



**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 2, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Webmeeting via Zoom**

**City Council attendance:**

	<b>Location/others present</b>
Mayor Giunta	GAR Hall/no others present in the room
Councilor Jo Brown	Home/no others present in the room
Councilor Scott Clarenbach	Home/no others present in the room
Councilor Bob Desrochers	Home/no others present in the room
Councilors George Dzujna	Home/wife Christine is present
Councilor April Bunker	Home/no others present in the room
Councilor Ted Starkweather	Home/no others present in the room
Councilor Olivia Zink	Home/no others present in the room
Councilor Paul Trudel	Home/no others present in the room
Councilor Karen Testerman	Home/no others present in the room

Others attending remotely: City Manager Judie Milner, City Department Heads, Superintendent LeGallo, School Board Chair Tim Dow, and members of the public.

Mayor Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. via Zoom. He then read the Compliant Right to Know Statement.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Testerman.

Councilor Desrochers gave recognition to the recent passing of veteran Reginald LaPlante who served in the Army National Guard and Roger Ralphs who served in the US Army. Desrochers also asked for remembrance for all our Veterans from past to present and requested a moment of silence in honor of them all.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Resolution #07-21**, a resolution to accept and appropriate \$45,000 of New Hampshire Land and Water Conservation Funds for Daniell Park Improvements.

Public hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone wanted to address the Council. There was none at this time.

The public hearing on Resolution #07-21 closed at 6:10 p.m.

**Resolution #08-21**, a resolution to accept and appropriate the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) monies for COVID-19 Expenses.

Public hearing opened at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone wanted to address the Council. There was none.

The public hearing on Resolution #08-21 closed at 6:11 p.m.

### **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.

Resident Tamara Feener, Ward 2 resident asked what the funds for Daniell Park will be used for in reference to Resolution #07-21.

Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers responded to the question and stated that the grant and matching funds raised will be used to demolish the current bathroom building and rebuild a new bathroom building and small concession stand which will include larger storage areas inside the building. The material will be mainly concrete block. The funds will also be used to purchase security cameras.

Alpers further explained that she has reached out to the Franklin School system and the softball team seeking fundraising opportunities. If further funds are needed to meet the match requirement, she will reach out to Franklin Savings Bank and other resources.

Janet Desrochers Ward 1 resident thanked the City Clerks for their hard work during this extremely busy election year. The amount of work was extreme this year. She also thanked all the election workers and volunteers for keeping up with all the absentee ballots coming in. Janet asked the Council to consider increasing next year’s budget for the Clerk’s Office.

Janet Desrochers stated that she is an election worker herself and the election workers in no way have imposed on the rights of voters by asking everyone to wear masks while voting in a separate area. She made reference to an elected official who made a few negative comments to election workers. Desrochers requested that everyone coming to the polls tomorrow, treat the election workers with respect.

Janet Desrochers also stated that the City Website was out of date and she hasn’t been receiving City Website alerts for a while so she wondered why her email dropped off somehow. She also asked how many City owned inhabitable buildings there are and what the plans are to address them.

Mayor Giunta agreed that the amount of work the City Clerk's office is doing is nothing short of herculean and thanked Janet Desrochers for her comments. He replied to Desrochers comment on courtesy stating that he would love to write a book called "The Death of Common Courtesy" because it seems as it has gone right out the window. Mayor Giunta also asked City Manager Milner to look into the City Website issues and to speak to the status of the uninhabitable City Buildings.

Milner replied that many News and Announcements have been going out so if someone had previously subscribed and no longer is receiving them, please reach out to the City Manager's secretary Audrey Lanzillo.

Milner stated that the City currently only has one tax deeded property that needs to be taken down and it is currently third on the demolition list. One is coming down per RSA 155-B court ordered, another is the City owned building on Elkins, and then the tax deeded property on West Bow Street will come down.

Tamara Feener Ward 2 resident and Election Moderator described several issues to the Mayor and City Council. The first was that due to COVID, the Ward 2 Election had to move to Bessie Rowell mainly for accessibility reasons and also to allow more space for the voting process. Feener added that the election workers have not felt as though they were welcome to be there. She stated that the election workers were not allowed to set up in the Gym until very late the evening prior to the Election which was inconvenient for the Election workers.

Feener also expressed concern over the amount of pay that the brand-new election workers receive which is the same amount as the seasoned election workers. She is very happy that new workers stepped forward but just want it to be known that the pay needs to be looked at.

Feener further stated that she likes to walk for exercise and is unhappy that some sidewalks continue to have holes and cracks in them. She also requested that the City should resume the Fall Leaves Pick-up by the municipal department. Possibly offer it to residents as a paid service and collect some revenue from just as Concord does.

Feener continued to express her opinion that a few new Councilors over the recent years have said they could do a better job but she felt that they were not doing a better job. The majority are doing a good job but others are not. She further added that the Council that her husband was on had done a good job.

Lastly, Feener stated that the notion of Ward 2 voters not being wanted at Bessie Rowell during the elections and having to continue to move it to different locations can be construed as voter suppression.

Milner replied to Feener stating that she agreed that during this challenging time, everyone needs to compromise as well as consider the COVID Safety Guidelines at a daycare facility which happens to be located at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. Parents need to go to

work and so they rely on this facility to be open. The Council agreed that this would be a temporary location. If it wasn't due to COVID, the children could have gone on a field trip during election season. Milner explained that the City is working hard to accommodate the elections as well as keeping the facility safe for the After School Programs.

Election worker pay isn't something City Clerk Gargano or the City Manager can decide upon Milner explained, however a potential fifth stipend can be discussed during the next budget cycle.

Feener continued to inform the Council that she was born and raised in Franklin, she has worked as a moderator for many years, and has asked for raises for all election workers for many years. She stated that she is a true native of New Hampshire. Her family had businesses here in Franklin for years. She would like it to be known that she has long roots here and is not just a resident passing through.

Desrochers stated that the Municipal Services Department has been patching sidewalks around the City and to let them know where repairs are needed. They can't fix it if they don't know about it.

There were no further comments from the public.

### **City Council Acknowledgement**

Councilor April Bunker acknowledged the great work that Councilor Brown and Superintendent Dan LeGallo have been doing on the Manufacturing initiatives for the schools. She stated that as a parent herself, she knows that this will have a significant pay out for the many hours of invested time it took to work on this initiative.

Councilor Dzujna acknowledged Sergeant Guerriero and K-9 Falco for their amazing work locating illegal drugs whether on people directly or in their car. Dzujna further stated that Sergeant Guerriero told him that this isn't the good guys versus the bad guys. It also provides an opportunity to get someone help that they need and get them away from what may have happened in their lives which brought them to the unfortunate incident. Dzujna further added that the Franklin Police are guardians of the residents and that they are getting it right. He would like to see an article written in the Franklin Newsletter.

Councilor Testerman thanked Officer Tracy and Sergeant Guerriero in their fundraising efforts. She also thanked Chief Goldstein and Officer Tracy for doing the radio interview which focused on the efforts of our Comfort Dog Miller and how it fits into the community.

Councilor Zink acknowledged the City Clerk's Office and all three Election Moderators, Ward Clerks, Ballot workers, Supervisors of the checklist, and those who helped out during this election season. She is grateful for all the time they spent training and staying on top of important information by reading hundreds of pages of memos from the Secretary of State's

Office during this difficult year.

### **Mayor's Update**

Mayor Giunta virtually presented the following Mayoral Proclamation to Mary “Meg” Miller proclaiming Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as Mary “Meg” Miller Day.

### **A Mayoral Proclamation in Honor of Mary “Meg” Miller**

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to bring light to the emerging need for healthcare workers, the New Hampshire Sector Partnership Initiative for Healthcare developed and launched a Healthcare Heroes campaign; AND

**WHEREAS**, Healthcare Heroes are those individuals who every hour of every day are on the job ensuring everyone is healthy, safe, and well cared for; AND

**WHEREAS**, the New Hampshire Sector Partnership Initiative through their Healthcare Heroes program has conducted an exhaustive process of identifying, nominating, and naming twelve individuals in the New Hampshire healthcare profession who stand out among their peers for the loving care they give to others; AND

**WHEREAS**, these individuals exemplify the care and commitment we see across our state as healthcare workers play such a critical role as caregivers during a pandemic that has significantly challenged us in many unprecedented ways; AND

**WHEREAS**, for her exemplary service as Executive Director of our very own Peabody Home, the New Hampshire Sector Partnership Initiative has chosen Mary “Meg” Miller as their Lakes Region Healthcare Hero;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Tony Giunta, Mayor of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> as:

#### **“Meg” Miller Day**

in the City of Franklin and urge all citizens to join with family and friends in celebrating this very special day by extending our congratulations and best wishes to Meg and all her very proud and loving Family and Friends.

*Given by my hand with the authority of the People of Franklin and under the Great Seal of Their City in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and the Independence of the United States, two hundred and forty-four.*

Proclaimed By:



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Tony Giunta, Mayor, City of Franklin

City Manager Judie Milner announced that through the continued fundraising efforts of Officer Tracy and Sergeant Guerriero, they created The Franklin Police K-9 Association, a non-profit 501-c3, which can be found at [www.franklinpdk9.com](http://www.franklinpdk9.com). Officer Tracy was present at her home with Comfort Dog Miller and explained the history of Franklin's K-9 program which dates back a number of years. Due to his dedication and never-ending support of the K-9 program, Police Chief Goldstein was surprised with a this very special Honorary Award presented by Officer Tracy. Goldstein was the first of five to receive the award. Additional Honorary Awards were presented to: Councilor Jo Brown for her instrumental dedication in the current Comfort Dog Program. Former K-9 handler Sgt. Jim Curran, who handled K-9 Erko from 1981-1985 and K-9

Bear from 1985-1987. The next recipient was Glenn Laramie for handling K-9 Bear for the next two years. The next honorary recipient was Norman “Sonny” Ashburn, who handled K-9 Karone from 1996-2000.

Mayor Giunta commended on Chief Goldstein for seeing the incredible talent between Tracy and Guerriero and that it isn’t by luck that all of this came together.

Officer Tracy commended the entire City Council for their fundraising support and belief in this program. She stated that she was very grateful for all they do.

**Agenda Item I.**

City Council to consider the minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Meeting and the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.

**Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Meeting and the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.**

**Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

Councilor Trudel requested a change on page 3; add Chamber of Commerce to the end of the reference to Lakes Region Chamber.

Councilor Zink requested clarification on page 11 under The City Manager’s Update item “h”. She stated there is a large space in between the two topics there and wondered if it belongs there or should be noted as i. and then renumber the items. City Manager Milner stated that it did belong there and was part of her update under item h.

Councilor Trudel stated that he was not present at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and would abstain from the vote.

There were no further edits requested to the meeting minutes.

Roll call to approve the minutes:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes (10/5) Abstain (10/13)	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Abstain (10/5) Yes (10/13)

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item II.**

Superintendent Dan LeGallo provided an update to the City Council.

LeGallo stated that the schools continue to operate under the hybrid model. There was one COVID positive case last week at the Middle School and moved to all remote for one day until the tracing was done and then deemed safe for students to return the day after the remote only day.

LeGallo shared that the Robotics Team held a virtual Governor's Cup Competition and Franklin won the Judge's Award for Community Service Outreach and Mental Awareness. Two Franklin High School senior students received \$2K scholarships each which was only given to six students out of the 26 teams in total.

The schools will be receiving \$185,200 in GOFERR Funds which equates to \$200 per student to help cover COVID expenses from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

The Manufacturing program will run for 9 weeks allowing the manufacturing math and the blueprint class to run back to back in the same school year. Funding to pay for these special classes will be state funded so students will not need to pay for them.

The Franklin School system just launched a new mobile application and can be found in the app store under Franklin Schools NH. This app will include news and updates from the administrators and is available to everyone.

Councilor Testerman stated that she downloaded the app and it works great and looks fantastic.

Councilor Dzujna asked if the middle school's furnace was working. LeGallo stated that it is working fine but they are having issues with the gymnasium.

Councilor Zink thanked Superintendent LeGallo for the great work this year throughout the pandemic. She stated that she received feedback from a few parents who struggle with the alternating classroom schedules and asked if there are any plans to adjust this for working parents. LeGallo replied that he speaks with the School Board every month on these topics. The school can adjust and allow certain students to go into the schools 4 days a week if necessary. He asked that parents reach out to him to discuss their needs and work through any special situations.

### **Agenda Item III.**

Council to consider approval of Resolution #07-21, a resolution to accept and appropriate \$45,000 of New Hampshire Land and Water Conservation Funds for Daniell Park Improvements.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council accepts \$45,000 from the State of New Hampshire Land and Water Conservation Fund for the renovation of the Daniell**

**Park Bath House and adopt Resolution #07-21 by a roll call vote.  
Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**RESOLUTION #07-21**

**A Resolution Relating to a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2021 beginning July 1, 2020, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the repairs and improvements needed to the Daniell Park Bath House, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, the city has been awarded a federal grant from the New Hampshire Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$45,000 for the Daniell Park Bath House which must be matched in full by the City, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, the City Parks and Recreation Department has raised the match funding through other smaller nonfederal grants, fundraising, donations, in-kind services and through the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund, **and**;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to accept and appropriate the federal grant, **now**,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #07-21 to authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate the grant funds of \$45,000 (Forty-Five Thousand Dollars), execute all grant documents and hereby authorizes the following non-lapsing appropriations,*

**An Increase in Revenue:**

Acct# 01-5-000-33110-451 Federal Capital Grant – Land & Water Conservation Fund (Daniell Park Bath House) – Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)

Acct# 01-5-000-35085-451 Donations-Daniell Park Bath House- Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)

**An Increase in Expenditures:**

Acct# 01-9-012-40720-451 Buildings CO- Daniell Park Bath House – Ninety Thousand dollars (\$90,000)

**By a roll call vote.**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item IV.**

Council to consider approval of Resolution #08-21, a resolution to accept and appropriate



Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery monies through the CARES Act of COVID-19 expenses.

**Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council adopts resolution #08-21 appropriating up to amount received of federal grant money under the CARES act allocated to Franklin through the Governor's Office of Emergency Relief & Recovery. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

Councilor Zink asked if the City is receiving the full \$206,402 or is this based on a state formula. Milner replied that the amount shown is the maximum allocation allowed based on a state formula.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

**RESOLUTION #08-21**

**A Resolution Relating to a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2021 beginning July 1, 2020, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the State of Emergency due to Covid-19 pandemic, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin will be awarded \$206,402 in federal CARES Act grant monies through the State of NH through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) to offset expenses incurred due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to appropriate the GOFERR funds, now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 2, 2020, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #08-21 to authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate the grant funds*

**An Increase in Revenue:**

Federal Grants Operating- Covid 19 Acct. No. 01-0-000-33111-123, *amount received from the GOFERR fund.*

**An Increase in Expenditure:**

Federal Government Operating Supplies- Covid 19 Expense Acct. No 01-1-991-40610-123, *amount received from the GOFERR fund.*

**By a roll call vote:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item V.**

Council to consider the authorization of the Fire Department to sell their gas kitchen range and use the proceeds to purchase a new kitchen range.

**Motion – Councilor Testerman moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the Fire Department Administration to sell the fire station’s natural gas kitchen range. It is the goal that the proceeds from this sale will be used to offset the cost of the new fire station kitchen range.**

**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**Roll call:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item VI.**

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #09-21, a resolution to accept and appropriate \$720,613 of additional adequacy revenue, grant revenue, and prior year fund balance to the Franklin School District FY21 budget.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for 6 p.m. on December 7, 2020 regarding Resolution #09-21 appropriating \$453,018 to the Franklin School District Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and appropriating \$267,595 to the Franklin School District for the Department of Justice Programs – STOP School Violence Federal Grant Award. To be read in title in only.**

**Seconded by Councilor Brown.**

Councilor Zink asked what the acronym NABITA stands for. Councilor Bunker replied that it stands for the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association.

**Roll call:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

Mayor Giunta read Resolution #09-21 in title only.

**A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept and Appropriate \$720,613 of additional funding for the Franklin School District for Fiscal Year 2021.**

**Agenda Item VII.**

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #10-21, approving the expenditure of \$10,132 from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Expendable Trust Fund for the purchase of a new Pentheon Combination Extrication Tool.

**Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing date for 6:00 p.m. on December 7, 2020 for Resolution #10-21, approving an expenditure of \$10,132 from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Expendable Trust Fund. This expenditure will be utilized for the purchase of a new Pentheon Combination Extrication Tool. To be read in title only.**

**Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.**

**Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.**

**Roll call:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

Mayor Giunta read Resolution #10-21 in title only.

**A Resolution Relating to a supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021.**

**Agenda Item VIII.**

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Ordinance #04-21, an update to the Franklin Municipal Code Chapter 21, Article I “Fire Hydrants”, sections 21-1 and 21-2.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing date for 6:00 p.m. at the December 7, 2020 meeting of the City Council for Ordinance #04-21. Adoption of Ordinance #04-21 will result in the update to the City Municipal Code Chapter 21, Article 1, Fire Hydrants, Sections 21-1 and section 21-2.**  
**Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**Roll call:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item IX.**

Council to consider approval of an order pursuant to RSA 155B for 90 Pleasant Street.

**Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council move forward with an order pursuant to RSA 155B for 90 Pleasant Street in the interest of public safety and health and authorize the Mayor to execute the order on behalf of the City.**

**Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**Roll call:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item X.**

Council to consider the City Manager to apply for a Land and Water \$400K Grant for Mill City Park.

**Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for a \$400,000 grant through Land & Water Conservation Fund for the construction of water features in the river at Mill City Park.**

**Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**Roll Call:**

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Agenda Item XI**

**Other Business**

1. Mayoral appointments:
  - a. Mayor Giunta appointed Eric Lessard to the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force. Term of service is two years to January 2022.
  - b. Mayor Giunta appointed John Neff to the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force. Term of service is two years to January 2022.

- c. Mayor Giunta welcomed Eric and John and stated that they will make a difference by joining the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force.
- 2. Committee Reports:
  - a. Councilor Bunker provided an update on the School Liaison meeting which was held last week. She stated that most of the items that they discussed were topics that were discussed in tonight's Council meeting. She stated that the meeting went very well and believes it was a great start to collaborating with the schools. During the meeting, they discussed the school's new "app" for anyone to download. Bunker stated that Superintendent LeGallo offered the City to reach out to the school's IT professional if the City is interested in creating a similar app. They also discussed the desire for more transparency from the school. Manufacturing, apprenticeship programs, shared priorities, Running Start with LLRC, and Portrait of a Graduate were also discussed. There was also an update from the Mayor's Drug Task Force.

Mayor Giunta stated that he is very excited to do his upcoming interview for the Portrait of a Graduate.

There were no further committee reports.

- 3. City Manager's Update
  - a. Contingent Grant Line Activity remained at \$0 for the month.
  - b. Trust fund for school funding has \$141.22.
  - c. The Broken Spoon is making progress and should be opening very soon.
  - d. The Candidates Forum was not a Choose Franklin Event. It was a Democratic Party Event which was organized outside of City support.
  - e. The Elkins Street property is scheduled for demolition and should be next after two other court orders are demoed. It should be down by the end of the year.
  - f. The City Clerk's Office will be closed tomorrow (11/3) for the General Election. Milner gave a shout out to the many volunteers and the City Clerk for their lion share of hours spent on all the elections this year. They handled approximately 900 absentee ballots thus far. Milner confirmed all three voting locations to the public.
  - g. Milner gave a shout out to Mike Mullavey for receiving the 2020 Community Hero Award from the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce.
  - h. Drug Take Back Day was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 50 lbs. of prescription drugs were dropped off. Lock box training/education was also provided. There are many grandparents raising their grandchildren these days and they came forward asking for lock boxes. The BBQ fundraiser portion earned approximately \$600. There was also a special guest appearance from Sergeant Guerriero and K-9 Falco.
  - i. Milner stated that she attended the statewide American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award presentation to Chief Goldstein on

October 16<sup>th</sup>. It was very well planned and great to see police chiefs from other communities attend and congratulate Chief Goldstein.

- j. The Law Enforcement Accountability Community and Transparency Commission (LEACT) made some recommendations to the Governor who issued Executive Order 2020-19 which implement the recommendations. They relate to training and training hours.
- k. Trash program update – the MSD Committee is meeting this week to review the trash ordinance which hasn't been reviewed or updated for approximately 10 years.
- l. The Army Core of Engineers will be removing about 10 acres of Red Pine in the Flood Control Area. The reason is to get ahead of a Red Pine Scale disease that is rampant in Massachusetts and working is way north.
- m. Milner attended the recent Downtown Business Group Meeting. They discussed Christmas décor for Downtown, local business hours of operation, signage, and a matching Christmas wreath holiday fundraiser to support Mill City Park. Milner gave a shout out to Jasmine, Valerie and George.
- n. The Tie Braker winner for the School Board Ward 2 seat was Glen Carter.
- o. Milner thanked Finance Director Gaudette for her work on the 2019 Financial Statements which were given the highest opinion/rating from the auditor.
- p. Milner also thanked Justin Hanscom, Deputy Directory of our Municipal Services Department who was featured in the NH DES Fall Newsletter. Well done.
- q. A Public Listening session regarding the Trestle View Bridge Project will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The City has received a \$640K TAP Grant (Transportation Alternative Program) Grant to rehab and connect points from Mill City Park to the Winnepesaukee River Trail. The engineering work will begin first and questions and answer session will take place during the November 17<sup>th</sup> Listening Session.
- r. The New Hampton Road project is complete and Milner gave a shout out to the MSD Department's Director Brian Sullivan. Sullivan obtained a paving company agreement to pave the base/winter layer onto New Hampton before this winter with final coat in the spring. This was made possible by a portion of the water fund (areas where water lines were replaced/dug up) and an encumbrance from the General Fund.
- s. The 2020 tax rate has been set at \$22.84 per thousand (.37 increase from 2019 tax rate). Tax bills will be mailed next Friday.
- t. City Hall will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day. Milner gave thanks to all our veterans. City Hall will also be closed for Thanksgiving on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Milner wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. There were no further updates from City Manager Milner.

Councilor Clarenbach asked City Manager Milner for an update on Cumberland Farms. Milner replied that they have sent the lease agreement back to us with one item still under negotiations. It is a timing issue on the City being reimbursed for the purchase of the Birke's

property. Our City Attorney is working on this and an update should be available for the December meeting.

Councilor Bunker stated that she is very happy that a Franklin resident is leading the Trestle View Engineering project.

Councilor Brown asked Milner to send all the Councilors more information on the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser for the local businesses.

Councilor Zink requested an update on the regional homeless group. Milner replied that Laconia Police Officer Eric Adams is leading the initiative and still working on pulling together a team for the initial meeting. Milner was happy to say there are three volunteers from Franklin who are dedicating to being part of this new group and she will provide more information to the Council when she receives it.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Clarenbach and seconded by Councilor Bunker.**

Roll call:

Councilor Brown	Yes	Councilor Dzujna	Yes	Councilor Testerman	Yes
Councilor Clarenbach	Yes	Councilor Starkweather	Yes	Councilor Bunker	Yes
Councilor Desrochers	Yes	Councilor Zink	Yes	Councilor Trudel	Yes

**All in favor. Motion PASSED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Audrey Lanzillo**