



City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 1, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers City Hall

Council in attendance: Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor April Bunker, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna.

Others in attendance: City Manager Judie Milner, City Department Heads, and members of the public.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Starkweather.

Councilor Desrochers honored the following: NH Staff Sergeant State Trooper Jesse Sherrill who was killed working a detail on I-95, Russell Cilley who served with the U.S. Marine Corps 4th Division as well as served in Roi Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He also honored Lieutenant Colonel William Powell Glenn who served with the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command and a member of the Franklin Planning Board for several years. Hazen Smith Lewis Jr. who served in the U.S. Navy from 1956-1962. Everett Hayes who served with the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S Chemaunan. And John Carr who served with the U.S. Navy Submarine Service during the Korean War.

A moment of silence commenced in their honor.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Brenda Petelle for her exceptional leadership and team building during COVID. All applauded Brenda on this special dedication to her.

Public Hearings

Ordinance #03-22, an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code regarding Fireworks.

The public hearing opened at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Brown asked if there was anyone who had comments or questions.

Ward 3 resident Ed Prive requested that the Fireworks Ordinance not include Sundays for those who work on Monday.

Ward 2 resident Barbara Doane stated that she is in agreement with resident Ed Prive. She would like Fireworks to only be allowed on certain holidays during the year. She has dogs that

shake of fear continuously and elderly neighbors who also get shaken up. People are lighting them off all hours of the day with no consideration for the ordinance already in place.

Ward 3 resident Kathy Rago stated that someone was lighting off fireworks next to her house in a heavily wooded area. She asked if there were current restrictions on lighting them in a heavily wooded area and a member of the Council stated that there wasn't. She is support of fireworks but only on the weekends.

Ward 1 resident Gary Brassard stated that a neighbor of his has post-traumatic stress and it affects him terribly. He also asked that the Council add language to the ordinance so that no one is allowed to light fireworks on City property including the Whitewater park. People leave their litter from fireworks and others have to clean it up.

Mayor Brown asked the public if there were any further comments or concerns. There were none.

The public hearing on Ordinance #03-22 closed at 6:18 p.m.

Resolution #06-22, a resolution to accept and appropriate \$906,956 for the Franklin School District.

The public hearing on Resolution #06-22 opened at 6:18 p.m.

Ward 3 resident Kathy Rago asked the Council if these funds were ESSER Funds. City Manager Milner replied that this money was not ESSER Funds and provided the breakdown to Mrs. Rago. Mrs. Rago provided some background on the \$211,997 and stated that this portion of fund balance could be returned to the City since it was given to them from the City to make the school whole since the school is receiving ESSER Funds in excess of \$6M. Rago suggested that the City use this excess school fund balance toward the police dispatch upgrade or given back to the tax payers.

Mrs. Rago stated that the town of Dunbarton was sued by a resident because unused fund balance from the school wasn't returned to offset property tax to the taxpayer.

City Manager Milner replied that the School is a dependent School District so their fund balance is returned to the City every year and since the funds were raised for the School District, the expectation was for the school to spend it. Cities do operate different than towns.

Mrs. Rago requested that the City consider keeping unused fund balance as stated in the City Charter that the Council is responsible to oversee the school district's funds.

Councilor Desrochers stated that the Council allows this to happen this way so that the school doesn't hurry and spend funds just for the sake of spending it but allows the school to "carry it over" and spend it on what is needed the following year.

Mayor brown asked if there were any further comments or questions. There were none.

The public hearing on Resolution #06-22 closed at 6:25 p.m.

Welcome to Jule Finely and the Franklin Players for a Preview of Matilda.

All applauded the cast and enjoyed the preview of their latest production.

Legislative Update

none

Comments from the Public

Ward 3 resident Kathy Rago stated that basic living expenses are doubling and tripling. She wonders how young families are making ends meet. She heard that the Council is considering breaking the tax cap and urged them not to do it.

Rago addressed the incoming \$6M ESSER Funds to the school district and pointed out that the guidelines for the school is very loose. She also asked the Council to reconsider allocating a certain amount of funds to the school. She reviewed the math and reading scores and understands that COVID placed a lot of new obstacles for learning and would like to see some benchmarks provided to the school. The students must be better prepared to enter the world.

Ward 3 resident Michael Lombardo is a parent of young children and hopes the City does not break the tax cap. He supports Kathy Rago's statements and would also like to see an effective use of the ESSER funds. Mr. Lombardo stated that if the school doesn't improve, he will move from this City.

Ward 1 resident Gary Brassard stated that the City owns a parcel on Green Street and asked the who was parked there and if they are paying rent. City Manager Milner stated that the office trailer belongs to AJ Coleman and they are not paying rent as part of the contract to do some of the work in the river. Mr. Brassard also asked if we are charging parking fees at the old Ciao Pasta site for the Peabody Place construction workers. Milner replied that the City is not charging them fees for parking there. He stated that the City should be including a charge in the contracts to these companies who are utilizing our land.

The Mayor's Drug Task Force coordinator Kandyce Tucker provided an overview of previous events with attendance and financial results and also provided a list of upcoming events to the City Council. She informed the Council and residents that if they wanted to participate in adopting a child or family for the Christmas gift giving program, to let her or Krystal Alpers know.

Ward 3 resident and new incoming City Councilor Valerie Blake provided some background of the Franklin Falls Business Group whose goals are to create vitality in the downtown. The Franklin Falls Business Group will be hosting the Holiday Stroll throughout downtown Franklin. The group is also organizing the Christmas wreath fundraiser for this year. They have also begun publishing a newsletter which will include all the activities going on. She thanked Krystal and Kandyce for all the hard work they have been doing.

Ward 3 resident Leigh Webb thanked Krystal and Kandyce for their hard work on organizing Fall Fest as well.

Ward 2 resident Janet Desrochers thanked Executive Secretary Audrey Lanzillo and Planning and Zoning director Seth Creighton for providing her with information and for addressing concerns on where campaign signs were being placed. Mrs. Desrochers also stated that she believed the motion under agenda item I. on the October 12th, 2021 meeting minutes was incorrectly stated. She stated that she wasn't part of the list of original people chosen to sit on the recount committee. She also wanted to remind the Council that the vote that was taken on October 11th, 2018 regarding who shall sit on a recount committee was not codified and it is still unknown if it was sent to the Secretary of State's office. It has remained on the table for three years and wondered if it will be addressed again. She also asked the Council to look at what else might be on the table and wondered how long they will remain there.

Mayor Brown thanked Mrs. Desrochers for bringing this up and stated that she will speak with City Manager Milner to review the other tabled items.

City Council Acknowledgements

Councilor Bunker gave a shout out to the Fire Department for winning the soup fest contest and to Krystal and Kandyce for organizing the Fall Fest Event. She also thanked Christine Dzujna for always helping out. Bunker stated that it was a lot of fun and looks forward to see it grow year after year.

Bunker also addressed a comment that resident Michael Lombardo made regarding the expectations of the school. She stated that felt the same when coming to Franklin as a young family years ago and stated that funding for our school system has not been adequate. She provided further examples of why Franklin Schools need more money to get better results and that the City will not thrive if it doesn't provide a better education for its children.

Councilor Dzujna thanked the Fire Department for doing an amazing job with creating a much better use of space at the Fire Department. The renovations were done without taxpayer dollars and through their own staff who volunteered. Grant dollars and local supply donations helped to complete most of the work.

Dzujna also mentioned that Mathew Caplan raises money through his barbeque business and donated it to buy toys for families in need at Christmastime. This year he would also like to

purchase gift cards so families can buy food. Parks and Rec Director Krystal Alpers stated that it is still in the planning phase and will share the details when it has been finalized.

Councilor Testerman shares Councilor Dzujna's sentiments regarding the improvements made at Fire Department. One of the biggest changes to the building is the creation of a Command Center which has been desperately needed for many years.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Brown shared her thoughts of what a Mayor does. Building relationships with many citizens, City workers, local businesses and churches. She attended a ribbon cutting this morning and attended the Mayor's round table.

Mayor Brown also stated that Mayoral Committee members will remain as is until the new year and she asked the Councilors let her know which ones they want to be on.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the minutes of the October 4, 2021 City Council Meeting, the minutes of the October 12, 2021 City Council Special Meeting, and the minutes of the October 12, 2021 City Council Special Meeting (non-public session).

Motion - Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 City Council Meeting, the minutes of the October 12, 2021 City Council Special Meeting, and the minutes of the October 12, 2021 City Council Special Meeting (non-public session). Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Councilor Dzujna recused himself due to not being sworn in during the time these meetings occurred.

Eight in favor. One recusal. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

Council to consider Ordinance #03-22, and amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code, Chapter 215 Noise, 215-4.1 Fireworks and 215-6 Violations and Penalties.

Motion – Council Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopts Ordinance #03-22 changes to the noise ordinance; specifically, the fireworks and violations & penalties sections.

Councilor Bunker stated that she would like to consider the amendment to remove Sunday from being one of the days allowed.

Councilor Testerman stated that any ordinance can't appease everyone. People work different schedules other than M-F and this ordinance won't help them.

Councilor Dzujna stated that our Police Department works very hard and is concerned about how they will be able to enforce the ordinance.

Councilor Trudel stated that Chief Goldstein provided data on fireworks complaints. He also stated that Mr. Brassard suggested that fireworks shouldn't be allowed on City Property. Trudel stated these are good points and that the ordinance should be updated a bit further.

Motion – Councilor Trudel moved that Ordinance #03-22 be tabled for this evening and bring it back to the committee level to discuss and update. Seconded by Councilor Testerman.

All in favor. Motion PASSED. Ordinance #03-22 was tabled.

Agenda Item III.

Council to consider Resolution #06-22, a resolution to accept and appropriate \$906,956 to the Franklin School District FY2023 Budget.

Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council adopts Resolution #06-22 appropriating \$656,956 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2022 budget and appropriating \$250,000 to the Franklin School District for the Portrait of a Graduate grant from the Barr Foundation. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Councilor Dzujna is in support of these funds going to school to continue to retain teachers and programs in need.

Councilor Testerman stated that the school benefits from the police department, the fire department, and other City services therefore asking for financial help from the schools is a reasonable request. She believes that allowing more money to go to the school and get little result is not conscionable. Testerman stated that some of this money should go toward City services. She is not in support of this resolution.

Councilor Desrochers stated that because these funds are specifically allocated from the state and federal for the school to use. The City is not allowed to utilize these funds. He wants to see positive results from the school and will support this resolution.

Councilor Bunker stated that high achieving students are leaving Franklin school because they are not offering classes that students need. She is in support of the resolution.

RESOLUTION # 06-22

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept and Appropriate \$656,956 of Additional Adequacy and Fund Balance Funding and \$250,000 in Grant Funding for the Franklin School District for Fiscal Year 2022.

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In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive additional adequacy aid of \$444,959 from the final updated calculation of ADM; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district has identified additional year end fund balance of \$211,997; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive a grant award of \$250,000 entitled Portrait of a Graduate from the Barr Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin would like to appropriate an additional \$656,956 in order to preserve potential fund balance from the 2022 year to be carried over to the 2023 fiscal year. Due to the challenges and uncertainties created by the pandemic and its effect on legislative actions regarding the adequacy funding formula these funds could help support the next budget cycle. And City Council of the City of Franklin would like to appropriate \$250,000 of the Portrait of a Graduate grant funding from the Barr Foundation; **Now**,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on November 1, 2021, the City Council of Franklin New Hampshire does hereby vote to adopt resolution #06-22 to formally accept and appropriate \$906,956 of additional revenues for the Franklin School District as follows:*

An Increase in Revenues:

Adequacy Education Aid – Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$444,959),

Use of Fund Balance – Two Hundred Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$211,997),

Grant Revenue – Portrait of a Graduate – Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000),

An Increase in Expenditures:

School District Expenditures – Six Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$656,956)

Grant Expenditure – Portrait of a Graduate - Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)

By a roll call vote.

Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>No</u>
Councilor Bunker	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Chandler	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>Yes</u>

Motion PASSED.

Agenda item IV.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo provided an update to the City Council.

LeGallo began by stating that one test in May should not define the school and the ability of the students overall. The entire state scores dropped significantly due to COVID. He would like to focus on what the next steps are to work on this problem. LeGallo reiterated that students all over the country are struggling not just here in Franklin.

The elementary and middle schools have reinstituted the house and academy model of learning. Tutoring is available at all the schools. Elementary and High School hours have been adjusted to better capture the attention of those age groups. Additional special education teachers had been increased. Summer school was available for credit recovery.

Councilor Dzujna gave kudos to the school staff for what they pulled together when COVID hit. He stated that revitalizing the City is important so that it can attract investors which can potentially increase the tax base. This will allow for more money for the school. Dzujna stated that all the Councilors agree that educating Franklin's youth is important but revitalizing this City is also important. They go hand in hand.

Dzujna asked LeGallo what the Council can do to help the school's culture improve and also asked LeGallo what the schools can do to address the negative culture experienced by the students themselves. LeGallo replied that he believes the Portrait of a Graduate will help address this issue. The program is laser focused toward High School students. Sustaining the program isn't necessary in that the program is designed to be transformative. LeGallo added that once the program is in place, it become practice and part of the daily routine.

Councilor Trudel inquired to the percentage of costs that goes toward salary and benefits. LeGallo replied that the 63% that goes toward salary and benefits is the cost to teach the students. Other districts are closer to 70-75% so it actually shows that the school is understaffed. LeGallo stated that more than 3% is spent on student supplies and resources. He will provide more data and information to help explain how the school funds are relating to educating the students.

Councilor Testerman asked if there was any way the school and City can collaborate on addressing some of the City issues such as the roof at City Hall since the students utilize this space as well. She stated that the entire community is important and would like to see if there is any way to collaborate on how money should be spent.

LeGallo provided further updates on the Portrait of a Graduate Community Dinner at the Elks, the upcoming dinner planned at Mojalaki, the manufacturing walk-thru with the students, the Peabody Place tour for the student volunteers, additional ESSER Funds coming to the school, and the Teacher's Contract on its way to the Council for approval.

He concluded with mention of Matilda which opens this weekend and encouraged everyone to go and see it.

Agenda Item V.

School Board resignation and appointment.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council acknowledge the resignation of Glen Carter, ward two school board member. Resignation filed with the City Clerk’s office on October 26, 2021, with regret. Seconded by Councilor Testerman.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

The appointing of the open school board seat.

Candidates David Testerman and Laurie Cass introduced themselves to the Council and explained the reasons for their interest in applying for the open school board seat.

Councilor Dzujna thanked the candidates for their interest in filling the school board seat. He stated that they are both educated and passionate. He was in support of David Testerman.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Laurie Cass as ward 2 school board member. Term of service is to the October 2022 election. Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

By show of hands – 4 in support, 5 oppose the appointment of Laurie Cass.

Motion FAILED.

Motion - Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council appoint David Testerman as ward 2 school board member. Term of service is to the October 2022 election. Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. Seconded by Councilor Chandler.

By show of hands – 5 in support, 3 oppose.

There was discussion on whether Councilor Testerman could vote for her husband and a recess was called at 8:16 p.m. to inquire on this topic with the City attorney Paul Fitzgerald and also to see if there was any language in the RSA.

The Council reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

After discussion with the City attorney Paul Fitzgerald and review of the City Elected Official Code, the result was that Councilor Testerman did not need to recuse herself from voting to support her husband on the school board.

Mayor Brown requested another hand count to show in support for David Testerman to fill the open school board seat.

By show of hands – 5 in support, 4 oppose.

Motion PASSED. David Testerman will fill the school board seat.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to ratify the Franklin Education Association Agreement

Motion – Councilor Starkweather moved that the Franklin City Council ratifies the Franklin Education Association Agreement from 9/1/2022 – 6/30/2024 as presented by the school board. Seconded by Councilor Bunker.

Councilor Desrochers asked if the Fiscal impact is substantiable.

School Business Administrator Jefferson Braman explained the financial breakdown shown in the section behind Agenda Item VI. In the packet reflective in this current contract. LeGallo added that future budget funding sources will be explored but unknown at this time.

There was discussion on concerns of overspending and assurance from the school that they will continue to operate within a tax cap budget.

There was also an explanation to the mentoring aspect and \$1000 per year that a mentor receives per mentee.

All in favor of the contract. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #07-22, a resolution to accept and appropriate \$6,076,391.29 in ARP ESSER III Funds for the School District.

Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for December 6th, 2021 at 6pm regarding Resolution #07-22, to accept and appropriate \$5,987,252.10 of ARPA Act funding under the ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Fund and \$73,458.43 for ARP IDEA/Preschool and \$15,680.76 for ARP Homeless Children and Youth, for the purpose of funding costs associated with COVID 19 pandemic for the Franklin School District. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

There was no discussion.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion to read it title only was made by Councilor Trudel. Mayor Brown read aloud Resolution #07-22 in title only.

Agenda Item VIII.

Council to consider a title change from Welfare Administrator to Community Relations Liaison.

Motion – Councilor Testerman moved that the Franklin City Council approve the position title change only from Welfare Administrator to Community Relations Liaison. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

There was reference and discussion to the current Charter language where it states that the City must have a Welfare director. City Manager Milner stated that the job function is still intact and this would only be a title change. The Council agreed that further research before making any changes would make sense. City Manager Milner agreed.

Motion to table this change so more research can be completed was made by Councilor Clarenbach and seconded by Councilor Trudel.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Councilor Testerman suggested the Council review the City Charter to make any changes all at once rather than in small pieces at a time. City Manager Milner stated that the City Department heads are also looking at the code within their departments so updates there can be made as well.

Agenda Item IX.

Council to consider allowing fully vaccinated employees to convert 2 sick days to vacation days.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council allow all employees eligible for sick and vacation leave time to voluntarily convert 2 sick days to 2 vacation days upon proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID as defined by the Center for Disease Control. Eligible employees must make the request by February 28, 2022 when this program expires. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

There was discussion by the Council that this may be unconstitutional and marginalizing employees. It is a voluntary option and not required if an employee chooses not to get vaccinated.

Milner stated that the City is expending more and more money to employees who are quarantining which leaves teams shorthanded and money is paid out on overtime being expended. This would actually be a savings to the taxpayers. CARES Act money or ARPA money is no longer available to pay for COVID related absences.

Fire Chief Mike Foss and Police Chief Dave Goldstein both shared their experience with how COVID related absences has affected their staff. They are frustrated at how much of an enormous strain it has placed on their teams. Both are not in support of a mandate however they agreed that this is a voluntary program and hope staff will consider the health and safety of the public they serve as well as their own families.

Chief Goldstein stated that he has not asked his employees if they were vaccinated rather they share the information willingly so some information was acquired through casual conversation.

Neither chief will pressure anyone on their staff to get vaccinated.

Vote by show of hands. 5 in support, 4 oppose. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item X.

Other Business

1. Committee Reports:

- a. Mayor Brown updated the Council on the Joint Finance Committee meeting. The committee discussed the City/School tax split, the federal funds that the School received, the new manufacturing programs, and the tax cap budget. Councilor Bunker stated that these meetings are a great way to continue building trust between the City and the School.
- b. The upcoming joint MSD/Legislative Committee Meeting is scheduled on 11/18 to review the solid waste ordinance.
- c. The School Liaison Committee meeting is scheduled for 11/8.

2. City Manager's Update:

- a. Contingent Grant Line Activity- will update the Council next month.
- b. Trust Fund for School Funding is \$146.04
- c. Welcome aboard Paul Bourque III, Firefighter
- d. Congratulations Officer Tracy & K9 Miller for the Law Enforcement Excellence Award, Finance Director Gaudette Years of Service Award with the Tax Collectors Association, SWAT School completion for Sergeant Guerriero, Officer Faro, Officer Francis, Detective Sergeant Matthews. Also congratulations for Mountain Bike school completion for Detective Sergeant Matthews and Officer Francis. At the Fire Department, Confined Space Training at the Army Corp of Engineers was completed by most of the Fire Department Staff. Milner gave a shout out to John Alessandro from the Water Department for completion of his Distribution 1 and Treatment 1 License. Milner also gave a shout out to Kandyce Tucker for receiving the Excellence and Leadership Award from the Department of Education. Milner also gave kudos to Director Gaudette and Business administrator Braman for setting the tax rate; the first in New Hampshire.
- e. Next workshop meeting is scheduled for 11/22
- f. 15 Trail Tax Deed – taxes will be paid back by the owner
- g. Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for 10/23
- h. Milner updated the Council on the Mayor's Drug Task Force Soup Fest/Mill City Park Get Out & Play Day.

- i. Where's the cannon? – Leo Paquin is refurbishing it and will be back in its location soon.
- j. Committee meetings November – Council consensus was given to combine the Municipal Services & Legislative committee meeting to review the Solid Waste Ordinance.
- k. Media Connections – Laconia Daily Sun Live, Work, Play Lakes Region Magazine highlights Franklin and has been distributed throughout New Hampshire. Milner gave a shout out to Fred Caruso at 94.1 who was named 2021 New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters, Broadcaster of the year.
- l. Mill City Park update – There is low flow every year at this time therefore all dams upstream plan their maintenance during this time.
- m. The Holiday Stroll will be on 12/3
- n. City Offices will be closed to honor Veterans on 11/11 (Thursday); 11/25-11/26 (Thurs-Fri)
- o. The state sent a letter regarding Redistricting. Milner will reply with the ward line and percentage information. The Council gave consensus to wait until the next election to update the Charter and not hold a special election.
- p. Milner provided updates to the Council on her follow-up log.
- q. MSD Director Hanscom is working on the Camaro sale.
- r. The Council gave consensus for skip the November City Council Special Meeting - Workshop in November.

There was mention of a door opened in the boarded up house on School Street and people were going in and out.

Councilor Chandler stated that there is another RV and possible abandoned car along with a bicycle in the lot next to the Insulfab building again.

3. Late Items:

Milner stated this was a result of the City Council Special Meeting – Workshop in October 2021.

Motion – Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6 p.m. regarding resolution #08-22 authorizing the City Manager to borrow up to \$520,894 and appropriating \$454,106 in Capital Reserve funds for the Police Communications Center upgrade. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Councilor Zink requested the City go out for at least three bids. Milner stated that this would normally be best practice however the company which has been chosen to do the work has the equipment and specialty with this type of equipment. Milner stated she can confirm with the company that this was their best quote.

Councilor Chandler asked if we can also confirm this amount is current since the costs are constantly going up and the City should also be very specific with the equipment and cost.

Milner replied that if this quote comes back higher she will bring it back to the Council.

Councilor Zink asked if the Council is going to look into the Capital Reserve formula and Milner replied that this is being reviewed.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

There was discussion on a Council appointment on the Planning Board.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Ted Starkweather as a regular member seat to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

All in favor Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved to appoint Paul Trudel as the alternate Councilor seat on the Planning Board. There was no second.

Mayor Brown suggested since there will be new councilors joining the Council in January, if would be good to hold on this and wait to hear from the full council on what their interests are. Consensus from the Council was to hold on this motion.

Motion was made by Councilor Trudel to allow Valerie Blake and Vince Ribas to sit in on the nonpublic session tonight. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

There was no discussion. All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Non-Public Needed:

Motion to go into non-public according to RSA 91-A:3 II (I) 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 was made by Councilor Zink and seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Roll Call to vote to enter into non-public:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Entered into nonpublic session at 9:52 p.m.

Motion to leave nonpublic and return to public session was made by Councilor Desrochers and seconded by Councilor Testerman.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Public session reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Motion to seal the minutes was made by Councilor Zink and seconded by Councilor Bunker, 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.

Roll call to seal the minutes:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council move forward with the lease termination letter for Solar I and II. Seconded by Councilor Testerman.

There was no discussion.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council move forward with a 155B Petition for map/lot 135-131-000. Seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

There was no discussion.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Bunker and seconded by Councilor Zink.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo