Sewer is separated out and handled and accounted for like its own private business. Water and Sewer has two vans used for data collection (for billing). The City charges "one-time fees" to plow the Water and Sewer Department streets (Tannery St., Water & Sewer garage, water treatment facility and the road to the water treatment facility). Milner stated that she is unaware of the excavator out doing snow removal and only a portion of the fleet is charged to Water and Sewer.

Mr. Therrien asked City Manager Milner if she didn't know if the back hoe is being used to plow and Milner clarified that she wasn't aware that it was being used but it could be if it was needed for Water and Sewer purposes as mentioned above or possibly a burst pipe. Milner stated that the fleet is reviewed every year, last time was this past January, and at that point, it wasn't being used.

Desiree McLaughlin, Franklin resident asked if this fee increase includes the infrastructure renewal or will it keep going up every time we need to update our infrastructure and what is the sustainability plan since she is the owner/operator of a local laundromat. She understands that increases are nationwide, not just in Franklin.

City Manager Milner replied to Desiree stating that the Water and Sewer rates that were in the manager's Proposal did not include a sustainability plan. It only reflects a minimum increase. When it was discussed at the Council level, members asked about a sustainability plan to help smooth out the rates over the next few years. The Council requested 2.5% increase each year to help smooth out rates of the next few years and get some funds to do more capital projects and address the ones that haven't been done over the last several years. The City's infrastructure is older and needs updating.

Mayor Giunta stated that Director Brian Sullivan has been out for a little while and City Manager Milner is answering some questions that he would normally be speaking to.

Leigh Webb, ward 3 resident stated that he had several conversations with Director Sullivan and understand the increasing need to raise the rates due to infrastructure failures. Mr. Webb's question based on his neighbor's comments that over the last 4 years, there have been significant raises but how many years before that, has the City actually raised the rates and do we have a history of rate increases. Maybe they can be spread out over time and be a little less painful. When we are talking about infrastructure that is close to failure, these increases become a necessity. Can we afford not to do the work that is needed? What if a hydrant didn't have water going to it in case of a fire? We are very close to an infrastructure crisis. He concluded by stating that as painful as it is, he is in favor of the increase.

Mayor Giunta asked City Manager Milner if we have a history of the water rate increases by year. Milner replied that we do and on page 15 of the manager's budget proposal is the history of increases for both Water and Sewer and stated that Mr. Webb is correct by stating we maintained the same Water and Sewer rate for about 7 years. Milner stated that the City used some placeholder money being held for the new water facility, toward the water rates so they could stay the same.

Desiree McLaughlin, Franklin resident asked if the 2.5% increase was the increase of the total bill or is it 2.5% for water and another 2.5% for the sewer. City Manager Milner stated that the bill isn't split 50/50 or 2.5% and 2.5% because some people don't have sewer and they are different total amounts. The 2.5% increase applies to the entire bill.

David Therrien heard and asked the Council if monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly billing is being considered. Mayor Giunta stated that he wasn't aware of this and has not discussed this with the City Council. City Manager Milner stated that monthly billing would be difficult to do because of the current staff and availability to administratively create and process monthly billing. It's currently split by ward and manageable to process quarterly billing based on this. Franklin resident stated that he had a conversation with Director Sullivan who said the City was going to start doing this monthly. The Franklin resident wasn't sure if Director Sullivan was just trying to push his buttons and upset him. Franklin resident had questioned the early 1st quarter bill (early by 2-3 weeks) and figured there would be 5 payments for the rest of the year and felt like the residents were getting the short end of the stick.

No further comments from the public.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance #01-19 closed at 6:21PM**

**<u>Open for Public Comments</u>**

Annette Andreozzi, ward 3 resident stated as a Choose Franklin board member, she officially requested on behalf of the board to utilize the Opera House on the 4th Monday of September for the Candidate's members meeting. Her second request as she is involved in the Celebrity Waiters Dinner on September 8th, is for 'celebrity waiters" to help serve dinner. Mayor Giunta has committed to being one of the waiters and asked the rest of the City Council if others would volunteer. Stop by the Opera House and let Dan know that you want to join in. Mayor Giunta stated that he has volunteered for the last 15 years and he enjoys it very much.

Leigh Webb, ward 3 resident questioned the language describing 82 Elkins St. and asked if it were truly dilapidated and uninhabitable. He stated that he walked through this building and asked the Council if they have actually walked through it and if they agree on it being dilapidated and uninhabitable. Council responses (could not hear who) said that it was somewhat of both and to certain degrees. Leigh believes that it's still a functioning building. His main reason for mentioning 82 Elkins is that once it is torn down and new construction begins, the City will oversee the practices of new materials and proper disposal of the old possible toxic materials.

Leigh wanted to share some facts regarding the recent Tax Cap discussion at the previous Budget Workshop meeting. Leigh shared a newspaper article from 1996 and discovered that the tax rate was $27.28 (still under the tax cap) and last year's rate was $25.56. Surprisingly the actual increase rate

would bring the numbers to about the same. On the flip side of that, Mayor Giunta stated that property values have doubled in some cases.

No further comments from the Public.

**Public Comments Session closed at 6:26PM**

**City Council Acknowledgement**

Mayor Giunta shared a Thank You card in response to the City's Welcome card that was given to the new Downtown Franklin business; Driven by Art. Councilor Dzujna delivered the new business the card and flowers. Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Dzujna for doing the very kind gesture.

**Agenda Item I.**
City Council to consider approval of the minutes of the May 9th School Budget Presentation and the minutes of the June 4th City Council Meeting.

**Motion - Councilor George Dzujna moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the May 9th School Budget Presentation and the minutes of the June 4th City Council Meeting**
**Seconded by Councilor Paul Trudel**
**Councilor Steve Barton Abstained.**
**Discussion: Councilor Ribas request to approve with amended changes he provided.**
**All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Agenda Item II.**
Monthly School Board update provided by Dan LeGallo. The Schools are quiet and slower pace with the kids not there however the summer programs kick up next week so the hallways will be busy again. Mr. LeGallo introduced two new employees: Jefferson Brayman is the new business administrator and Ken Darsney as the new Middle School Principal. Mr. LeGallo recognized the Mayor and those from the City Council who attended the High School graduation on June 15th. It was a great evening and those who attended did not go unnoticed.

Mr. LeGallo stated that the roof project has been on site and began working since June 21st. The project is moving quickly. He stated that he met with the Energy company (EEI) this morning and the installation of the 5 boilers is moving along (2 are already installed). There will need to be a few power outages at the schools to light the boilers and he will contact Kevin to be sure he's aware. He also stated that the safety projects are moving along as well. Two safety projects were approved and the Governor or Governor's Council will need to sign off on the third round of funding for these. It is a very busy summer with all the projects going on at all three schools this year.

Councilor Dzujna asked Mr. LeGallo if part of the safety projects is to paint the lines at the schools. Mr. LeGallo stated that this is considered routine maintenance, not part of the safety project and the

schools are mainly responsible but may reach out to the City for help. He agreed that it is time to do this.

**Agenda Item III.**

Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force update by Kayla Bertolino. Kayla stated that the Task Force holds a leadership meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month here at City Hall. During the June Leadership meeting, topics discussed were on sustainability and possibly adding a coalition to the calendar so there can be more community involvement. There were monthly coalition meetings in the past and Kayla stated that she'd like to start having them again. Upcoming events were shared: National Night Out and Franklin Area Theatre Shows. The Task force provides a little financial support and runs a quick video before the show start time. She visits with the children during free lunch time at the high school and during the Farmer's Market. Kayla stated that a Task Force table was set up for the Winni River Days event where she spoke with families and handed out a few Task Force items. She stated that she participated in a Youth Health Training Class offered by the Merrimack County Juvenile Services Department and is now Certified to handle a variety of other mental health issues. She is engaging in Coalitions with other communities to discuss the latest struggles our youth is facing such as Vaping. One study recently showed that 37% of 15-24 year olds are uncertain whether Juling/Vaping contains nicotine. They don't understand or know what they are putting in their bodies and ALL Jule products have nicotine in them. She stated that the focus during this summer and fall will be making sure the students and staff, all understand these risks. During the summer, the Task Force will be working closely with school district SAP Christina Lamate from the Office of School Wellness to create a presentation of the use of e-cigarettes and vaping teaching our youth so can then go back out and present to the community the things they have learned. Kayla is also working on partnering with the Franklin Recreational Center and Franklin Boys and Girls club to share ideas on prevention.

Mayor Giunta asked if the Council had any questions for Kayla. Councilor Ribas stated that he was glad the Juling topic has come up and he directed his comments toward Superintendent LeGallo as well, asking them both how prevalent is Juling in our community. Kayla stated that it's happening daily in the bathrooms and is a big problem. Councilor Dzujna stated that some of the names of the flavors (cotton candy, gummi bears, etc.) open the door for very young kids to be attracted and addicted to doing this. Dzujna also commented on sustainability and asked when the funding stops. Kayla responded that it goes to September 2019.

**Agenda Item IV.**

City Council to consider approval of Ordinance #01-19, allowing an Amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for FY2019 Water Commodity and Sewer Disposal Rates.

Mayor asked for discussion.

Councilor Dzujna stated that he understands the reasons for the increase due to the City's failing infrastructure however he'd like a meeting with Director of Municipal Services to be held first to look at what is actually needed for repairs and how the cost can possibly be spread out.

**Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved that the City Council TABLE the Approval of Ordinance #01-19. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

**By show of hands, all those in favor of TABLING Ordinance #01-19.**
**4 - Yes**
**5 – No**

**Motion to TABLE FAILS**

**Motion - Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City council adopt Ordinance #01-19 relating to Chapter 160-1, Fees changing the Water Commodity Charge to $6.62 and Sewer Disposal Charge to $7.09 effective July 1, 2018 by a roll call vote.**

**Seconded by Councilor Ribas**

Mayor Giunta asks for Discussion.

Councilor Desrochers stated that this is not a plan this is just another increase. Franklin residents cannot afford another rate increase. Landlords end up having to cover the extra expenses because renters can't afford it and pretty soon, many homes and apartments will be empty. The rates just keep going up and up. He stated that we have to do better planning. He opposes this type of increase and will not vote for it without a plan.

Councilor Clarenbach spoke directly to Councilor Desrochers stating that he understands his concerns and recognizes that the City's Water & Sewer Infrastructure is in dire conditions. He stated that the Plan that Desrochers is asking for will end up costing the taxpayers even more than this current type of requested increase. Clarenbach shared that it's unfortunate that no-one is speaking to the last 14 years when there was no increase to water whatsoever. The need here is for Franklin to provide adequate drinking water and have water available for Fire Protection. He agreed with Mr. Terrian's comments referring to equalizing labor, equipment, and hydrant use to the general taxpayer. Under the tax cap, we're not going to get the taxpayer to help fund the water use charge for fire hydrants like they do in other communities. There are a lot of pieces to this. He stated that he doesn't see any year when the rates won't go up, even slightly. The cost of everything continuously goes up. Water

conservation is decreasing revenue and why the user fee has increased. He doesn't like the fact that fees have to go up but due to the needs of the City's infrastructure, Clarenbach stated that he supports the Amendment and will vote to increase the Water and Sewer rates.

There were no additional comments from the Council.

Mayor Giunta asked City Manager what her proposals were in the original FY19 Proposed Budget. City Manager replied that the increase for Water was 1.3% ($6.53) and the Sewer Disposal rate increase was .7% ($6.96). Mayor Giunta stated that he will VETO the increase as proposed but won't VETO if the City Manager's proposed rates are accepted by the council. Mayor Giunta asked the Council if anyone was willing to make an Amendment to the Motion.

**Motion - Councilor Jo Brown to amend the original Motion as stated above and change the Water rate to $6.53 and Sewer Disposal rates to $6.96.**

**Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

Councilor Ribas asked City Manager Judie Milner if she could speak to how this reduction in the rate increase would affect the work that needs to happen which will not with this change.

City Manager Milner stated that during a recent Budget Workshop, the Council asked for a 2.5% increase to level out the increases over the years instead of up and down over the years. This resulted in a Capital Outlay increase to our Water Fund by $20,000 and the Sewer Fund by $24,000. The pressure reduction vault is one of the projects planned with the funds raised from the 2.5% increase. Councilor Ribas stated that the vault is very important and can't support the Amended Motion. Mayor Giunta added that if Director Brian Sullivan were here tonight, he would explain the work that is necessary so because he is not, he doesn't feel comfortable supporting the vote on the higher original amounts.
There were no further comments.

**By show of hands, in FAVOR of the Amended Motion as stated above with the change in the Water rate to $6.53 and Sewer Disposal rate to $6.96.**
**5 – Yes**
**4 – No**

**Roll Call was then requested.**

**Roll call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | Yes | **Councilor Desrochers** | Yes | **Councilor Ribas** | Yes |
| **Councilor Brown** | Yes | **Councilor Dzujna** | Yes | **Councilor Trudel** | Yes |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | No | **Councilor Moquin** | No | **Councilor Zink** | Yes |

**Amended Motion Passed**

**Agenda Item V.**

City Council to consider disposition of Tax Acquired Property.

City Manager Milner provided some background on 139 Thunder Road and Prescott Street. She stated that she chose these two particular properties due to the City's interest in them. She reviewed the locations and conditions that will need to be met by winning bid purchaser.

**Motion - Councilor Ribas moved to authorize the City Manager to dispose of the following properties though a bid process with the minimum bid as shown and conditions of properties as outlined above and to further execute all closing documents required for the conclusion of the referenced sale. Map/Lot# 100-012-00, 139 Thunder Road, recommended minimum bid of $10,000 and Map/Lot# 095-008-00, Prescott Road, recommended minimum bid of $2,500.**

**Seconded by Councilor Trudel**

Mayor Giunta asked for any discussion.

Councilor Dzujna wanted to know if the noted parameters need to be stated as part of the motion. City Manager Milner replied stating the Map/Lot# and Property Location are the only requirements for the Motion.

Councilor Ribas commended the City Manager for identifying these properties with potential buyers so the City doesn't have to pay the cost of tearing down these dilapidated structures.

**Roll Call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | Yes | **Councilor Desrochers** | Yes | **Councilor Ribas** | Yes |
| **Councilor Brown** | Yes | **Councilor Dzujna** | Yes | **Councilor Trudel** | Yes |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | Yes | **Councilor Moquin** | Yes | **Councilor Zink** | Yes |

**All in Favor. Motion Passed**

**Agenda Item VI.**

City Council to consider lease of 82 Elkins Street to the Community Action Program.

City Manager Milner stated that this address is City owned and currently holds CAP and a Diversion Program and one other. The building is old and falling apart. CAP received a CDBG Grant and USDA Grant so the building can be raised and replaced with a modular type building to sit on the same slab foundation. In the summer of 2017, the City Council approved the CDBG Grant and this project with the understanding that a lease would be forthcoming once we knew what their funding would be.

There is a loan portion of the Grant money and a 30 year lease is required in order to move forward. Both Paul Fitzgerald and the CAP Attorney have reviewed and are in agreement with the Lease Agreement between the City of Franklin and CAP.

**Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve the 30 year lease of 82 Elkins Street to the Community Action Program foregoing rental payments considering this an in kind donation to the Community Action Program and authorize the City Manager to sign the lease on behalf of the City.**

**Seconded by Councilor Desrochers**

Mayor asked for Discussion.

Councilor Ribas stated that the Juvenile services really want to get back into Franklin due to better location and easier to commute to.

Councilor Zink asked if CAP wanted to move out of the new facility for any reason, are we liable to continue to pay on the lease since we own the property? City Manager Milner stated that there is a document called the Lease Hold Mortgage that will be signed between CAP and USDA that will protect the City from having to pay on the remaining balance of the Lease.

**Mayor asked for the vote. By unanimous decision, Motion PASSED.**

**<u>Agenda Item VII.</u>**

There were no updates for the Committee Report Out

**City Manager's Update presented by City Manager, Judie Milner.**

1) City Manager Milner stated that the City received a $100.00 donation for the tennis backboard from Levin this month.
2) Federal Agency Day was held on June 12th. The event was hosted by Mayor Giunta and was well attended. The City of Franklin was given the opportunity to present our biggest ideas in support of our business owners and in turn, the Federal Agencies who attended, provided information on how they can help fund these projects. The river project was walked with the EDA Agent so they could see the project and discuss the plans for this project. EDA is currently funding the permitting and the design.
3) Milner stated that she reached out to John Freeman, Doug Hall, Andru Volinsky and John Tobin regarding a school funding Workshop in Franklin similar to the one on June 13th in Pittsfield, and they are very interested so stay tuned for that date.
4) On June 25th, Mayor Giunta and City Manager Milner attended the annual meeting of the Lakes Region Planning commission where Marty Parichand and Todd Workman received community service awards for their work in the City of Franklin's downtown and community. Congratulations and Well Done to Marty and Todd!

5) June 22nd through June 24th was first annual Winni River Days festival which was held downtown and despite the rainy weather, it was very well attended and a big success. Job Well Done to Krystal Alpers.
6) Milner stated that Haynes Brook have completed their project, 4 weeks early. There is still some minor paving that can be done fairly quickly.
7) Assessing re-evaluations is complete. Letters will be sent out with phone numbers and meeting dates during the end of July. Taxpayers who have questions about the Assessments should contact the Assessing department.
8) Milner explained that the Town of Salisbury is about to celebrate their 250 year Anniversary and asked if Franklin would like to participate in their parade. The Parade will be held at 10AM on August 11th. Milner stated that she is planning to dress up and drive her 5 ton in the parade. All councilors are invited to ride or walk. Please arrive by 9:00AM to get situated.
9) Milner concluded with the Choose Franklin's request to use the Council Chambers on the 4th Monday of September for the candidates' forum. The Council is fine with Choose Franklin using the Council Chambers on September 24th.

Councilor Desrochers commented on the very bumpy road at Haynes Brook and wondered if there was any grant money left for road repairs. City Manager Milner stated that the City reached its' maximum on the grant money but there is also some road work with the MTIF that hasn't been used and in the very least, Liberty Utilities will come out and smooth out there work. Either way, the City is currently working with the road engineers to get the road fixed at Haynes Brook.

**Motion - Councilor Desrochers moved to enter into a non-public session according to RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. By roll call vote.**

**Seconded by Councilor Trudel**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Yes** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**By unanimous vote, motion passed.**

**Entered into non-public session at 7:09 PM**

**Motion made by Councilor Desrochers to enter back into public session.**
**Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**
**All in favor. Motion Passed.**

**Entered into Public Session at 8:07 PM**

**Request to amend 11/4/18:**

**Motion made by Councilor Zink to seal the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Yes** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**All In Favor. Motion Passed.**

**Motion - Councilor Trudel to reconsider the vote that was taken on Thursday June 28th between the City Council and the School Board.**

**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor asked for Discussion. There was none.

**Roll call to reconsider the vote on June 28th:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Yes** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **No** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **No** | **Councilor Moquin** | **No** | **Councilor Zink** | **No** |

**5-Support**
**4-Oppose**

**Motion to reconsider vote on June 28th PASSED.**

Mayor Giunta clarified that this motion means that we need to go back to square one and review options and find a solution to fund the school deficit.

**Motion - Councilor Desrochers to adopt resolution 01-19 for appropriations and Estimated Revenues for the fiscal year 2019, In the year of our lord, two thousand and eighteen. Be it resolved by the Franklin City Council of the City of Franklin of the following appropriation of revenues be made for fiscal year 2018/2019:**

**Seconded by Councilor Trudel**

**RESOLUTION #01-19**

**A resolution relating to Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The City Council of the City of Franklin that the following appropriations and revenues be made for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| General Operations (MS-232): | |
| General Government | $1,683,062 |
| Public Safety | 5,733,178 |
| Highways & Streets | 1,420,512 |
| Sanitation | 823,843 |
| Health | 194,462 |
| Welfare | 141,402 |
| Culture & Recreation | 1,052,604 |
| Conservation & Development | 105,000 |
| Debt Service | 299,585 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers Out | 347,014 |
| Total General Operations Appropriations | $11,800,661 |
| Other Funds: | |
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| Outside Police Detail Appropriations | 10,354 |
| Water Appropriations | 1,773,460 |
| Sewer Appropriations | 1,579,734 |
| Capital Projects Appropriations | 1,000,000 |
| Pass Through Grant Appropriations | 535,000 |
| Total Municipal Appropriations | $16,714,709 |

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| General Operations (MS-434): | |
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**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

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|---|---|
| General Operations | $18,304,901 |
| Food Service | 0 |
| Total School Department Appropriations | $18,304,901 |

**ESTIMATED REVENUES:**

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|---|---|
| General Operations | $12,561,906 |
| Transfer from City | |
| Use of Fund Balance | 260,000 |
| Transfer from Capital Reserve | 149,041 |
| Food Service | 0 |
| Local & State Taxation | 5,333,954 |
| Total School Estimated Revenues | $18,304,901 |

**MERRIMACK COUNTY**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $1,652,070

**INDUSTRIAL PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $41,000

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Estimated Tax to be Raised $40,082

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Estimated Tax to be Raised $144,825

**OVERLAY**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $31,000

**Roll Call:**

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| Councilor Barton | _____ | Councilor Moquin | _____ |
| Councilor Brown | _____ | Councilor Ribas | _____ |
| Councilor Clarenbach | _____ | Councilor Trudel | _____ |
| Councilor Desrochers | _____ | Councilor Zink | _____ |
| Councilor Dzujna | _____ | | |

Councilor Zink asked City Manager if the Water & Sewer reflects tonight's numbers. City Manager stated that it did not and she left Council Chambers to retrieve the correct numbers.

Councilor Barton asked the Mayor if the Council was going to vote tonight on this original budget or if the Council is voting on the budget discussed from last week. The Mayor said that a motion was made tonight and seconded to vote on this budget reviewed tonight by Councilor Desrochers. Councilor Barton expressed concern that this was going to be voted on without the public's understanding. The Mayor stated that the public is present tonight.

Mayor Giunta stated that this budget includes $207,000 that was moved over and the other $57,000 that was repurposed outside of their roof account. Councilor Clarenbach stated that this is Judie's budget plus $157,000 and there needs to be consideration of the Municipal's budget to the School but we haven't had the opportunity to review that with them. Clarenbach stated that due to time constraints this isn't allowing for enough appropriate time and review since last week's meeting was looking at breaking the tax cap. Now that we've started over, the Council hasn't had time to review Judie's budget and we're doing a disservice to Franklin residents. Councilor Clarenbach further explained that since last Thursday's meeting when the Council looked at numbers to help fund the school and voted to break the tax cap which met the goal for the school now as we sit here tonight looking at this version of the budget, we have not, as a Council body, had the opportunity to review the Municipal side of the budget. Mayor Giunta responded stating that the Council has had the opportunity to look at the Municipal side.

Councilor Zink requested to set up a public hearing for July 18th first to review this budget resolution before it is voted on.

**Motion - Councilor Desrochers moved to AMEND his motion above and request a public hearing on July 18 to review the Proposed Budget as stated above.**
**The Council accepted the Amended Motion and agreed to set a public hearing on July 18th.**

**Motion -Councilor Ribas moved to amend the budget to EXEMPT Municipal Debt Service taking $459,039 from debt service and make it available to the schools.**

Mayor Giunta clarified that this essentially breaks the cap, raise the bar for next year and move $459, 039 over to the school. City Manager Milner directed the Council to look at page 58 of the manger's budget. The CPIU amount is 2.1% ($300,990), pick-ups are $167,616, plus $102,222 from the 18th, plus $459,039 just exempted would give us a % increase from last year of 7.2% in taxes. If looking at CPIU and the debt only, it would increase 5.3%.

Councilor Clarenbach asked for clarification from Mayor Giunta that if the Council voted to table this discussion, due to timing of Public Notice, the City Manager's Budget will automatically default without Public Notice by July 18th. Mayor Giunta replied that yes, it will automatically take affect if there is further delay.

**Motion – Councilor Barton moved to TABLE the discussion.**
**No Second**

Councilor Barton requested clarification on whether the Council will have to vote again adding monies back into Debt Services. He asked if that would automatically come out again next year. Mayor Giunta replied stating that it does not automatically come back out. If the Council wants to exempt municipal bonds again next year, the Council would have to vote again next year to break the cap again next year. The amount that Councilor Ribas proposed stays in the budget for next year, it does not come out. It was further clarified that whatever tax rate is voted on this year, it will remain that same rate next year and new vote will need to be made to lower it.

Councilor Clarenbach shared his frustration as the outcome of working together during the June 28th Budget Meeting has gone backwards due to technicalities and legalities. We are trying to unwind the work we all did last week. He stated that we are, once again, kicking the can down the road for another year if the above Resolution moves forward. The Council felt as if progress was being made last week but is now greatly disappointed.

Councilor Barton expressed concern that neither side, School or City are sitting down, looking at percentages, and coming up with a plan. He stated that he feels this is a sneaky way of reviewing this budget. The public needs a chance to review as well. Mayor Giunta stated that we have just about run out of time before the deadline. He also reminded everyone that we have been reviewing this for three months and no-one is sneaking anything by.

Councilor Ribas agreed with Councilor Barton and Councilor Clarenbach stating that motion last week was a majority vote to provide the schools with the money they needed but now looking at, essentially the same motion but $200,000 less. He stated that he would like approve this motion and then immediately motion to start next year's budget minus the $459,000 before negotiations regarding what the tax cap would be. Mayor Giunta responded that a motion can't be made that binds next year's Council.

Councilor Dzujna stated that both sides need to sit down right away next year and talk about how to collaborate and where both sides can save. He believes that if we break the tax cap, it won't come

back down and every year we'll keep breaking it. He stated that he doesn't want to see this ride on the backs of the people especially the seniors who can't afford higher taxes.

**Roll call on the Amended Motion above**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Yes** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **No** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **No** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **No** | **Councilor Trudel** | **No** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**Amended Motion Fails (2/3rd Council needed to Pass)**

**Motion - Councilor Zink moved to move $99,297 to the school and not purchase or lease any new vehicles this year.**
**Seconded by Councilor Moquin**

City Manager Milner stated that this number includes vehicles that we already have or in process of making payments on.

**Motion - Councilor Zink moved to AMEND previous motion to move $16,500 to the schools and not purchase a new vehicle next year.**
**Seconded by Councilor Moquin**

**No further discussion.**

Mayor Giunta asked for a raise of hands in favor of no new vehicles next year.

**6 – Support**
**3 – Opposed**

**Motion Passed**

**Motion - Councilor Zink moved to amend previous motion and include No COLA/raises for City Employees this year shifting $79,628 to the schools.**
**Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach**

City Manager Milner stated the background on the COLA. This year union contracts were voted for the school district with teachers receiving 3% increases. A pay study was done almost 5 budget cycles ago and other than department heads; no-one is at the paying class they should be. Some are $4-$5 dollars off. She stated that she reviewed teacher's average salaries from the DOE website and placed that onto the City's wage scale. Only 6 other City employees make more than a teacher; the MSD Director, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the City Manager, the Finance Director, and the Planning and Zoning Director. People earning less than our teacher's salaries: Police Sergeants who supervise

employees, Fire Captains who supervise employees, the Parks and Rec Director, the City Clerk/Tax collector, the Library Director. Milner made clear that she believes teachers are underpaid in the first place. Everyone in this City is underpaid and does not want to balance this budget on the backs of the City's employees either.

Councilor Clarenbach questioned the City employees receiving 100% health care and is difficult to continue each year. Milner responded stating that she requested the school's health care costs but hasn't received it yet however, she believes that the amount the school pays for their employees is close to or more than what the City pays for theirs.

Councilor Desrochers stated that a study was done a few years back and employees chose to keep their health benefits in tact as opposed to receiving salary increases. Other departments are receiving raises. He suggested one way to save money is to plow the streets only from 9-5 instead of overnight but it would add to snow days.

Councilor Zink stated that she didn't make this motion lightly. City employees work hard and deserve raises. Our options are very limited. Cut the City Budget or not shift money to the school and suffer consequences from that. She stated that she prefers to raise taxes and that it equates to an increase on her taxes of $2.00 per week. But that motion failed so we're down to looking at cuts. The State cut the school's budget not the City but the City has to find the 4% loss to replace that.

**Roll call vote on no COLA**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Abstain** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **No** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **No** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **No** | **Councilor Trudel** | **No** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**Tie Vote – Mayor Giunta exercises NO vote.**

**Motion fails**

Councilor Zink asked for clarification in the Manager's budget for $60,000 and $30,000 under contingencies. City Manager Milner stated that the $60,000 line is offset with $60,000 of revenue. The donated services and in-kind donations of the Mayor's Drug Task Force are recorded this way. The Grant Agency there is the Federal Health and Services which is required by them to see this line item in the budget. The offsetting revenue can be found on page 66. Contingent Grant Revenue are smaller grants that would cost more than the grant money to place an ad in the paper to appropriate the money.

**Motion – Councilor Moquin moved to reduce the Investigation Education Professional Development by $3,000 and move these funds to the school.**
**Seconded by Ribas**

City Manager Milner referenced page 102 of the proposed budget. The item in question is to pay for the City Prosecutor's Law License and also used for our police detective's required training and investigative supplies.

Councilor Dzujna asked City Manager Milner if this reduction would hinder the detectives. Milner replied that Chief Goldstein had mentioned that cuts to training would cause problems because the training deadlines are here and now.

**Roll call**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **No** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **No** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **No** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **No** | **Councilor Trudel** | **No** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **No** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**Motion FAILS**

Councilor Zink referred to page 106 of the Manager's budget.

**Motion – Councilor Zink moved to no new fence or cameras and shift $15,413 from the budget to the schools.**
**Seconded by Councilor Moquin**

City Manager Milner stated that these items are needed at the Police Department as our impound lot has been broken into quite a few times this year which jeopardizes evidence and affects the prosecution process. Councilor Clarenbach suggests that we not pick apart line items in a department rather suggest a % cut from a particular department and let them decide where to assess and adjust.

Councilor Dzujna requested clarification on the amount of the gap we are looking to fill. He stated that we need both boards at the table and look at cuts on both sides. Councilor Clarenbach stated that Mayor Giunta made a promise to get us as close to $400,000 as possible. We have already found $207,000 so another $150,000-$200,000 is what he is hoping for.

Councilor Desrochers stated that if Debt Service Bonds are eliminated, that gives them $459,039. That equates to $.83 per thousand tax increase. He asked firmly, why are we not doing this? We can't keep going like this with-out an end in sight. We have no other options. Mayor Giunta replied that this would mean breaking the tax cap.

**Councilor Zink withdrew her motion to move the fence and camera maintenance money.**

Mayor Giunta offered a suggestion of utilizing the assessed value of $100,000 that Eversource gave us. City Manager Milner is very conservative and didn't want to add this into the budget. There's a very small chance this could go up for abatement. But time has lapsed and we don't believe they would do that. Mayor Giunta stated to take the other $100,000 out of fund balance and finish this. Mayor Giunta is not in support of breaking the tax cap. It has been in place for the last 30 years.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved to take $250,000 from Fund Balance and make it available to the school.**

Mayor Giunta stated that Fund Balance is so critical and would feel better is the assessed value money was used instead. Councilor Ribas responded stated that he'd rather support using money that we know we have and if we end up getting the $100,000 from Eversource, then put that money back into Fund Balance.
Councilor Dzujna commented on using the $250,000 for the City-wide Survey and asked if that would now be eliminated if we move this money from the Fund Balance to the school. City Manager Milner stated that the survey would be one-time expenditure and easier to explain to Moody's especially if we are moving toward a City-wide Efficiency Study that will show us future savings; forward thinking. She stated that she would like a plan in place on how to replace the money.

Mayor Giunta asked for City Manager Milner's opinion on if it is better to take the $250,000 all from Fund Balance or utilize the $100,000 from Eversource. Milner stated that would feel better to take the anticipated money from the Eversource and then look at Fund Balance if needed.

Councilor Brown requested the amount that would move to the schools if we do this instead of breaking the tax cap. City Manager Milner stated that the total amount moved to the school would be $422,722.

**Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved to amend motion and move $147,760 from Fund Balance, and also use the $102,240 pick-ups from Eversource.**
**Seconded by Councilor Desrochers**

City Manager Milner reviewed the breakdown of the funds moving to the school: Pick-ups from Eversource from the 6/18/18 meeting of $102,240, the anticipated assessment from Eversource of $102,240, Fund Balance of $147,760, transfer from Capital Reserve of $54,982, lease payment not to be utilized is $16,500. **Total is $422,722.**

Councilor Clarenbach stated that the $102,240 x2 would come back to the school again next year. The other money would not be going back to the school next year. He stated that we are not out of the hole and lots of work needs to happen to plan for next year.

**8 in favor of the Amendment**
**1 opposed**
**Motion Passed**

Mayor Giunta stressed that we found this money without breaking the Cap.

**Back to the original Motion to hold a public hearing on July 18th on this amended budget.**

**All in favor**
**Motion passed.**

The City Manager will update the Resolution – Mayor Giunta honored a recess for 5 minutes.

**Motion – Councilor Zink moved to amend her motion of Fire Department to not be specific on where the $16,500 would be reduced and allow it to be assessed and reduced from the Fire Departments budget at the Fire Chief's discretion.**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**
Mayor Giunta requested that Councilor Desrochers motion from his original motion with the adjustments that Judie just reviewed. Then we'll return with reconsideration on just the one $16,500 not to be used for lease payments or cars but to be reduced by the Fire Departments budget.

The updated Resolution 01-19 is as follows:

**A resolution relating to Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The City Council of the City of Franklin that the following appropriations and revenues be made for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

General Operations (MS-232):

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| General Government | $1,683,062 |
| Public Safety | 5,716,678 |
| Highways & Streets | 1,420,512 |
| Sanitation | 823,843 |
| Health | 194,462 |
| Welfare | 141,402 |
| Culture & Recreation | 1,052,604 |
| Conservation & Development | 105,000 |
| Debt Service | 299,585 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers Out | 347,014 |
| Transfer to School District | 164,260 |
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Other Funds:

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**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY**

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**Motion - Councilor Desrochers moved to accept the changes as shown**
**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna**

**Other Business**

Set Public Hearing on Resolution #01-19

**All in favor. Motion Passed**

Councilor Clarenbach stated that joint school and City Council meetings start as soon as possible in September.

**Motion to Adjourn made by Councilor Zink**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:54PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo

**Pending City Council Approval**

# City Council Meeting
# July 18, 2018

## Call to Order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:00p.m.

## City Council in Attendance

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Bob Ribas, Councilor Steve Barton

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Trudel.

## Public Hearing

Opened at 6:01PM

**Ordinance #02-19,** Proposing a change to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin with regards to an increase in CD, Thumb Drives, and Police VIN Verification fees.

Mayr Giunta asked if anyone would like to provide comments. There were none.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #02-19 closed at 6:02PM

**Resolution #01-19,** Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Review.

Councilor Barton addressed Mayor Giunta, City Council, and the residents and apologized with regards to the July 2nd motion that he made to reconsider the motion of the June 28th vote with regards to the budget and the School Board. He stated that he unfortunately voted NO because did not fully understand ramifications of the motion.

Mayor Giunta asked the public to please utilize the sign in sheet at the podium for all those wishing to approach the Council and provide their comments.

Jennifer Weaver, Ward 2 Resident lives in Franklin with her husband and school aged children. Mrs. Weaver stated that she is a teacher, school advocate, and a mom. She stated that the City Council is making poor decisions to fund her children's education once again and it's causing decreasing enrollment by not providing acceptable education to the children of Franklin. Mrs. Weaver stated there are many children leaving our public schools to find better education somewhere else. The funds that the school receives and what the City receives is disproportionate. She continued that if we don't invest in our City and Children then we don't invest in our future. She stated that the Tax Cap has been in place too long and only holding us back. She added that she buys many supplies with

her own money to make sure her students have what they need and that it brings her joy to see the smiles of the children she teaches. She further stated that she teaches for the outcome and not the income. She implored the City Council to reconsider the proposed budget and look at making a better investment into the youth of the City. She concluded with asking to Fully fund the Franklin School District.

Dave Testerman, Ward 2 State Representative for Franklin and Hill. Mr. Testerman thanked Mayor Giunta for the opportunity to speak. He began stating the Councilor Brown held a meeting last night and funding facts from various Cities and Towns in New Hampshire were shared and it is shown in those facts that Franklin is in real trouble. The funding is not to sole reason we are in trouble. It's said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. This is what Franklin is doing. 50% of Franklin's children can't read grade 3 level. Children and adults need the tools to be successful and we are not supplying them with the tools they need. Money needs to go to the 3rd grade level because this is where it starts. Mr. Testerman explained how the Montessori school wasn't intended for rich or middle-class children rather it was originally founded for the poor and reading is an important area of focus.

Mr. Testerman also shared that there is a higher percentage of people in our area who live on fixed incomes and can't afford to pay out more money anywhere. Mr. Testerman stated that breaking the tax cap is not the way to get there and fix our issues. It's time to roll-up our sleeves and look at different ways of doing things. He concluded by stating that some school positions are paying higher salaries than teachers themselves and urged the City Council to go back and work with the school on where changes can be made. Changes on the City side can also be made. Work together.

Karen Darling, Ward 3 resident has experience working at Montessori and is the new director. She stated that her and her husband have nine children between them. They have been Franklin residents for 12 years now. She believes that having good educational programs attract families. A tax cap should be temporary because it hinders the ability for progress and growth. With some give and take, compromise, and changing the percentages of the City and school allocations is also part of it. She concluded stating that she would agree to raise her taxes.

Kristi Trudel, Ward 1 resident stated that she and her husband moved to Franklin 10 years ago. She stated that she is disappointed in Mayor Giunta for the lack of education and support. Mrs. Trudel stated that even though the schools are drastically underfunded, they still make Franklin their home. There were discussions of what a 50/50 split would look like but hasn't seen that happen. She concluded stating that she knows what drastic looks like for the school but not what drastic looks like for the City.

Mackenna Trudel, Ward 1 young resident spoke and stated that the school's loss of money means loss of art teachers, the guidance counselor, but happy the music teacher is still here. She also enjoys the art class and has wanted to take that class for a long time. She concluded stating that she believes that the computer class helped students learn faster but that isn't available either.

Nan Legare, Ward 2 resident stated that she is 66 years old, still working, and struggling to pay her bills. If the tax cap is broken, she will lose her home. She stated that she's worked at Webster Valve almost 30 years and 9 of those years were without a raise. The costs of things still went up so she had to decide what to go without. The City doesn't have the money to fund the schools with each year increasing the need more and more. She stated that she shouldn't have to decide between eating or buying medicine. She concluded stating that she was happy that the motion to break the tax cap was overturned and thanked the City Council and Mayor for doing a good job. Keep fighting for the tax payers.

Ron Nagle, Ward 3 resident. He stated that he attended the June 28th City Council Budget Workshop and was very proud. The children are the future of this community. This current situation that he read about on Facebook is very sad. Mr. Nagle stated that although he spends any extra money on his children, he and his wife can't afford private education. Although he didn't hear great things about Franklin schools when moving here originally, he saw first hand that the teachers are fantastic. He corrected his statement saying, rather they were fantastic because now they are leaving. Programs and teachers, can't be replaced. We are losing human capital. Costs of health insurance is going up and he knows how hard it is. The City looks beautiful, but we have 22 sex offenders. We are not attracting good quality people that will want to stay. No-one wants to spend money here. He doesn't feel safe walking downtown after 5PM. If the City doesn't invest in human capital, this town will be a ghost town. He stated that as concerned citizens, the City budget needs a closer look. He compared the loss of employed from the school system to the loss of employed from the City. He concluded stated that the future is our children and not the flower pots or the bridge outside. The City has some work to do and God Bless.

Zoe Maple, Ward 3 interested in becoming the President of the United States and also an actress on Broadway but she stated that is not going to happen if she doesn't have the proper education. She stated that she needs teachers like Ms. Weaver, Ms. Shoebox, and Jack Finley to teach her. She implored the City Council to please fund the schools.

Ruth Niven, Ward 1 resident stated that she knows most of the City Council board and agrees with some, some of the time. She recently read in the paper that the School Board and the City Council reached a compromise and hopes that this can be done again next year without all the name calling and bickering. She went to school in Franklin as well as her children and now grandchild also attending school here. This summer she spent time with her grandchildren at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. She enjoys their low-cost, fantastic programs for the children. She enjoys the beaches of Franklin (Griffin Beach and Legace Beach). They are clean, the people are friendly, and there aren't rowdy kids like other people say there are. Everything changes. Even the costs of things we buy, prices rise. She stated that she supports abolishing the tax cap and that it served its purpose and time. She encouraged residents to vote during City Election time.

Leigh Webb, Ward 3 resident stated that he is heartened by the level of active residents attending the meeting tonight. He hopes that they will take this level of activism and expand on it. He believes that it is not just a City issue. There is a bigger picture to understand. He stated that this is also a State and a National Issue. Question the candidates and vote in the coming elections. Do they support the

current reduction of the Stabilization Grant? Do they support the current adequacy formula as it stands today? He continued if they don't know what an adequacy formula is, they need to do their homework and find out. Can they honestly say that education is priority #1? He concluded stating that this is why we vote and the basis of a democracy. Show your support of the people who share your values.

Peter Legare, his mother spoke earlier with regards to living on a fixed income. He also lives in Franklin. He attended school here. He stated that with drug rehabilitations everywhere, who would want to live in Franklin. Education starts at home and money alone doesn't fix the issues we have here. We need to find a way to attract better businesses and things that attract the right kind of people to want to live here. He stated that he has to live on a budget as well and the schools should learn how to as well. He knows many people that work for the City of Franklin and they do not make much money maybe average $30,000 a year. They have to work a second job to make ends meet.

Dan Andrews, Ward 1 resident stated that he knows what it takes to run a successful school as he has been a Principal for ten years. He was a police officer and teacher at one time previously in this district. We need to focus on the right curriculum overseen by highly qualified teachers who are paid well. The loss of Franklin's teachers and students is alarming, and it hurts to see. He stated that his children attend private schools. Some of Franklin's best athletes and students are leaving for a better opportunity. He believes that we need to attract the demographic of 30-40-year-old, middle class residents but we need a solid school system. He supports the tax cap break to support the school.

Tina Thurber, Ward 2 resident approached the City Council visibly upset as she and her whole family lives in this community. She is a Franklin graduate and her children attend school here as well. Her grandparents were business owners here. When she graduated, she didn't have to stay here but chose to. Not many from her graduating class came back to live Franklin. She stated that she has looked at every option to make it work in order to stay here. She can't afford to send her children to private school and can't get financial aid. Her focus is her children's education and the most affordable way to make sure her children have a great education is to move out. She stated that her family is the type of family that we want to live here. Her family has given their blood, sweat and tears to this community. She has given her money and time to the schools giving back to this community as much as she can. She and her husband are coaches and her children are good athletes. These are the types of families you want to stay here but it is impossible to stay and sacrifice their education. She stated that she feels robbed that her only option is to move out of the City that she loves. She works for the State and shared that it takes a long time to for things to happen through the state. The kids suffer in the meantime. There needs to be a lot of working together to fix this issue. Stop living in the past and blaming leaders in our past and move forward.

Dawn Watts, Ward 2 resident stated that she is a parent and work for the school district. She has lived her for 20 years, has seen this same problem as far back as 2002. She asked the City Council if they thought about what the emotional impact would be on these students having to complete their education at another school. She shared her frustration stating that the City Council is not working with the School Board on making changes.

Charlie Chapin, Ward 3 resident stated that he is a parent and teacher in Franklin is super disappointed. He stated he moved here three years ago and heard these issues three years ago. Some parents and children can't move out. He stated that when the City Council chooses to underfund the school, they are also failing all the children in the City and contributing to letting them fall through the cracks in the education system. He stated the solutions are clear, make the 50/50 split and lift the tax cap. If the City Council chooses not to do either, they are failing the children. He concluded stating that he doesn't know a teacher here that makes over $40,000 and asked the City Council to do their job.

Tammy Adams, Ward 3 resident and parent of two children. She stated that one of her children is completing his freshman year of High School doing VLACS because he was worried that he wouldn't meet the requirements to graduate and possibly go on to law school. Next year, he will be going to Private school. She also stated that her son was in 3rd grade when they moved to Franklin and grade school teacher, Jen Weaver made him feel welcomed to his new school so much so that he saved the project that he made that year while she was teaching. Franklin needs to keep teachers like that and for the School Board to work with the City Council and figure out a way to find new ways to fund the school. She added that her oldest is part of Boy Scouts and contributes to his community a lot. He finds value in doing things like that. She concluded by asking the City Council please help them find value in their community by showing them that you value them and their education giving them what they deserve.

Tim Johnson, Ward 1 stated that he sent the City Councilors an email around July 6th asking for a list of City salaries because in review of the proposed budget for City Clerk's Office, it shows $100,000 for three people in the City Clerk's Office. In further review of that line, its states that it makes up 80% of their pay so it appears that the salaries total approximately $125K. He stated that it's difficult for people to figure out exactly and seems to get more confusing as you look at other line items. He continued stating that he's not against raising the tax cap to help fund the schools. He asked the City to look at either eliminating some positions or reducing their current pay. The City of Franklin has 8,500 residents where Laconia has 18,000 residents and both municipalities get paid about the same amount of money in the same positions. He concluded stating that maybe we should be giving some of that money that the City is overpaying certain positions and giving it to the schools. He thanked the City Council for their time.

Meri-Lyn Banton, Ward 3 resident for approximately 18 years. She stated that she knew there was a problem with the schools when she first moved here. She addressed the Council directly stating that she wrote three of City Councilors and expressed her thoughts of not seeing the solution of breaking the tax cap and throwing money at the schools where there's no accountability or transparency. She stated that Paul Smith raised $100K for a playground and wondered how necessary a brand-new playground was. She told the City Council that they are doing an excellent job this year as it's been a very difficult one and further commenting that she has a real problem with taxes being raised that are already high. To keep paying more money into higher and higher taxes as she plans for her retirement isn't going to work for her. The money to upgrade downtown was mostly grant funds she added. The City isn't spending tax payer's dollars to do most of the work that needs to be to beautify downtown. They worked hard applying for grants. She concluded by imploring the City Council to

hold the School Board accountable for the money they spend. If after we know the whole big picture and raising taxes is our only option, then that's what has to be done and until we know that, she doesn't think it's a good idea to just keep throwing money at the situation. It hasn't changed much in 18 years, what is going to change now. Why are we directing all of these questions to the City Council and not the School Board, so they can answer?

April Bunker, Ward 3 resident and mother of four. She stated that after the vote to fund the schools was overturned last week, her 16-year-old spent most of the evening crying because she feels like her City doesn't care about her. These are children that serve their church here in Franklin and serve their schools. Mrs. Bunker stated that she herself serves her church and the City through volunteer work. Her and her husband gives money and supplies, doing everything they can to help make the City a better place. She stated that her daughter will need to jump through hoops to get the classes she needs to go to college. For the Council Member who said that College isn't for everyone, she agrees however it should be an option and the City shouldn't take that away from them. She concluded asking the Council is it not that important that students shouldn't have to jump through hoops, look for on-line classes, work schedules around getting bussed to other cities that is challenging and doesn't always work out, in order to get the classes they need to graduate and get accepted to a good college? They shouldn't have to do that. We owe them more than that.

Tim Moquin, Ward 1 resident stated that he is reading a book called "Building a Vibrant Community." It's focused on how citizens empowered change is reshaping America. He read an expert from this book. "A strong education system is a critical part of building a strong community", "it's the foundation of everything that will happen in the future", he read. He stated that if our students don't do well, everyone looses here. He believes that keeping the ineffective cycle (status quo) is shameful to see this happen to this beautiful community. The costs increase everywhere, and we will have to make choices where it will benefit ourselves and our communities. He stated that he is very disappointed because he thought the Council and School came together and made the right choice last meeting. A line by line itemized budget is what is needed. Working together looking at each other's budgets, look at cuts, and prioritizing should be done by both City Council and School Board; together. By turning over the vote from the last meeting, he hopes that it will be reviewed again because we can't bring in revenues to the City if we don't bring in the right families. A great school system will attract the right families. He agreed that there are people who can hardly live within their means and struggling but there are others that are just being selfish. The growth of this City is the children. He closed stating that the City needs to come together and vote the right way.

Steve Bunker, Ward 3 resident started by thanking Councilor Clarenbach, Councilor Ribas, Councilor Moquin, and Councilor Zink for voting on June 28th for Franklin's children and for the City's future and thank you for not changing your minds. Mr. Bunker clarified that his wife was a teacher, and everyone knows that they don't just work only 9 months out of the year. He publicly thanked Mrs. Weaver because she puts a lot more time and effort other than school time hours. He stated that he heard back in 2004 when discussions on Northern Pass would be arriving and now that train has passed. He shared that certain Councilors may try to sue the State. He discussed the Claremont suit and how difficult it would be for that to happen again. He believes the City Council is leading the residents on. This sort of case would take at least 2-3 years and because Franklin has a tax cap, this doesn't make

us a good candidate. He isn't in support of raising taxes but stressed that you get what you pay for. Because Franklin wants to spend peanuts on education, the outcome won't be the best investment in the children. He challenged the Councilor who said that we need people to dig ditches to go into school on the first day and ask the children who wants to dig ditches for the rest of their life and he bets not one child will raise their hand. Mr. Bunker hopes that Councilor will go to the school and apologize to the students for his remark. We heard from Tina Ferber whose whole family grew up here and is being driven out. Many other good families are leaving because they are tired of waiting. Mr. Bunker is concerned that there are no businesses or good families coming here. The City isn't doing something right and it needs to change. The tax cap has been in place for 30 years, It's time for a change. He shared that if the people living here don't want to make a change, what makes them think we can sue the state and make other Cities pay more taxes because Franklin doesn't want to. He doesn't believe that some people who said tonight that they can't pay any more money because of fixed income actually can't afford it. If someone called and said they can't afford a $5.00 a week increase in taxes, then we should be able to come up with a solution for them. He doesn't want them to lose their house. He hasn't seen statistics of how many people are actually below poverty level in Franklin. He doesn't appreciate the scare tactics stated by City Council if we make more cuts and raise taxes. Franklin is lacking faith and on life support and we need to do something different. He concluded asking Councilor Trudel and Councilor Barton to reconsider their reconsideration and to ask themselves if they are doing the right thing.

Shary Wilcox, Ward 1 resident and has live there many years over 50 years. She has worked hundreds of volunteer hours for the City. While she was outside holding a sign, a woman walked up to her and said, "You expect me to lose my house to pay your salary." Ms. Wilcox doesn't work for the schools or the City and neither pay her salary. She stated that she was holding the sign as an interested citizen. She stated that she graduated from Franklin High School and is a mother and grandmother. Her children also graduated from Franklin High School and grandchildren in the Franklin school system as well. She would like to see Franklin do better. Her sign actually said, "Our kids deserve better." She concluded stating the we can do better!

Franklin resident did not state her name, sign in sheet illegible. She has two daughters, one that went through the Franklin School system and one going through it now. The daughter that has graduated went on to NHTI and had to take an additional seven classes because she is a special ed student. During a meeting with an outside special education councilor and a school representative, the outside special ed councilor was upset and ended the meeting because the school would not do anything different to help her daughter succeed and stated that the school is failing her daughter. She stated that she has spent $19,000 over two years for her daughter's continuing education and she still doesn't have a degree. Her daughter left NHTI and went to Job Core because they provide a free continuing education. The VLACS is not the answer and not acceptable at all colleges. She supports raising the taxes even on her low income. Come up with a plan, close the high school for a year and fix the problem. We are failing the students. The aid needed for her daughter isn't there. No-one from the school will pick up the phone and call her and work together to help her daughter.

Rick Watts, Ward 2 resident, addressed the Council stating that they (City Council) are all in the hot seat and not matter what decision is made, they won't make people happy. He lives and works in

Franklin. He supports breaking the tax cap because it's not working. Everyone is on a budget and on the same boat but the boat is sinking. He stated that teachers work more than 9 months out of the year. They have to continue their own education and get recertified every year. He asked how many jobs required a person to go back to school every year to get recertified. People still put gas in their cars even though the cost goes up and up. He compared education to a retirement fund. If you don't invest in it, there won't be anything there in the future. If a good investment is made the fruit of labor will be students coming back, paying taxes, talking positively about Franklin, living, working, and growing. For $20. Increase in taxes per month would return an investment of 200%. He asked the Council to imagine what that would look like. If we don't, we sink the ship. He concluded asking the Council to work together and make Franklin a proud community again.

Werner Horn, Ward 2 thanked the City Council for listening to residents for two hours and some who spoke longer than 3 minutes. Mr. Werner thanked his neighbors who talked about education. He stated that a lot of ground has been covered and he doesn't want to repeat what was said already. Mr. Werner stated that Franklin has a revenue problem and has faith in the School Board and Department Heads. He believes the school's budget is lean and doesn't have any waste at all. Compromises were made in areas of want and in some areas, what is needed. He continued mentioning that during the freezing winter, pot holes throughout the City were filled with sand and dirt because it was a better alternative than asphalt popping out again at the next deep freeze. The police department responds to calls constantly every hour, every day of the week. He asked the Council why we aren't paying them like we appreciate them. This is Revenue problem. With our two ambulances, we cover more regions than just Franklin and have one of the best Fire Departments in the State and will argue with anyone who says differently. Why aren't we paying them like they deserve to be paid. Our Fire and PD are paid lower than the state average. We are simply not paying them more because the City doesn't have the revenue. This is the same for our teachers. We aren't talking about a few dollars or few hundred dollars. We are talking about thousands and thousands of dollars below state average. We have the character in this City where these people still stay and work here anyway. He stated that we cut good teachers who have a great track record and make financial sacrifices to work here because they love to and forcing them to leave and get a better paying job elsewhere. They are the winners because they will do what they love somewhere else and get more money doing it. The receiving district of them are also the winners. We are the losers and the kids here are the losers. When they get older, they won't stay. Why would they? He concluded by stating that he supports a second tax bill and doesn't want his Fire and PD departments underpaid. He also commended Chief Lachapelle for finding federal dollars to replace equipment for the fire department. We can't keep putting a band-aid on our revenue problem and we need to fully fund all areas of the City through an increase in revenue.

Mayor Giunta called for a City Council request for recess at 8:13PM

City Council reconvened at 8:25PM

Stephanie Stillings, Ward 2 resident who has lived in Franklin almost her entire life. She graduated from Franklin High School and is currently a special education teacher at FHS and loves her job. She stated that our students deserve better. Several of her students had to take a basic computer course

on VLACS to graduate and it makes no sense to her. He daughter started here in the Franklin School system in second grade through a foster care program. She thrived due to the gifted teachers and counselors that were offered to her. Her daughter is applying to a private school next year because she feels that she won't be offered the classes she needs. Ms. Stillings is proud of her daughter for valuing her own education but sad for the many students here that don't have that option. She is also very sad to see so many talented teachers leaving Franklin. She concluded stating that our students deserve more and it's time for a change.

Wanda Bourgeois, Ward 2 resident stated that she is a single parent on disability and is raising her grandchild. She hears retired people who can't afford any increase in taxes but she is willing to cut wherever she can to help fund the schools. The grandchild that she is raising is the most important thing to her right now and it's important she receives a good education. Her grand-daughter has some special needs of which she tries not to burden the schools with extra things for her. Her grand-daughter wears two hearing aids and the school was unable to provide the FM system that is supposed to be using so that she could hear her teachers. The school didn't have the funds to provide that equipment, so she got very low grades (1's and 2's) in most of her classes. She tried to work with her at home, but it is difficult to do on her own. The teacher is needed to teach. She stated that she didn't fight with the school about the hearing aid piece and just tried to do as much as she could without it. When she is at home with her grand-daughter, she will ask her to go pick up the laundry and she'll return with a book because she is profoundly hard of hearing. Recently she read on Facebook that City employees do not pay anything toward their health insurance and if that is true then that needs to be looked at. She stated that their pay as well should be evaluated in relation to similar communities. She also explained that she understands that the City has constraints. She described being without water for a week because the City shut off her water accidentally when they were supposed to shut off her neighbor's water. She eventually called a plumber who found out what had really happened. She concluded stating that she doesn't want to burden the City and if it means raising her taxes then she supports it and will make cuts where she can because education isn't something that she wants to give up.

Glen Feener, Ward 2 resident stated that he listened to a lot here this evening; we have a funding problem. He believes the two ways to solve it is 1) Everyone here needs to contact their families and friends in this City and other Cities to elect state legislators who support education funding. This is the long-term solution. 2) People are stating that the tax cap has been here too long and want it overridden. Instead of reading economics books, take time to study the charter and the RSA's and remove the cap. Put it to the voters and if that's the direction the people here want to go, then we go forward from there.

Daniel Allen, Ward 1 resident stated that he is from South Carolina and has been here for 15 years. He's sat on the sidelines watching the commotion on Facebook and couldn't sit on the sideline anymore. He stated that a lot of people have a lot to say but they don't vote. He added that his son is doing well in school and loves computers but there's no computer class anymore. He supports the City through shopping and making his car payments even though he doesn't currently own his home, he wants to stay here. He loves Franklin but now put it on hold because he's not sure if it's worth staying here for his children's sake. He noticed on the proposed budget that it will cost 1M for a

bridge but has watched the fighting over half a million for the schools. He concluded stated that he and many others in the City don't feel that the students are the City's biggest priority and most important investment. Once they graduate, they won't stay here, work here, start their families here or start businesses here. He hopes the Council can make the right decisions tonight, so he doesn't walk out of City Hall and just keep walking right out of Franklin.

Tim Dow, Ward 3 resident and School Board Chair stated that he isn't going to get into everything that was already spoken about. He stated that during the many budget process meetings that were held, the Council mentioned that they were never told about the 1-Million-dollar shortage. Mr. Dow stated that on October 2nd of 2017, the Council was made aware of adequacy aid reduction of $84,000 and the Superintendent had to freeze the budget. Even more was taken away the year before. On December 4th the Superintendent came forward and told the Council that the adequacy aid would be $410,000 less than this year. The City Council was made aware of the shortages and shortfall but never asked for 1 Million dollars. He stated that the School Board is required to tell the Council where they stand. Mr. Dow mentioned several other dates when this information was made known. Mr. Dow stressed that this information was nothing new to the City Council and could have been resolved long before tonight. So tonight, taxpayers and citizens have to come out and defend what they want from the City Council and the City. Mr. Dow stated that only Councilor Olivia Zink wanted to get some sort of commitment back on May 9th. He also stated that Mayor Giunta did come up with the School's 4% shortfall last year and Mr. Dow was grateful for that. Coming out here in July and defending the school and teachers shouldn't have to be done this late in the year. Until the state changes the allocation, it's the City's responsibility to the students here by funding their education. He's hearing a lot about transparency and pointed out that whoever didn't know the superintendent, he was sitting in the audience. Mr. Dow also stated that the City Council was invited down to the school on November 6th to look at their budget and ask questions but he believes that no-one came down. The City Council wanted to know what has been achieved with some of the extra money that was given to the schools over the last few years. Mr. Dow stated that there was great work done by the dedicated teachers which moved the school off of the list of schools that Need Improvements. The school had been on that list since 2007. He explained other school improvements and academic achievements made with the extra money given. Combined cuts totaled over 1M and the City Council asked the school to make more cuts. Mr. Dow asked the Council if the City could cut 1M out of their budget. Mr. Dow expressed his irritation with the Council stating that 5 councilors neglected the students of Franklin when their vote was taken back and he wanted them to make good on the situation.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone else that wanted to come forward. There were no further comments from the Public.

**Public Hearing Session closed at 8:49PM**

**Agenda Item I.**

Ordinance #02-19, proposing a change in Fees charged for services with regard to CD, Thumb Drives and Police VIN Verification Fees.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve Ordinance #02-19, an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160 Fees, 160-1 Fee increase for services by a roll call vote.**
**Seconded by Councilor Desrochers**

Mayor Giunta asked for discussion. There was none.

**ORDINANCE #02-19**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen;**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin be changed as follows (bold additional language, strikethrough for deleted language):

| | Current Fee | Change To |
|---|---|---|
| Copies, **CD** | $0 | $5 |
| Copies, **Thumb Drive** | $0 | $10 |
| Dig Permit | $150 | $200 |
| Fire Permit | $5 | $0 |
| Permit Parking (Franklin Street Parking Lot) | $200/yr | $0 |
| **Police VIN Verification** | $0 | $5 |
| Transfer Station: | | |
| Asphalt Shingles | $127/ton | $129/ton |
| Residential Construction & Demolition | $127/ton | $129/ton |
| Commercial Haulers & all others; | | |
| Shingles, construction, demo materials | $127/ton | $129/ton |
| Commercial construction & demo Materials | $127/ton | $129/ton |

**Fees to be effective July 1, 2018 by a roll call vote.**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | Yes | **Councilor Desrochers** | Yes | **Councilor Ribas** | Yes |
| **Councilor Brown** | Yes | **Councilor Dzujna** | Yes | **Councilor Trudel** | Yes |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | Yes | **Councilor Moquin** | Yes | **Councilor Zink** | Yes |

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item II.**

Resolution #01-19 – Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #01-19 regarding the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget by a roll call vote. A summary of the Budget is as follows:**
**Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion.

Councilor Clarenbach wanted the public to be aware that tonight was required as a public hearing and that the actual bottom number of the City's Total Appropriations can't be changed this evening. He stated that there is no way to override the tax cap tonight due to the timing of the Need for Public Notice. There isn't adequate time for Public Hearing to further discuss appropriating money from one area to another. He continued stating that because it's July 18th, the City Manager's Budget would default and take effect before there was time to hold a Public Hearing. Councilor Clarenbach was saddened that we are here at this juncture. He concluded stated that he has assurances from other Councilors that the Council will work diligently on this issue starting in September. It is going to be difficult and tough decisions will need to be made in order to come up with a better plan for the entire community.

**RESOLUTION #01-19**

**A resolution relating to Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The City Council of the City of Franklin that the following appropriations and revenues be made for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

General Operations (MS-232):

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| General Government | $1,683,062 |
| Public Safety | 5,716,678 |
| Highways & Streets | 1,420,512 |
| Sanitation | 823,843 |
| Health | 194,462 |
| Welfare | 141,402 |
| Culture & Recreation | 1,052,604 |
| Conservation & Development | 105,000 |
| Debt Service | 299,585 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers Out | 347,014 |
| Transfer to School District | 164,260 |
| Total General Operations Appropriations | $11,948,420 |

Other Funds:

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| Parks & Recreation Appropriations | $15,500 |
| Outside Police Detail Appropriations | 10,354 |
| Water Appropriations | 1,773,460 |
| Sewer Appropriations | 1,579,734 |
| Capital Projects Appropriations | 1,000,000 |
| Pass Through Grant Appropriations | 535,000 |
| Total Municipal Appropriations | $16,862,468 |

**ESTIMATED REVENUES:**

General Operations (MS-434):

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| City Revenues General Fund | $4,140,652 |
| Use of Fund Balance | $147,760 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers In | 24,292 |
| Local Taxation | 7,635,716 |
| Total General Operations Estimated Revenues | $11,948,420 |

Other Funds:

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|---|---|
| Parks & Recreation Estimated Revenues | $15,500 |
| Outside Police Detail Estimated Revenues | 10,354 |
| Water Estimated Revenues | 1,773,460 |
| Sewer Estimated Revenues | 1,579,734 |
| Capital Projects Estimated Revenues | 1,000,000 |

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| Pass Through Grant Estimated Revenues | 535,000 |
| Total Municipal Estimated Revenues | $16,862,468 |

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| General Operations | $18,571,401 |
| Food Service | 0 |
| Total School Department Appropriations | $18,571,401 |

**ESTIMATED REVENUES:**

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|---|---|
| General Operations | $12,561,906 |
| Transfer from Municipal | 164,260 |
| Use of Fund Balance | 260,000 |
| Transfer from Capital Reserve | 149,041 |
| Food Service | 0 |
| Local & State Taxation | 5,436,194 |
| Total School Estimated Revenues | $18,571,401 |

**MERRIMACK COUNTY**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $1,652,070

**INDUSTRIAL PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $41,000

**FRANKLIN FALLS MIXED USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $40,082

**VETERAN'S CREDITS**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $144,825

**OVERLAY**

Estimated Tax to be Raised $31,000

**Roll Call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Yes** | **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **No** | **Councilor Moquin** | **No** | **Councilor Zink** | **No** |

**6 in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item III.**

Other Business:

1) **City Manager Milner addressed the City Council requesting to set a Public Hearing on August 6th for Resolution #03-19, Proposing a change in the Listed Agent Fee for Fire Alarms to $50.00 by a roll call vote.**

**Councilor Ribas so moved. Councilor Clarenbach seconded.**
**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**ORDINANCE #03-19**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen;**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 160, Fees, 160-1 Fees charged for service by the City of Franklin be changed as follows **(bold additional language,** strikethrough for deleted language):

| | Current Fee | Change To |
|---|---|---|
| **Fire Alarm Listed Agent Fees:** | | |
| **Initial Application** | **$0** | **$50** |
| **Annual Fee** | **$0** | **$65** |
| **Franklin Fire Dept Onsite at Master Box** | **$0** | **$25** |
| **Violation Fees:** | | |
| **1st offense** | **$0** | **$25** |
| **2nd offense** | **$0** | **$50** |
| **After 2nd offense** | **$0** | **$100** |

**Fees to be effective July 1, 2018 by a roll call vote.**

2) Recycling Program Update – When this program began, we were getting paid but now the program is costing the City almost double the cost of trash elimination. Other reasons for suspending are due to China closing the market for receiving recyclables from the United States and also because recyclables have been very dirty. The RRA Recycling facility requested that we keep up the program because they believe the market will come back. We are still doing some recycling at the Transfer Station and separating glass and metals is still required. This will be reevaluated every quarter. The message to residents is to continue to separate acceptable recyclables using the green bin at home for curbside pick-up and bringing all glass and metal to the Transfer Station separately.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilor Desrochers.**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas**

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Meeting closed at 8:59PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo

**Pending City Council Approval**

# City Council Budget Workshop Meeting
# October 1, 2018

## Call to Order

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:02 p.m.

## City Council in Attendance

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Vince Ribas.

## Others in attendance

City Manager Judie Milner

## Absent:

Councilor Steve Barton

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Vince Ribas.

Mayor Giunta requested that Councilor Dzujna introduce special guest and recipient of a Mayoral Proclamation, Katelyn Nash. Councilor Dzujna announced that Katelyn won the prestigious Young Careerist Award (BPW). For her many accomplishments and recently the winner of a national competition, going up against Vermont and Rhode Island, she won the Young Careerist at the national level. This is a first for Franklin. Katelyn is a graduate of Franklin High School and currently attending Colby-Sawyer. She is also heavily involved in the community with fundraising activities and helping our youth and veterans though various Franklin organizations.

Mayor Giunta stated that his is thrilled to have such great things happening right here in Franklin. It's time to stop focusing on the negative things and highlight the positive things and people like Katelyn. Mayor Giunta proclaimed today, October 1st, 2018 as Katelyn Nash Day. All in attendance congratulated Katelyn and her family.

Katelyn Nash responded with deep gratitude and thanked Mayor Giunta and all the City Council. She stated how proud and passionate she is to be a member of the Franklin community. Katelyn also thanked her family, she is grateful for the support and mentoring she received from the BPW, from Councilor George Dzujna for being a catalyst for her, for Sara Stanley's inspiration, and all the members of the organizations she is part of.

## Public Hearing opened at 6:10PM

Resolution #04-19, a Resolution accepting the appropriation of $100,000 of Municipal Transportation Improvement Funds (MTIF) for road work.

Mayor Giunta asked for if anyone from the public would like to speak. There was no discussion.

**Public Hearing closed at 6:11PM**

Mayor Giunta moved agenda item IV up to be discussed first.

**Agenda Item IV.**

EMS 360. Presented by Fire Chief Kevin Lachapelle. Chief Lachapelle explained how the EMS 360 private/public relationship began. He stated that it all began from one of the firefighters wanting to go to paramedic school but due to the expense, it wasn't feasible and the application couldn't be approved. Chief Lachapelle thought to himself that there has to be a better way to handle this and access money out there to help further educational requests from our firefighters.

Chief Lachapelle shared a slide show that he put together to assist with his discussion. He started with an email that he sent to a constituent with his ideas and then put together a Vision Statement to send to the safety director at Watts. Chief Lachapelle also contacted the City's Health Insurance carrier InterLocalTrust and Clear Choice MD resulted in a donation of $7,000 that went toward the cost of the paramedic to go to school.

Chief Lachapelle stated that the original vision was going to be called ALS 360 with the main goal to fund Franklin's advance life support program. The name was changed to fit the purpose better; EMS 360 (a Partnership with Community Health and Safety). Globally, changes need to happen in the way the business of health and safety is conducted. Although the focus here is our own community of Franklin, we can be the "change agent" and start approaching this another way.

Chief Lachapelle stated that the main drivers for all of this are: Financial stability, Sustainability, Risk reduction. Partnerships are the way to tackle these drivers. This will address financial misuse of ambulance billing, high-risk/high-frequency, the cost of advanced life support training and equipment. He stated that he believes we have the key stakeholders in Franklin and within our own Health Insurance company. This is a grass roots effort and have our own medallion.

ClearChoice MD also has a reason to participate even though they're not in Franklin because of Population Health. Example: ClearChoice could essentially provide 5 vouchers (5 doctor's visits) at a cost of $250.00 per year. They are currently working with Watts and Vitex.

Chief Lachapelle needs to hear questions from the residents and Council to help form these partnerships. He stated that the reason he is sharing this information tonight is he wants the Franklin residents, City Council, Mayor Giunta, and City Manager Milner to know what this discussion is when you hear it out on the street. It needs to be promoted by all. He stated that he truly believes this is the change agent to help fund what we do. EMS 360 was born right here in Franklin NH and hope it grows and helps us serve our community. Chief Lachapelle received applause from all for this new fantastic idea!

Mayor Giunta asked if the Council had any questions for the Fire Chief Lachapelle.

Councilor Desrochers provided a comment regarding the State of New Hampshire having something similar to a patent so this new trademark can be registered. Chief Lachapelle stated that he is aware of that other communities will get wind of this and possibly run with the trademark medallion but he isn't concerned because the focus is the positive changes to the health services of our population that will come from this and not on the medallion itself.

Councilor Brown asked Chief Lachapelle what he did with the $7,000 received in donations from Clear Choice and also asked if he received any other funding to help get this going. She also asked Chief Lachapelle how he is going after these monies. Chief Lachapelle responded stating that additional money has been offered but many things need to be ironed out before he accepts any further funds so he is holding while those things are agreed and worked out. He offered a few great ideas on how this can be accomplished.

Councilor Ribas asked Chief Lachapelle what criteria he will use to determine how the money will allotted to a Franklin Firefighter who wants access to these funds for paramedic school and further offered a suggestion that a contract should be created so that person needs to stay with us for a while. Chief Lachapelle agreed and further added that there currently is a contract in place with two of our firefighters who took advantage of this opportunity but the contract can be bought out so there's really nothing forcing them to stay if they don't want to. Chief Lachapelle stated that the criteria needed to participate is: 1) Completed probation and 2) Desire to participate. Other than these two things, there isn't anything stopping them from asking and likely being approved to take the classes.

Councilor Moquin asked how the program is and how does this work in with their work schedules. Chief Lachapelle responded stating that the Paramedic Program is 1200 hours and over the course of sixteen months. He continued that there are a couple of ways they are taking their classes. 1) attend class at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, once a week plus clinical. If on duty, they attend while on duty (no overtime is paid). If off duty, they attend on personal time. 2) The Tech in Concord is 1200 Nationally accredited program with a full course load each week (3-4 days a week).

Councilor Moquin asked if there was a way to partner with the college to do clinical time at the Fire House or have some kind of tuition deal if the Fire House was a clinical site. Chief Lachapelle replied that it was done this way here before but feedback received was that there isn't enough of the right type of desired medical exposure.

Mayor Giunta asked for any further discussion.

**Public Comments**

Leigh Webb, ward III commented on him receiving his training in the late 70's in LA and Clinical time really needs to be done in a congested urban area to be best prepared for various more serious situations. He also stated that it's upsetting to him when he sees a newspaper headline or article that reads, "Man, who used to live in Franklin arrested for drugs or other negative situations" it makes

him cringe. It's not that enough positive things do not happen in Franklin; it's that they are not always recognized. He implored that the City and the residents altogether need to do a better job in recognizing all of the good work that goes on here in this City.

Mr. Webb recalled that a question was asked at the most recent Candidates Forum about Public Input in relation to our Revitalization Program, White Water Park, and PermaCityLife. This relates to the recent tear down of a building on Memorial Street and Mr. Webb stated that he wasn't aware until he saw the trucks arrive. He stated that the Public did not have an opportunity to provide input. The building was a City owned building and although technically didn't have to ask for the Heritage Commission's permission, the building itself sat in our Historic District and asked that City be more sensitive to these types of decisions and at least offer the public a chance to provide input.

Mr. Webb also commented on the Odell Cottage due to a recent visit to Odell recently, he noticed the extremely poor condition of the porch and mentioned briquettes on the porch, branches, and debris also. He stated that one of the columns on the front porch is misplaced and not even supporting anything any longer. He asked what the plans and timelines are, if any, to begin repairs. He also reminded the Council that it is a historic building.

City Manager Milner stated that there was some vandalism at the cottage and it is being addressed. The may actually be receiving a $10,000 grant that will help with some repairs and restoration but it is not confirmed yet. Mr. Webb stated that he stood before this same Council a few years ago asking for permission to do the repairs himself for free. Milner replied that there may still be an opportunity to accept Mr. Webb's offer.

Mason Donovan, candidate for State Senate, district 7 introduced himself. Mr. Donovan stated that he lives in Boscawen and drives through Franklin frequently. Through his knowledge and experience while living in Germany, his prior job was to help set up businesses in small cities like Franklin. Mr. Donovan stated that Franklin has all the necessary attributes to make it a great place again and businesses do look for areas like ours to invest. He also mentioned that he's knocked on almost a thousand doors and is speaking with the residents who express their pride of the City. There are many challenges here as well as throughout the whole state of New Hampshire with the Opioid crisis and education funding issues. It's not just Franklin dealing with these serious issues but it is obvious that we are probably hardest hit and the state turned its back on our City. Mr. Donovan stated that the state has walked away from not only pensions, building aid, but also the stability funds. This is a year after year hit and what the state sends continues to decrease. He stated that keeping the services in place is difficult with taxpayers already burdened enough, the City ends up taking the blame and having to fix all the issues. The partnership with the state needs to be fixed. Mr. Donovan said that he is standing for a freeze on the stability funds so the Cities of NH can catch their breath and suggest the schools move their budgets with the state.

Mr. Donovan expressed gladness that we have a brand and have moved forward from 5 years ago. He stated that most people he has spoken to know that Franklin is moving toward our new branding of being an outdoor recreation area and it's time for the state to get behind us on our goals and education needs. He stated that the generation of ideas coming out of Franklin, especially with EMS

360 and our branding, is amazing. He concluded asking the Council that since he is running for a Senate seat, what is important and if he were to become our next senator, what would be those things that should be brought to Concord. He left that as an open question to the Council.

Councilor Dzujna thanked Mr. Donovan and said that he hit it on the head. The state does need to get more involved with us. This is his third term on the Franklin Council and he stated that he has witnessed how the decline in state funds has affected us and what it's done to our community. Help not only for the schools but also for our City's branding is needed from the state.

Mayor Giunta thanked Mr. Donovan for joining us tonight and expressing his thoughts.

There were no further comments.

Public Comments closed at 6:44PM

**City Council Acknowledgements**

Councilor Desrochers acknowledged those suffering from Agent Orange. October is Agent Orange Awareness Month. He commented that it's not just American soldiers dying from this. There were other countries like South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and several other that were over there with us. He stated that it's a worldwide problem and wanted everyone to keep this in mind during this time of awareness.

**Agenda Item I.**

City Council to consider the minutes of the September 10th City Council Meeting.

> **Motion: Councilor Trudel moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the September 10th City Council Meeting.**
> **Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**
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> **Motion: Councilor Ribas motioned for Audrey Lanzillo to make the corrections he sent to her and also to amend the minutes to include a Motion that was inadvertently left out at the very end of the meeting and once the Council returned from non-public meeting where there was a Motion from Councilor Scott Clarenbach to allow the City Manager to dispose of Map Lot #70-35 on Webster Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribas. All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**
> **Motion to amend the minutes was seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**
> **All in Favor.**
> **Motion PASSED.**

**Mayor Giunta asked for any discussion on the original motion. There were no comments.**
**All in Favor of the original motion.**
**Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item II.**

Monthly School Board Update

Superintendent Dan LeGallo began with the good news that the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit has been finalized and published on their website. Also the School Board has passed their 5-year Strategic Plan. Mr. LeGallo stated that he and Chairman Tim Dow met with representatives from Senator Jeanne Shaheen's office to discuss the rising costs of Special Education and also discussed not receiving the money that is promised by the state. Mr. LeGallo stated that he would keep the Council informed of any type of responses that come back from that meeting. This meeting and connections with the Senator's representatives derived from the Federal Agency Forum held in Franklin on June 12, 2018. Mr. LeGallo thanked Mayor Giunta for holding that Forum.

Mr. LeGallo shared that he has received some new adequacy fund numbers and the drop is significant. The new number is $177,141 from the state. We're getting zapped again. Mr. LeGallo stated that there may be enough in the Fund Balance account to cover this and not dumping this onto the City Council to cover for us. Mr. LeGallo stated that he and Jefferson will be back in the next couple of months with more to discuss on the Fund Balance with the plans to hopefully roll some of that into this year's budget or saving it for next year's budget.

Police Chief Dave Goldstein, Fire Chief Kevin Lachapelle, and Mr. LeGallo are working together on the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. The team held their first meeting recently and the second meeting is just around the corner. Updates will follow soon.

Mr. LeGallo shared information regarding the district initiative called PACE- Performance Assessment Competency Based Education in its second year. Jule Finley is leading the initiative which began at a tier 3 and after a year, it has moved up to a tier 2 and the plan is to implement this in the 3rd year. He stated that this all means that the students would no longer need to take the State or Federally Mandated tests and instead, the teachers would create their own tests based on what the children have learned.

The My Turn Program is in need of funding and Mr. LeGallo stated that he would reach out to the founder to ask for funds to keep it going. This ties in to the Extended Learning Opportunities program at Franklin High School. Mr. LeGallo thanked Councilor Dzujna for bringing the program to the Superintendent's office.

Councilor Desrochers asked Superintendent LeGallo to provide some clarification on the $177,141 and if this was found out after the budget was passed. Mr. LeGallo responded and stated that the information was just shared with the school last week. Councilor Desrochers spoke directly to Mason Donovan, senate candidate, and commented on how the state can expect any City or town to survive when every September, after budgets have been passed, the state cuts their funding. How does the state expect Cities to keep their schools open? The state reported a $150M surplus last year and many of the schools within numerous Cities and Towns saw none of that money. Councilor

Desrochers commented that schools will be closing at this rate and it's not the city's and town's fault. It's the State of New Hampshire's fault. Desrochers strongly pointed out that this happens every single year after the budget is passed and set.

Mayor Giunta commented that the timing is also the issue and everyone is frustrated. Mayor Giunta asked Superintendent Dan LeGallo if he'd like to work on a joint letter with City Manager Milner and he would sign off. This letter will point out the timing and horrific damage this leaves our schools and City and send it to the Governor. Mr. LeGallo agreed on working with City Manager Milner on this.

Councilor Brown asked Mr. LeGallo how the 177k loss is figured. Mr. LeGallo responded that it is based on the number of enrolled students and also other factors such as free/ reduced lunch, percentage of kids not meeting grade level and other. He stressed that it's not just based on the number of students. Councilor Brown mentioned a few things that have come up in her Designing Franklin's Education Meetings such as broken toilets and bathrooms. Councilor Brown also mentioned that there was a recent school board meeting where John Tobin was invited but no one from City Council was invited. Superintendent LeGallo responded mentioning that in retrospect, the invitation should have been extended.

Councilor Dzujna thanked Superintendent LeGallo for trying to keep the My Turn Program going.

Mayor Giunta commented that he was going through some old paperwork and he uncovered many things from 2001 that he himself began inquiring about and sharing ideas during that time. Mayor Giunta stated that he even has many letters addressed to Jeanne Shaheen in the Attorney General's Office at that time. Mayor Giunta informed Superintendent Dan LeGallo to reach out to him so he can share those letters so steps won't have to be duplicated while working with City Manager Milner.

Mayor Giunta stated that this isn't the time to discuss budget issues and would like to move on to the next agenda item.

Resident from the audience yelled out that on a good note, our football team is undefeated. At this same time, Werner Horn approached the podium and expressed concern on the City Budget issues however the Mayor stated again that this isn't the time to discuss these issues.

**Agenda Item III.**

Council to consider Resolution #04-19, Approval of the appropriation of $100,000.

**Motion: Councilor Brown moved that the Franklin City Council adopt resolution #04-19, appropriating $100,000 in Municipal Transportation Improvement Funds (MTIF) for road work by a roll call vote.**
**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

# RESOLUTION #04-19

**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which began July 1, 2018, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the need for road improvement throughout the City, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) established in the City 2009 under State RSA 261:153 is for the purpose of road infrastructure improvement, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that the MTIF fund has a current unobligated balance of approximately $150,609, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to appropriate from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund an amount not to exceed $100,000 for the purpose of roadway repairs to Prospect Street and New Hampton Road**, Now,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, October 1, 2018 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 04-19 allowing the withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund and authorizing an increase in FY19 revenues:

Transfer In – Capital Reserve Funds Acct. No. 01-0-000-39150-000 – One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000),

And an increase in expenditure account,

MSD Roadway Maintenance, Other Contracted Services Acct. No. 01-3-122-40490-000 – One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000),

**By a roll call vote.**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Absent** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item IV (moved to beginning of the Agenda))**

**Agenda Item V.**

City Council to consider the sale of 1985 Fire Engine aka Engine 3.

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the City Council authorize the Fire Chief to sell Engine 3 seeking the highest value possible. The proceeds from this will be used toward the replacement of the station generator at the fire department. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Mayor asked for discussion.
Councilor Ribas expressed concern on the wording being restrictive toward purchasing the generator rather remove the restrictive language and let the Chief use the money wherever his sees fit.

City Manager Milner stated that the proceeds would have to be appropriated by the Chief and Council would have to approve the resolution.

Fire Chief Lachapelle commented further that the EMPG Grant funds through homeland security is our #1 option however there's a soft match that is needed. The hope is to use the proceeds from this sale towards the soft match.

Councilor Clarenbach asked Chief Lachapelle an inaudible question. Chief Lachapelle responded thanking Councilor Clarenbach for asking the question and further added that at the previous ISO rating, the number #1 question was regarding the Automatic Aid Response. Chief Lachapelle provided an explanation of what Automatic Aid Response is. In previous years, if we had building fire here in Franklin, it would be just Franklin and apparatus in Franklin that would respond. He further stated that the operational aspect has changed so much and we now only receive a limited amount of response by off duty personal and so this left vehicles sitting in the fire station. With an Automatic Aid Response, if there were a fire downtown, we would automatically receive response from Tilton/Northfield which has 3 full-time firefighters on duty and also receive automatic aid from Sanbornton which is an additional 4-5 personnel. The City's Fire Department ISO rating improved from a 4 down to a 3.

Chief Lachapelle concluded by stating that this was not an easy decision and was a 2-3 year process to come to a decision.

There were no further comments.

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item VI.**

Council to consider approval of the Disposition of City Owned Surplus Equipment and transfer ownership of a Humvee Trailer to the Town of Danbury NH.

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the Municipal Services Deputy Director to sell, for the best possible price, the Surplus City Equipment reference below within this Council Agenda Report, Utilizing the State of New Hampshire Surplus Property Auction to be held on Saturday October 20, 2018.**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the motion. There was none.
**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Motion: Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the Municipal Services Deputy Director to permanently transfer a Humvee trailer to the town of Danbury NH at no cost.**
**Seconded by Councilor Brown.**

**Councilor Clarenbach commented that we currently have 3 of these trailers.**
Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There was none.
**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item VII.**

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #05-19, appropriating Opioid Grant Funds.

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing on Resolution #05-19, on Monday 5 November 2018 at 6:05 PM in Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding accepting the Law enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Tilton and Northfield Police Departments.**
**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion on setting the public hearing. There was none.

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

## RESOLUTION #05-19

**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which began July 1, 2018, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the Police Department sought and received a 100% federal non-matching grant from the State of New Hampshire called the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant totaling $5,000 for the purpose of investigating and apprehending individuals or organizations involved in opioid related drug use and trafficking, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that the grant requirements will be fulfilled in a joint effort by Franklin, Northfield and Tilton police departments and that each department will bill and receive grant funds directly according the grant memorandum of agreement, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that Franklin police department is expected to receive approximately 1/3 of the grant funding totaling $1,667 and wishes to appropriate this funding, **Now,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 5, 2018 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 05-19 accepting the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative grant from the Office of Highway Safety in the amount of $5,000, approving the memorandum of agreement with the agencies listed above, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary paperwork and authorizing an increase in FY2019 revenues:

Grant Revenue - Police Acct. No. 01-2-103-33111-000 – One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars ($1,667),

And an increase in FY2019 expenditure accounts,

Overtime Wages – Investigations Acct. No. 01-2-102-40140-000 – One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars ($1,274),

Medicare – Investigations Acct. No. 01-2-102-40225-000 – eighteen Dollars ($18),

New Hampshire Retirement Acct. No. 01-2-102-40230-000 – Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars ($375)

By a roll call vote.

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| Councilor Barton | _____ | Councilor Desrochers | _____ | Councilor Ribas | _____ |
| Councilor Brown | _____ | Councilor Dzujna | _____ | Councilor Trudel | _____ |
| Councilor Clarenbach | _____ | Councilor Moquin | _____ | Councilor Zink | _____ |

**Agenda Item VIII.**

Other Business

1. Committee Reports – Councilor Brown provided an update on Designing Franklin's Education. There are a few concerns that need to be addressed.
   a. Clearing of the walkways and parking areas at school locations in the winter.
   b. What can we do to help the children feel proud of where they're from?
   c. Is it possible for the monthly school board meetings to take place in different schools?
   d. The Culinary Arts program is greatly missed.
   e. There is currently a cost of $1,000 to take part in the after school program. Is there funding available?

      City Manager Milner stated that resident; Thomas Field annually donates funds to the City to spend on something that wasn't appropriated. Last year, he gave the City $600.00 and that was given to the school district for art supplies. Milner stated that he has given the City $1,000.00 this year and she thinks it will be best utilized for the after school program. Milner asked the Council if anyone objects to the money being used this way. There were no objections.

   f. LEAN process discussions were also brought up with one of the parents and the experience they had through the company they worked for was incredibly. The inefficiencies uncovered and savings realized was fantastic.
   g. The Hinsdale visit: Jule Finley, Sandra Burney, and Councilor Jo Brown went together to Hinsdale to meet with Karen Thompson who won an award this year for her program there. Karen was happy to review her 5-year program with our team. If Franklin was to make some changes and operate similar to Hinsdale, we would need

a full-time ELO teacher to run the program correctly. Councilor Brown stated that this is something that would need to get into the budget for next year. Brown stated that they have offered to come here to City Hall on November 29th from 8am-2pm and have a couple of students and their mentors do a presentation on how their program in Hinsdale has grown. During this presentation, Councilor Brown stated that she and her team have pulled together some financial information and could share that out as well.

2. Resignations –
   a. **Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the City Council accept the resignation of Franklin School Board member, Paul Doucette.**
      **Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**
      **All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

3. City Manager's Update – Judie Milner, City Manager
   a. Reminder, City Election is tomorrow. City Councilors are not required to attend all day.
   b. Contingent Grant Line had NO activity for the month.
   c. Welcome Frankl Lossani, New Finance Director! He comes to us from Cross Roads School in Massachusetts. He also brings experience as the previous CFO of the Audubon Society, the Bar Association, and the Northfield Spaulding Youth Center.
   d. City Manager Milner stated that the Council needs to set a date to Canvas the Votes for tomorrow's election. Per the rules, this can't be done before Friday 10/5/18, 5PM. The latest is Tuesday, October 9th (Monday 10/8 is a holiday). The Council agreed on Friday evening at 5PM.
   e. The Economic Development Workshop scheduled for October 29th will be held in the Library. Milner stated that the focus will be on Rebranding, 20 Canal Street, and Mill City Park. Milner was excited to share a new announced that the City of Franklin was awarded $400K from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Mill City Park development. Reminder to the Council that a TAP Grant was also submitted for approximately $700K which would go toward the Trestle Bridge Project.
   f. The CAP office is moving into the Old Finance Office at City Hall (temporarily) on 11/1/18. They are expecting to stay for approximately 6 months until construction at their new location on Elkins Street is complete.
   g. City Manager Milner is hosting a Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 24th. The Focus will be on Adequacy Funding with all the potential candidates in our two districts. Without any objections from the Council, it will be held in the Opera House.
   h. Central Street maintenance paving has been an important topic and Milner stated that GMI had signed a contract with the City 3 years ago so discussions to replace a couple of other road projects and shift work to Central Street has been occurring. Milner continued that there was a one-time funding that was encumbered from last year which came from the State of New Hampshire Block Fund that the City didn't spend by year-end. In addition to that, the City didn't spend the entire

encumbrance from the year before for paving. City Manager Milner was able to work with GMI and amend the contract so paving of Central Street can begin sometime next week. It will start at Daniel Bridge to the Tilton Town line and be done mainly at night.

Council approved $100K from the Transportation Fund this evening so that money will address the two roads (paving for Prospect St. and New Hampton Rd.) that were shifted away for the Central Street paving.

i. Tax Deeded Property and Demolition Update. The building on Memorial Street has been torn down. Business owners and residents are liking the view down Memorial street where they can now see the beautiful refurbished Mill Buildings and look out and beyond to the other Mill Buildings.

Milner stated that 77 School Street and 61 Lark Street have been demolished. 74-76 River Street is planned to be demolished in the next few days then wrapping up the demos with 31 Church Street. There will be more tax deeded properties coming forward for disposal.

4. LEAN Process – Strategic Plan/ Vision & Mission Statement update was rescheduled to Tuesday, October 16th at 5PM at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. This will be a roll up your sleeves kind of evening for the Council. The goal is to have everyone (including the Presenter, Richard Ellert) understanding the Vision & Mission before he starts working with the other departments.
5. The MS1 was completed today (deadline). This is the document that is required to be submitted to DRA to report on City's Assessed Values. This is part of the Tax Setting process. Milner stated that she had not had a chance yet to verify the numbers but stay tuned. She will provide an update to the Council on this.
6. Donations (Accepting) for the School District, the Council previously talked about starting a Trust Fund that sits with the Trustees of the Trust Fund and would be appropriated every year during the budget process. She asked the Council, before she creates a resolution (so the trustees can use it to disperse funds every year), does the Council want to go in that direction and if yes, what type of criteria should be put in place for those types of funds.

   Councilor Dzujna stated that he has heard people talking about this as well and agrees that it is a good idea.

   Councilor Brown also agrees that it's a good idea. She didn't think that there should be any limits on it per say and allow the school to decide on how to best use the money. Rather than raise taxes for everyone, for those that have the ability to donate extra money toward this, by all means, it would be great.

   City Manager Milner stated that without Council objections, she will bring a resolution forward at the next Council Meeting.

Councilor Zink asked if the opening for the School Board was posted on the City's website and when is that deadline. City Manager Milner stated that it is out there on the City's website. No-one has come forward yet.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved to enter into Non-Public according to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against this board or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.**
**Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Absent** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**All in Favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Entered into Non-Public at 7:36PM**

**Motion – Councilor Trudel moved to leave Non-Public and return to Public Session.**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

**Public Session reconvened at 7:46PM**

**Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Councilor Barton** | **Absent** | **Councilor Dzujna** | **Yes** | **Councilor Ribas** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Clarenbach** | **Yes** | **Councilor Brown** | **Yes** | **Councilor Trudel** | **Yes** |
| **Councilor Desrochers** | **Yes** | **Councilor Moquin** | **Yes** | **Councilor Zink** | **Yes** |

**All in Favor to seal the minutes. Motion PASSED.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Clarenbach.**
**Seconded by Councilor Ribas.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:47PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo

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# City Council Meeting
# October 5, 2018

## Call to Order

Mayor Tony Giunta called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 5:01 p.m.

## In Attendance

Mayor Tony Giunta, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Vincent Ribas, Councilor Heather Moquin, Councilor Paul Trudel, and Councilor Olivia Zink.
Others in attendance: City Manager Judie Milner, Deputy Clerk Marie Morang.
*Absent:* Councilor Steve Barton, Councilor George Dzujna

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Moquin

## Agenda Item I.

**Canvas of the votes from the City Election on October 2nd, 2018**

**Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council accept the return of votes and declare the following elected:**
**Motion seconded by Councilor Trudel**

Mayor Giunta asked for the results to be read.

The following results were read aloud by Councilor Desrochers for Ward I, Ward II, and Ward III:

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# CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD I

CITY ELECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 2, 2018

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1855

Ballots Cast- 150

Voter Turnout- 8%

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**CITY COUNCIL**

***THREE Years***

**Jo Brown (Incumbent)- 114**

Kristi Trudel- 10

Scatter- 8

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**SCHOOL BOARD**

***Three Years***

**Delaney Carrier (Incumbent)- 124**

Scatter- 6

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**MODERATOR**

***Two Years***

**Steven D. Foley (Incumbent)- 142**

Scatter-0

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**WARD CLERK**

***Two Years***

**Jeremy Micah Denlea- 131**

Scatter-1

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**SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST**

***Six Years***

**Nita E. Tomaszewski (Incumbent)- 134**

Scatter- 1

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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**Signature of City Clerk**

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# CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD II

CITY ELECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 2, 2018

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1469

Ballots Cast- 201

Voter Turnout- 14%

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**SKIP – Recount scheduled for 10/10/18**

**CITY COUNCIL**

***THREE Years***

**Karen Testerman- 99**

Olivia Zink (Incumbent)-98

Scatter - 3

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**SCHOOL BOARD**

***Three Years***

**Susan Hallett-Cook (Incumbent)-159**

Scatter-3

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**MODERATOR**

***Two Years***

**Tamara J. Feener (Incumbent)- 167**

Scatter-2

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**WARD CLERK**

***Two Years***

**Janet Desrochers (Incumbent)-169**

Scatter-2

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**SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST**

***Six Years***

***Write- in Marisa Carter – 4***

Scatter- 11

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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**Signature of City Clerk**

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# CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD III

CITY ELECTION RESULTS

OCTOBER 2, 2018

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1973

Ballots Cast- 132

Voter Turnout- 7%

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**CITY COUNCIL**

***THREE Years***

**Scott Clarenbach (Incumbent)- 131**

Scatter - 0

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**SCHOOL BOARD**

***Three Years***

**Deborah L. Brown (Incumbent)- 117**

Scatter-2

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**MODERATOR**

***Two Years***

**Cameron M. Temple (Incumbent)- 125**

Scatter-0

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**WARD CLERK**

***Two Years***

**Meri-lynn Banton (Incumbent)- 123**

Scatter-0

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**SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST**

***Six Years***

**Daniel Darling- 125**

Scatter- 0

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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**Signature of City Clerk**

Mayor Giunta asked for discussion. There was none.

**Motion: Councilor Brown moved to accept the votes.**
**Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**
**6 in Favor. 1 Abstention.**
**Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item II.**

**Other Business: Mayoral Appointment**

Mayor Giunta appointed Michael Mullavey to the Conservation Commission (Seat CC2), Term of service is 3 years from October 2018 to October 2021.

**Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Trudel.**
**Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.**
**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Audrey Lanzillo**

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM II

**Subject: School Board Report**

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**The Superintendent will provide a monthly report to the Mayor and City Council.**

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM III

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**
**COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
October 27, 2018

**From:** Judie Milner, City Manager

**Subject:** Council to consider change in Elderly Exemptions of Assessed Value

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**Suggested Motion:**

November 5, 2018

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance 04-19 an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 272, Taxation, Article III Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemptions, 272-3 Designated Amounts; Qualifications with regard to the elderly assessment exemptions amounts and qualifying income thresholds.".

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call vote.

**Discussion:**

The City assessors have just completed our cyclical revaluation this year. For several reasons but mostly because the City's prior revaluation (5 years ago) was during the recession where market values drastically dropped, the results of this revaluation is a significant increase in assessed values. Assessing recently brought to my attention that several of the City's elderly, particularly elderly over the age of 80, will be receiving tax bills (some significant) for the first time in several years. These individuals who are on a fixed income would have 30 days to pay in some cases $1000+ bills. The last time elderly exemptions were change was 13 years ago. In addition, because the City has not adjusted income levels in at least 13 years either, some elderly will no longer be eligible for an exemption and will pay several thousands of dollars that they were not expecting to pay in December.

Compared to the average of Merrimack County municipalities, Franklin is significantly lower in several of the income and exemption categories.

As the Council knows its customary, not necessary, for the council to set a public hearing in a public meeting. In certain circumstances, the Mayor, past and present, have authorized public hearings outside meetings but within the notification requirements for posting. I asked Mayor Giunta to authorize this public hearing because, if the ***tax rate is set,*** the Council will not have an opportunity to address this issue for the current tax year. Notification requirements for this public hearing were met.

In addition, I presented changes that would keep the elderly status quo from the previous year. I don't expect the Council will make these big changes in exemption and income thresholds but wanted to advertise the highest change as the Council can always reduce numbers without another public hearing but may not increase the numbers without another public hearing which could push tax rate setting off until December.

I will present the Council some scenarios to consider. These scenarios are not included in the public packet because they contain an estimated tax rate **NOT APPROVED** by DRA for the current tax year. Because it is an unapproved rate, scenarios will be management only documents. In addition, the estimated tax rate will change depending on the Council's action with this ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This change does not affect total taxes collected but rather the total assessed value by which the tax rate is set.

**Alternatives:**

Leave elderly exemptions and income thresholds unchanged and possible offer those who cannot come up with the taxes the following options:

1) Payment plan (total taxes must be paid by the lien date giving them an additional 4 months to pay)
2) Public Assistance – Welfare may be able to assist with other bills to free up funding for taxes – subject to welfare application and guidelines
3) Optional tax deferral under RSA 72:38a – liens the property for the amount of taxes but accrues 5% per year (deferrals cannot exceed 85% of the properties equity).

**Attachments/Exhibits:**

Ordinance 04-19

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**ORDINANCE #04-19**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen;**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 272, Taxation, Article III Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemptions, 272-3 Designated Amounts; Qualifications with regard to the elderly assessment exemptions amounts and qualifying income thresholds be changed as follows **(bold additional language,** strikethrough for deleted language):

The optional adjusted elderly exemptions shall be, for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $~~25,600~~ 46,000~~00~~; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $~~64,100~~ 69,700; for a person 80 years of age or older $~~109.900~~ 160,300. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $~~21,700~~ 30,250 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $~~29,600~~ 37,750, and own net assets not in excess of $74,300 excluding the value of the person's residence. Under no circumstances shall the amounts of the exemption for any age category be less than $5,000.

Change to be effective April 1, 2018 by a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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| Councilor Barton | _____ | Councilor Desrochers | _____ | Councilor Ribas | _____ |
| Councilor Brown | _____ | Councilor Dzujna | _____ | Councilor Trudel | _____ |
| Councilor Clarenbach | _____ | Councilor Moquin | _____ | Councilor Zink | _____ |

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remain in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

**In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 5th at 6pm in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding Ordinance 04-19, proposing an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 272, Taxation, Article III Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemptions, 272-3 Designated Amounts; Qualifications with regard to the elderly assessment exemptions amounts and qualifying income thresholds.**

**Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.**

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM IV

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**
**COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
*City Council Meeting 5 November 2018*

**From:** Chief David Goldstein, City of Franklin Police Chief

**Subject:** City Council to consider the approval of Resolution # 05-19, increasing revenue and expenditure accounts based on the awarding of a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety for the Franklin Police Department in the amount of $5,000.00.

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**Recommended motions:**

**October 1, 2018**

Councilor moves: "***I move that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing on Resolution #05-19, on Monday 5 November 2018 at 6:05 pm in Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding accepting the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative grant in the amount of Five Thousand dollars, and approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Tilton and Northfield Police Departments***
Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

**November 5, 2018**

Councilor moves: "***I move that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #05-19 accepting the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative grant in the amount of Five Thousand dollars, approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Tilton and Northfield Police Departments.***
Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the roll call vote.

**Discussion:**

The Franklin Police Department has been awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police, for the purpose of investigating and apprehending individuals or organizations that are involved in opioid related drug use and trafficking in the amount of 5,000 dollars.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The grant does not have a match. There is no monetary impact to the city of Franklin. The execution of the grant is expected to be split with the Tilton and Northfield Police Departments.

**Alternatives:**

The City of Franklin declines to approve the grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police (Operation Granite Hammer).

**Attachments:**

Grant Award
Grant Agreement
Memorandum of Agreement
Resolution 05-19

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# RESOLUTION #05-19

**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2019.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which began July 1, 2018, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the Police Department sought and received a 100% federal non-matching grant from the State of New Hampshire called the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant totaling $5,000 for the purpose of investigating and apprehending individuals or organizations involved in opioid related drug use and trafficking, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that the grant requirements will be fulfilled in a joint effort by Franklin, Northfield and Tilton police departments and that each department will bill and receive grant funds directly according the grant memorandum of agreement, **and;**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that Franklin police department is expected to receive approximately 1/3 of the grant funding totaling $1,667 and wishes to appropriate this funding, **Now,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 5, 2018 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 05-19 accepting the Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative grant from the Office of Highway Safety in the amount of $5,000, approving the memorandum of agreement with the agencies listed above, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary paperwork and authorizing an increase in FY2019 revenues:

Grant Revenue - Police Acct. No. 01-2-103-33111-000 – One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars ($1,667),

And an increase in FY2019 expenditure accounts,

Overtime Wages – Investigations Acct. No. 01-2-102-40140-000 – One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars ($1,274),

Medicare – Investigations Acct. No. 01-2-102-40225-000 – eighteen Dollars ($18),

New Hampshire Retirement Acct. No. 01-2-102-40230-000 – Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars ($375)

**By a roll call vote.**

**Roll Call:**

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| Councilor Barton | _____ | Councilor Desrochers | _____ | Councilor Ribas | _____ |
| Councilor Brown | _____ | Councilor Dzujna | _____ | Councilor Trudel | _____ |
| Councilor Clarenbach | _____ | Councilor Moquin | _____ | Councilor Zink | _____ |

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remain in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.
A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING**

**In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding Resolution #05-19, the acceptance of a Law Enforcement Opioid Abuse Reduction Initiative Grant in the amount of Five Thousand dollars, and approving the Memorandum of Agreement with Tilton and Northfield Police Departments.**

**Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office, via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.**

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM V

**Motions:**

**November 5, 2018**

Councilor moves, "I move the City of Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00pm regarding resolution 07-19 establishing a trust fund for donations to the Franklin School District Operating Budget.".

Mayor ask for a second, discussion and vote.

**December 3, 2018**

Councilor moves, "I move the City of Franklin City Council adopt Resolution 07-19 establishing a trust fund in the custody of the City's Trustees of Trusts Funds for donations to the Franklin School District Operating Budget.".

Mayor asks for a second, discussion and roll call vote.

**Discussion:**

Several residents came forward asking to pay more for the benefit of the Franklin School District.

At the October 1, 2018 City Council meeting, City Manager Milner asked for and received general consensus from the Council to provide a mechanism under State RSA to accept such donations from residents for consideration of the Council at a future Council meeting.

**Attachments/Exhibits:**

Resolution 07-19

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**RESOLUTION #07-19**

**A Resolution Relating to the authorization for the City of Franklin to establish an expendable trust fund for donations toward the school district's operating budget.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen,**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin acknowledges the desire of several residents to donate funding for the use of the Franklin school district, and;

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to establish a trust fund to be under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds in accordance with New Hampshire RSA chapter 31 for the purpose of maintaining the donations for the school district for appropriation in the annual budget process or supplemental appropriation thereof, and;

**WHEREAS,** the City Council wishes this trust fund to be known as "Franklin School District Operating Fund", **Now**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that at the scheduled meeting of the Franklin City Council on Monday, December 3, 2018, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 07-19 authorizing the City of Franklin Trustee of Trusts Funds to establish a new trust fund titled Franklin School District Operating Fund for the purpose of appropriating revenue derived from such fund to support the operations of the Franklin School District

**By a roll call vote.**

**Roll Call:**

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| Councilor Barton | _____ | Councilor Desrochers | _____ | Councilor Ribas | _____ |
| Councilor Brown | _____ | Councilor Dzujna | _____ | Councilor Trudel | _____ |
| Councilor Clarenbach | _____ | Councilor Moquin | _____ | Councilor Zink | _____ |

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remain in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____

City Clerk

Date: _____

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM VI

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**
**COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
October 27, 2018

**From:** Judie Milner, City Manager

**Subject:** Consulting Agreement – Richard Ellert

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**Recommendation:**
I recommend the City Council approve the consulting agreement with Richard Ellert.

**Suggested Motions:**
Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council approve the consulting agreement with Richard Ellert and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.".

Mayor asks for a second, discussion and vote.

**Discussion:**
Mr. Ellert who is a LEAN process expert has recently moved to Franklin and offered to provide his services pro bono to assist the City in developing a vision, strategic plan to provide City wide direction and efficiencies through the LEAN Map process. Mr. Ellert is willing to provide 4 hours of service per week for 6 months. After the PILOT process with the Fire Department it became evident that the for-profit lean map process would not work for municipalities because of the unique differences such as municipalities are service oriented not profit oriented and the paramilitary environments of police and fire to name a few. Mr. Ellert is willing to develop a municipal version of the LEAN Map but wishes it to remain proprietary for him to use with other potential clients.

Therefore, Paul Fitzgerald drafted the attached consulting agreement between the City and Mr. Ellert. Mr. Ellert has approved the agreement as well.

**Fiscal Impact:**
Mr. Ellert's services will save the City an estimated $250,000 for a City-wide efficiency study as recommended to the Council in the FY2019 budget process. The City's full cooperation is necessary to achieve the desired results and benefits of this LEAN Map process.

**Alternatives:**
Do not move forward with the Citywide LEAN process.

**Attachments/Exhibits:**
Consulting Agreement

# CONSULTING AGREEMENT

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
**316 CENTRAL STREET**
**FRANKLIN, NH 03235**

**AND**

**RICHARD S. ELLERT**
**D/B/A LEANMAP**
**71 HILL ROAD**
**FRANKLIN, NH 03235**

AGREEMENT made this ____ day of ~~October~~ NOVEMBER, 2018 by and between the City of Franklin, a New Hampshire municipality with a place of business of 316 Central Street, Franklin, New Hampshire 03235 (hereinafter referred to as "City") and Richard Ellert, d/b/a LeanMap, with a mailing address of 71 Hill Road, Franklin, New Hampshire 03235 (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

1. **Scope of Project.** Consultant will create, for the exclusive benefit of the City, a LeanMap product as described on the LeanMap website (www.leanmap.com) as of October 16, 2018. Consultant will analyze all aspects of municipal services in their current state and will thereafter provide recommendations to the City, in LeanMap form, designed to increase the efficiency and the delivery of those services and the satisfaction of the consumer (generally the residents of the City of Franklin or other members of the public) with the receipt and quality of such services. Efficiencies to be sought shall include, but not be limited to, the elimination of waste (material, time, energy or other form), increased speed of service delivery and the simplification of service delivery. Consultant shall, where possible, also make recommendations designed to reduce the cost of service delivery without negatively impacting the quality of service delivery.

2. **Time.** The date for project completion shall be May 1, 2019.

3. **Cost.** Consultant shall furnish the LeanMap product to the City for the sum of One Dollar ($1.00). Additionally, the Consultant may use the LeanMap produced in conjunction with this project in the promotion of his business in an effort to establish a business or marketing plan for the providing of LeanMapping services to other municipalities or government agencies. The Consultant shall be furnished no additional compensation or expense reimbursement unless specifically agreed to in writing between the Consultant and the City. Consultant shall provide the City with a total of no more

than sixteen (16) hours per month for a period of six (6) months from the date of the execution of this Agreement within the compensation format discussed above. If there is a need to exceed this limitation, the parties agree that they will negotiate appropriate additional compensation or the Agreement may, at the option of either party, be terminated.

4. **Proprietary Information.** The City acknowledges that the creation of the product as described above will require the utilization of proprietary processes and information owned, developed or otherwise within the control of the Consultant. The City shall not, without the express written approval of Consultant, release any information regarding such processes as are utilized to create the LeanMap with the exception of the final product furnished by the Consultant to the City.

   Nothing in this section shall preclude the City from responding appropriately to any request for information received pursuant to RSA 91-A (New Hampshire's "Right-To-Know Act") or other similar legislation or regulation.

5. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other.

6. **Amendment.** No term or provision of this Agreement shall be altered, amended or changed in any way except in writing, with such amendment being executed by the parties hereto.

7. **Entire Agreement.** It is agreed that all understandings and representations heretofore between the parties are merged into this Agreement, which alone fully and completely expresses their agreement and that the same is entered into after full investigation, neither party relying upon any statement or representation not embodied in this Agreement.

8. **Agreement Binding.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and be to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the respective parties.

9. **Assignment**. No party shall assign any obligation under this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.

10. **Governing Law.** This contract shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New Hampshire. It is specifically agreed that the courts of the State of New Hampshire shall have jurisdiction over any dispute arising herefrom.

11. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes but all of which shall constitute one in the same agreement.

12. **Approval.** This Agreement was approved by action of the Franklin City Council dated ~~October~~ ___, 2018.
    NOVEMBER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Date: ~~October~~ NOVEMBER __, 2018

City of Franklin, New Hampshire

By: _____
Judie Milner, City Manager
Duly Authorized

Date: ~~October~~ NOVEMBER __, 2018

By: _____
Richard S. Ellert
d/b/a LeanMap

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM VII

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**
**COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
*October 27, 2018*

**From:** Judie Milner, City Manager

**Subject:** City Council to consider disposition of 77 School Street Tax Acquired Property

**Recommendation:**

Pursuant to RSA 47:5, the City can dispose of property at any time. I suggest that the City Council authorize the City Manager to dispose of 77 School Street to an abutter through a bid process.

The options available to the Council include:

- Auction
- Bid Process
- Direct Sale

**Suggested Motion:**

Councilor moves, "I move to authorize the City Manager to dispose of the following property, with the condition that the successful bidder must merge the property with their existing property within 60 days of closing, to an abutter through a bid process with a minimum bid amount of $1,000 and to further execute all closing documents required for the conclusion of the referenced sale:

| Map/Lot# | Location | Recommended Minimum Bid |
|---|---|---|
| 117-068-00 | 77 School Street | 1,000.00 |

Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and the roll call vote.

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**Discussion:**

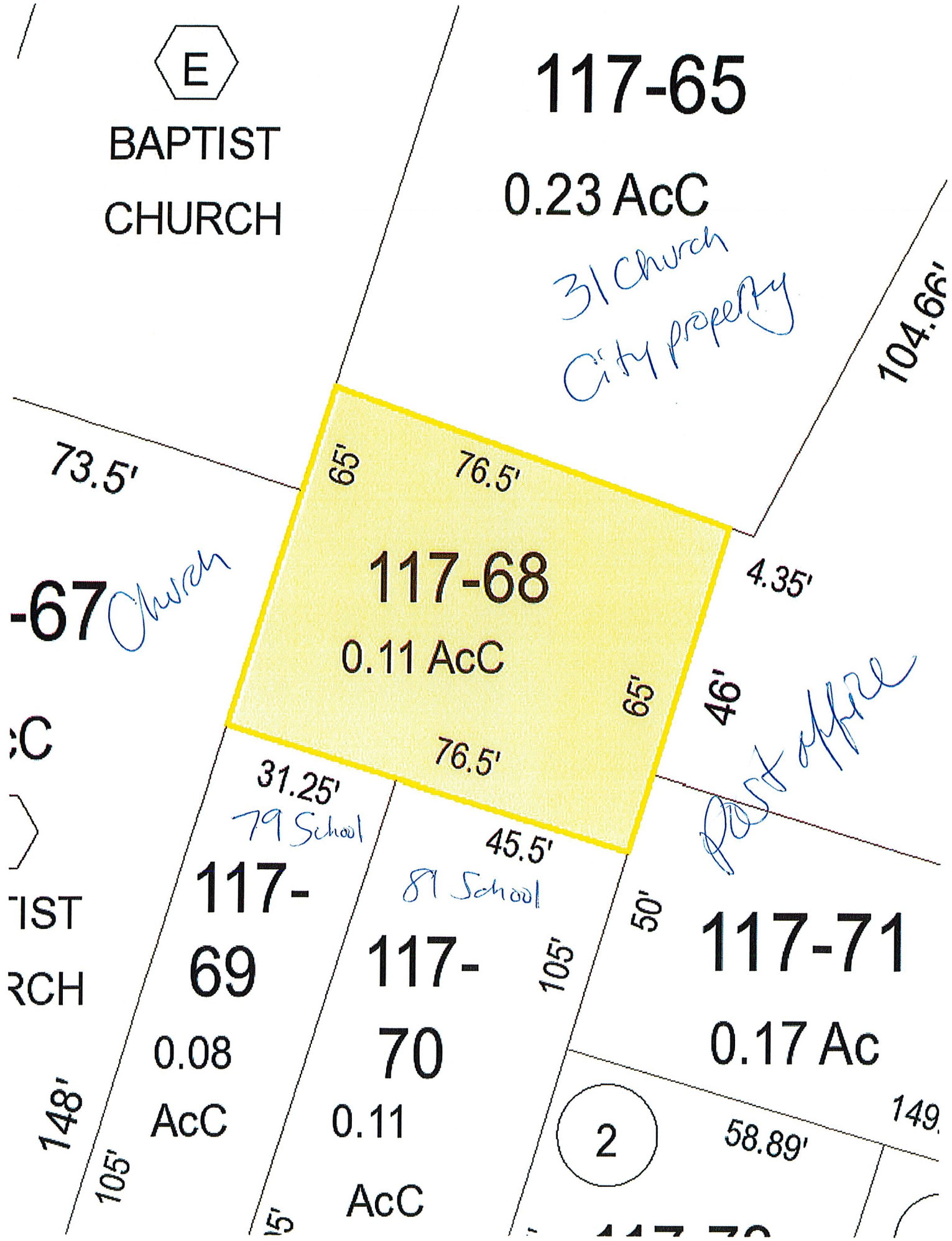
77 School Street was taken for taxes in 2017 in poor condition and recently demolished by the City. It's an .110 landlocked parcel located in between the homes at 79/81 School Street and the City owned property that burned at 31 Church Street. Other abutters are the US Post office and the Baptist Church. Although the City will not recover the back taxes and penalties (totaling $20,132.16) or demolition costs ($9,500), the property is located in a section of the City that has little to no off-street parking. The hope is to create some room for parking off street for abutting properties while the City has the opportunity to do so.

All bids to be submitted to city hall and to remain sealed until the public opening date. All abutters to be notified. The bid will be open to the abutters. The bid process to be published in the newspaper and all normal city posting locations (including the website).

The goal is to get the property back on the tax rolls, recoup some of our expenses, solve some parking issues in the neighborhood and begin collecting taxes on the property once again.

**Fiscal Impact:** Selling the property will place it back on the tax rolls

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Tax card (may not be updated for recent demo yet)
Map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## OWNER INFORMATION

**FRANKLIN, CITY OF**

316 CENTRAL STREET

FRANKLIN, NH 03235

## SALES HISTORY

| Date | Book | Page | Type | Price | Grantor |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 07/14/2017 | 3563 | 182 | U I 50 | 1 | SCREETON, DAVID P |
| 04/23/2014 | 3437 | 932 | U I 35 | 47,500 | GEORGE, JOHN P? |
| 04/03/2013 | 3383 | 124 | U I 51 | 1 | ? |
| 08/06/2001 | 2286 | 0540 | Q I | 70,000 | ? |

## PICTURE

## LISTING HISTORY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 05/06/15 | RD | FIELD REVIEW |
| 05/05/15 | JS | INFO AT DOOR |
| 10/06/10 | GP | ENT. GAINED |

## NOTES

WHT; LOCATED BEHIND #79; ACC TILE CEILS, 1940-50'S KIT, SOME HW FLRS; 1 BTH RENO'D IN 70'S, CINDER BLOCK BSMT; 2001 NEW BTH, CARPETS & WINDOWS; 11/04 COUPLE VINYL WINDOWS, PLASTIC ON SOME WINDOWS; EXT NEEDS PAINT; 10/10 ROOF & SIDING=AVG, NEWER VINYL WINDOWS=GD; KIT=OLD STYLE, 1 BTH=NEWER VANITY, 2ND BTH-OLD FIXTS, X-SINK IN BSMT; 5/15 INFO/DOOR; SIDING=POOR/SEVERE PEELING & SOME MISSING, ROOF=AVG/FR; PR LOC;

## EXTRA FEATURES VALUATION

| Feature Type | Units | Lngth x Width | Size Adj | Rate | Cond | Market Value | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

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## PARCEL TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE

| Year | Building | Features | Land |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2016 | $ 66,500 | $ 0 | $ 22,700 |
| | | Parcel Total: | $ 89,200 |
| 2017 | $ 66,500 | $ 0 | $ 22,700 |
| | | Parcel Total: | $ 89,200 |
| **2018** | **$ 1,300** | **$ 0** | **$ 54,500** |
| | | **Parcel Total:** | **$ 55,800** |

## LAND VALUATION

**Zone:** R3W&S **Minimum Acreage:** 0.34 **Minimum Frontage:** 100 **Site:** FAIR **Driveway:** PAVED **Road:** PAVED

| Land Type | Units | Base Rate | NC | Adj | Site | Road | DWay | Topography | Cond | Ad Valorem | SPI | R | Tax Value | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EXEMPT-MUNIC | 0.110 ac | 60,384 | E | 100 | 95 | 100 | 100 | 100 -- LEVEL | 95 | 54,500 | 0 | N | 54,500 | ROW ACC |
| | **0.110 ac** | | | | | | | | | 54,500 | | | **54,500** | |

Map Sheet: N8

Map: 000117 Lot: 000068 Sub: 000000 Card: 1 of 1 77 SCHOOL STREET FRANKLIN Printed: 10/29/2018

## PICTURE

## OWNER

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316 CENTRAL STREET

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## TAXABLE DISTRICTS

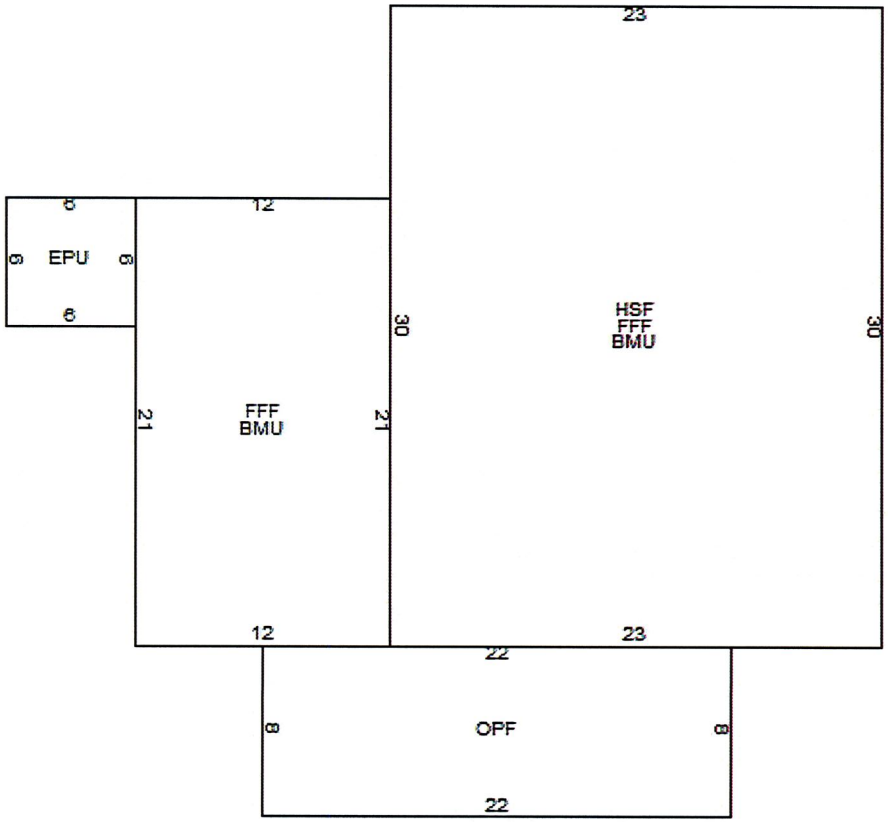
| District | Percentage |
|---|---|

## PERMITS

| Date | Permit ID | Permit Type | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|

## BUILDING DETAILS

Model: **1.5 STORY OLD STYLE**
Roof: **GABLE OR HIP/ASPHALT**
Ext: **CLAP BOARD**
Int: **PLASTERED/DRYWALL**
Floor: **CARPET/HARDWOOD**
Heat: **GAS/FA DUCTED**
Bedrooms: **3** Baths: **2.0** Fixtures: **7**
Extra Kitchens: Fireplaces:
A/C: **No** Generators:
Quality: **A1 AVG+10**
Com. Wall:
Size Adj: **1.0434** Base Rate: **EHS 80.00**
Bldg. Rate: **1.0910**
Sq. Foot Cost: **$ 87.28**




## BUILDING SUB AREA DETAILS

| ID | Description | Area | Adj. | Effect. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| HSF | 1/2 STRY FIN | 690 | 0.50 | 345 |
| FFF | FST FLR FIN | 942 | 1.00 | 942 |
| BMU | BSMNT | 942 | 0.15 | 141 |
| OPF | OPEN PORCH | 176 | 0.25 | 44 |
| EPU | COVERED BSMNT | 36 | 0.35 | 13 |
| **GLA:** | **1,287** | **2,786** | | **1,485** |

## 2018 BASE YEAR BUILDING VALUATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Market Cost New: | | **$ 129,611** |
| Year Built: | | **1890** |
| Condition For Age: | FAIR | **34 %** |
| Physical: | PEND DEMO | **50 %** |
| Functional: | | |
| Economic: | LOCATION | **15 %** |
| Temporary: | | |
| Total Depreciation: | | **99 %** |
| Building Value: | | **$ 1,300** |

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

# AGENDA ITEM VIII

Date: October 29, 2018

From: Judie Milner, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Update

1) **Contingent Grant Line Activity**
   $5,361 HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) funding from LRGH
   $1,010 Active Shooter Fire Training from State of NH

2) **Economic Development Workshop reschedule – 11/26?**

3) **Thank You Town of Tilton**

4) **CAP Office Update**

5) **NH Representatives & Senators candidate forum with Northfield**

6) **Central Street Maintenance Paving**

7) **Tax Deeded Property, Franklin Falls TIF Amendment 1 & Demolition Update**

8) **LEAN process/Strategic Plan/Vision Statement Update**

9) **USPAP Manual Available on City Website**

10) **WOW trail committee support**

11) **Hometown Heroes proposal**

12) **Non-Public needed – Suggested Motion:** Motion to go into nonpublic session according to RSA 91-A:3 II (e) consideration or negotiation of

pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.