



City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 4, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall

Council in attendance: Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor Bob Desrochers (Call-In), Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Vincent Ribas, Councilor April Bunker, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Paul Trudel and Councilor Olivia Zink.

Absent: Councilor Ted Starkweather

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 Bunker, followed by a moment of silence for the people affected by the dispute in the Ukraine and for the veterans as well, led by Mayor Brown.

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

Public Hearing:

Mayor Brown started by reading through each Resolution that the City Council will be voting on at this meeting and opened each up to the public for comments:

Resolution 15-22 to appropriate a \$95,000 return of contributions from the health insurance provider for a sweeper.

- MSD Director Hanscom approached the podium to speak about this Resolution. He stated that the current street sweeper that we have now is a 1996 Johnston, which is on its last legs and is costing a lot of money to repair and keep it road worthy. Normally, a new street sweeper would be around \$300,00 with a 38-week lead time. The county of Burlington, VT offered to sell us a used 'like new' sweeper for \$90,000 since it didn't pass through town meetings in Littleton, NH, who wanted to purchase it. This is available now. The extra \$5,000 would go towards purchasing new brooms for this sweeper.

Resident Leigh Webb, Ward III, asked if this amount would be from the entire health insurance return and City Manager Milner answered saying it is not. The return on health insurance contributions was \$124,000 so the \$95,000 would be coming from that.

Resident Michael Lombardo, Ward III, asked if the city were to purchase a brand-new sweeper would they be able to get a tax credit or depreciate it the way that a business does. City Manager Milner answered that municipalities do not work that way, as they work under a general fund. This money that it would be taken from is not an expected account, as this comes from the health

insurance premiums from 2020, due to Covid. People were not going to the doctor during that time and the insurance company saved a lot of money, therefore, they were required to give that money back.

No other public comments; closed.

Ordinance 04-22 regarding an update to the City Municipal Code Chapter 21, Article I ‘Fire Hydrants’, Sections 21-1 and 21-2.

- Fire Chief Foss approached the podium to speak about this Ordinance. He stated that there are about 30 private hydrants that are located on private property for specific use for businesses, like the water treatment plant. Since there is no clear definition on private or public hydrants for billing for the hydrant fee of \$250/year, Fire Chief Foss stated that over the past few years they may have been passing up about \$7,500, maybe a little less if people were to opt to do their own testing. He also mentioned that he has worked with the Fire Committee, the MSD Department and the Water Department to update and define what a public hydrant is, what a private hydrant is and what the testing options would be. This would give residents the option to have the city do testing on the private hydrants for a fee or they could get testing done elsewhere. As of right now, when MSD does their annual flushing, nothing is done with those 30 +/- hydrants so the Fire Department tries not to ever use those, as they don’t know when the last time they were tested was. If the hydrant testing is required and the home owners don’t want to pay the \$250 fee to have the city test, they can get it done elsewhere and would just need to provide proof that it passed.

Resident Leigh Webb, Ward III, asked if this means there are certain hydrants in the city that haven’t been tested on a regular basis. Fire Chief Foss answered saying that it is possible that around 30 hydrants have not been tested regularly. Some businesses are supplying proof of passing annually if they aren’t getting tested by the city.

No other public comments; closed.

Legislative Update:

Mayor Brown stated that there was no one at the meeting with any updates.

Comments from the Public:

Mayor Brown opened up the floor for any other public comments.

Resident A. Andreozzi, Ward III, wanted to let the City Council know that some of the wording, pertaining to the waiver for the building permit proposals for property on a private Class IV Road (Agenda Item VII), should be more specific. She thinks that school buses should be included to make sure to protect the city from any liability.

One resident did ask when the city was going to fix the roads.

Mayor Brown stated that they were going to be talking about that in the next few months, as some of the ARPA funds will be going towards road repairs.

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Drug Task Force Coordinator, Kandyce Tucker, announced a few updates.

- Chem-Free, which is a substance free after prom party for teens to go, will be happening this year. They are severely under prepared and lacking funds for this, since they did not know that prom was going to happen this year because of Covid. She needs as many donations and volunteers as possible and it will be taking place on May 14, 2022. This runs after prom until 6am the next day.
- Drug Take Back Day is April 30, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The only thing not being accepted are syringes and there will be a document on how to dispose of them.
- The epidemiology firm contract is all set and there will be some surveys going out to the community shortly.
- HB1598, which is the marijuana legalization bill has been brought to the Senate for a vote and we should know when that vote will take place by Thursday. Stay tuned for that.
- HB1639 is going to the Senate to be voted on. She stated that The Concord Monitor interviewed her and there will be an article about how this bill would affect the community and the school district.
- On June 8, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we are working on a Regional Family Engagement night for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. This will hopefully be at Winnisquam School District in partnership with Franklin and Laconia. This will be for middle schoolers and their families to attend and there will be fun activities.

Mayor Brown closed public comment at 6:28 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement:

Mayor Brown asked if there were any City Council acknowledgements.

Councilor Dzujna wanted to mention Tom Morgan who is a teacher for Proctor Academy. He had some of his students here working on revitalization and talking with the Mayor and interviewing Parks & Rec Director, Krystal Alpers. Councilor Dzujna wanted to tell Mr. Morgan that he and the kids did a great job on talking about our revitalization ethics.

Councilor Ribas wanted to thank John Benham, who hosted two tours for Unitarian church for abutters at the Peabody Place opening. It was generous of him to donate his time.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Brown stated that she had a Proclamation to make tonight. She got up from her seat to approach the podium and she invited Drug Task Force Director, Kandyce Tucker, to come up and join her.

Mayor Brown stated that Kandyce Tucker was recognized as a recipient of the Virginia Allen Young Careerist Award about two months ago so she had a Proclamation of Honor for Kandyce. She is a dedicated young professional who is deeply involved in the youth of the City of Franklin and Hill and serves as Director of the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force, whose mission is to providing a healthy environment for the drug and alcohol-free development of our youth and families.

Kandyce goes above and beyond to organize several city-wide events providing drug and alcohol prevention activities, such as, Drug Take Back Days, After Prom Chem-Free Party, Winni River Days 5K, and National Night Out.

Mayor Brown proclaimed today, April 4, 2022, as Kandyce Tucker Day in the City of Franklin. She asked that everyone congratulate her and there was a round of applause before a few pictures were taken.

Mayor Brown returned to her seat and mentioned that she had a couple of other announcements.

- Last week she was at the Peabody Place for their ribbon cutting. She stated that it is a beautiful place and she can't wait until it is 100% complete, as she thinks it will be absolutely stunning.
- Mayor Brown and City Manager Milner both attended a police training program that focused on hostage negotiations. She stated that the reason for letting everyone know about this is to confirm that the City of Franklin has incredible negotiators. They have done a lot of training and it was an incredible display of teamwork with some other towns as well.
- Lastly, Mayor Brown stated that Governor Sununu appointed her to the State Workforce Innovation Board for three months.

Agenda Item I.

Council to consider the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Special City Council Meeting, the March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting and the non-public meeting minutes for December 6, 2021 and January 24, 2022.

Motion - Councilor Bunker moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Special City Council Meeting, the March 7, 2022 City Council Meeting and the non-public meeting minutes for December 6, 2021 and January 24, 2022. Seconded by Councilor Chandler.

Councilor Ribas had some grammatical corrections to be amended on all four meeting minutes that were sent to Executive Secretary Jones.

Mayor Brown stated that because Councilor Desrochers is present via speaker phone that all votes will need to be done as roll call votes tonight.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>abstained*</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>abstained*</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

**Councilor Bunker abstained on February 28, 2022 minutes, but approved all other minutes.*

**Councilor Blake abstained on December 6, 2022 minutes, but approved all other minutes.*

All others in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item II.

School Board Update.

Superintendent Dan LeGallo approached the City Council to provide a monthly update.

- The 2022/2023 budget has been approved on March 8, 2022 by the school board. It's a tax cap budget for the 5th year in a row. Hopefully, the preliminary information will be getting to the Council soon so if there are any questions, he would like to know right away so that he can add them to the presentation, which he believes will be on May 4, 2022.
- Aviation update: Councilor Chandler has been working with us at the Middle School and we are hoping to get him over to the High School as well. At the Middle School he has been working with our teacher, Kelly Niel. He has spearheaded a field trip to the National Flight Simulator Museum at the Manchester airport and the next steps are to work with the High School that he has ordered two drones for. He thanked Councilor Chandler and told him that the kids are loving it.
- Manufacturing Program update: He spoke with the superintendent and the principal at Winnisquam and they are all on board with getting the SPLIT program back up and running, after Covid halting it for the past 2 years. That's the easy next step, but he does not know what Winnisquam's long term goal is at the moment. How Franklin makes this work logistically is going to be the next discussion, since our district is so small, we do have room in our classrooms for other districts to attend.
- Superintendent LeGallo wanted to celebrate 5 female high school students who received the Aspirations in Computing Rising Star award. This was from participating in Graphic Design and a variety of AP computer classes.
- Their second session of woodworking and culinary enrichment for the middle school students begins this week. Classes will start tomorrow. He also acknowledged Mayor Brown, as she will be assisting with the culinary program for the next eight weeks.
- The high school graduation is scheduled for June 17th at 6:00pm. The Council is invited to participate.
- The Portrait of the Graduate Day for the high school will be on April 20th and will start at 8:30am and the middle school will be on April 8th starting at 9:30am. They are both all day events.
- There were some articles in the Laconia Daily Sun that mentioned the Franklin school district positively and how well things are going after Covid.
- Principal search update: The middle school principal will be Jenny Everette, who was previously known to everyone as Jenny Doyle. There is a candidate for the elementary school principal and will be going in front of the school board on April 18th. She has already accepted the position so she is just waiting for the board's nomination.
- If you have not heard, the high school principal has resigned as of the end of the year so interviews will start within the next few weeks.

Agenda Item III.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #15-22 to appropriate \$95,000 in returned prior year health insurance premiums paid for a used Street Sweeper and authorize the City Manager to sign necessary paperwork thereof. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.

Councilor Desrochers had some concerns about purchasing a used piece of equipment, as opposed to new, since this is 9 years old. His worry is that if we keep buying used, the equipment may not last as long as new and needs more servicing. He thinks it's time to order some new equipment for MSD.

Mayor Brown asked MSD Director what he thinks the life expectancy will be, if the Council votes to purchase the used street sweeper.

MSD Director Hanscom said they should be able to get at least 12-15 years out of it since it is a seasonal vehicle.

Councilor Zink mentioned that there was a conflict of what year the street sweeper is. She asked if it is a 1995 or 1996. MSD Director Hanscom said that it should be listed as a 1995 in the Resolution.

Councilor Zink stated that this should be voted on per an amendment for the sweeper year on the final Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>no</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

1 against. All others in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IV.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance #04-22, which will update the City Municipal Chapter 21, Article I 'Fire Hydrants', Sections 21-1 and 21-2. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.

There were a few questions for Fire Chief Foss that he was able to answer.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item V.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that Franklin City Council set a public hearing on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6pm regarding Ordinance 03-22 changes to the noise ordinance; specifically, the fireworks and violations & penalties sections. Seconded by Councilor Bunker.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.
No discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VI.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing date for 6:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022 regarding Resolution #16-22, appropriating \$454,667 first tranche of Franklin’s direct federal American Rescue Plan Act monies for broadband and water projects. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.
No discussion ensued.

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Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider Building Permit Proposals for Properties on a Class VI Public Roads and/or Private Roads.

P&Z Director Creighton approached the podium to speak with the Council about a request to build a single-family house and garage/accessory structure on a newly created lot on River St. Extension. The lot directly abuts, and was part of 357 River St., the land of Kirkwood Weyant Land Holdings (Three Rivers Wreath).

Since the road is city owned property, state owned property and has an easement through private property, it makes things confusing and not entirely clear. He would like to have the Council approve the issuance of a Building Permit for residential structure(s) for Tax Map 121, Lot 450 at River St. and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and Notice of Release from Municipal Responsibility and Liability between the City of Franklin and the owners. The approval would be contingent upon the State of NH supporting the proposal as well.

There was some discussion from the Council on this and it was noted that some language changes and additional verbiage should be added to the document that P&Z Director Creighton provided before they could approve this.

Councilor Trudel suggested tabling this until the changes are made.

Councilor Zink stated that they could make a new motion to defer this to the next meeting.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Building Permit Proposals for Properties on a Class VI Public Roads and/or Private Roads be considered by the Franklin City Council at the May 2, 2022 City Council meeting so that some changes can be made to the language of the document. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VIII.

There were some discussions about vendor fees and what had been done in the past.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Farmers Market at Marceau Park. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for the Winni River Day in Trestle View Park and Mill City Park. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Motion – Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council waive the vendor fees for Community Day in Odell Park. Seconded by Councilor Chandler.

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Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IX.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council consider approving the lease for Concord Hospital-Franklin/Mill City Park signage on City property in the location of the former Franklin Hospital sign. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.

Councilor Ribas asked who was going to be paying the fee for the sign and City Manager Milner answered saying that the fee would be paid for by Concord Hospital – Franklin. Mill City Park will be taking care of the maintenance of the sign, which includes backlighting, flowers, trimming and any painting that needs to be done. There is an agreement between the two businesses on this.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Other Business:

1. Mayor & Council Appointments

Mayor Brown appointed Ken Hollingsworth to the Mayor's Drug & Alcohol Task Force term of service to January 2024 term of office.

Mayor Brown stated that there are also some Council appointments.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council re-appoint Justin Hanscom to the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative Joint Board, term of service to December 2023. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Lewis “Rocky” Marsh as an alternate to the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative Joint Board, term of service to December 2023. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

2. Committee Reports

Councilor Chandler mentioned that Chief Goldstein went out of his way to set the bar high and the Franklin police Department is putting together a mountain bike school starting on June 10th for Franklin and other departments. There will be tuition.

Councilor Chandler also asked Chief Goldstein if he could bring someone in to update everyone on where we’re at with the communications center.

Dispatch Supervisor Kulacz discussed the Communications Center upgrade project with the Council. Supplies and equipment have been ordered. Due to supply chain issues, they know that it’s going to take awhile for a lot of the pieces to come in so this is in progress. Site work is still being done and MSD Director Hanscom is going to be going out to take care of treating the clinical sites.

3. City Manager's Update:

- a. Contingent Grant Line Activity for the month – We received \$359.52 for our sex offender compliant plan, \$2,500 from Wellsense for Lock Boxes at the Drug Task Force, and a \$10 donation in Fire memory of Patrick Jenkins's father.
- b. The trust fund for school funding is at \$147.79.
- c. She gave a welcome aboard to:
 - a. Greg Cantara – Municipal Services
 - b. Rick Morton – Municipal Services
 - c. Brendan Merchant - Police
- d. Congratulations are in order for Mark Faro, Police Department, who did Critical Incident Training and is now certified in Critical Incident Stress Management.

City Manager Milner also thanked the PD for inviting her and the Mayor to the SRT training event. Franklin not only has a great hostage negotiator, but a great response team as well. It was a really nice collaboration with the other departments.

- e. Shout outs:
 - a. The Clerk's Office held a rabies clinic last Saturday and she heard positives things about that. She thanked the clerks for coming in on a Saturday to provide that service.
 - b. In the Fire Department, Tony Roberts and Alex Greene have completed their Fire Officer I certifications. Congratulations to both of them.
 - c. The Masons helped out on moving day at the Peabody Place last Saturday for Seniors Helping Seniors. It was a great community outreach.
 - d. The Catholic Church will be starting their once-a-week hot dog station for the community at the Unitarian Church. She believes this will be on Tuesdays. This will start on May 1, 2022.
- f. The Ward Line Changes Interactive City Council Workshop is scheduled for April 11, 2022 in Council Chambers at 6:00pm.
- g. The next Workshop Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2022, on CIP with a focus on buildings.
- h. Committee meetings in April are as follows:
 - a. Joint Finance Committee – April 13th, at 5:30pm in the Blue Room
 - b. Fire Committee – April 6th at 5:30pm at Fire Department
 - c. The CIP Committee – this date is TBD
- i. There is a new process for meeting minutes on the website, since the meeting minutes drafts are not available online. She had a discussion at the Department Head level and with City Attorney Fitzgerald and the RSA does mention that the minutes need to be available, but not necessarily on the website. Going forward we won't be posting draft minutes on the website, but we will be posting all audio recordings on the website of committee meetings for everyone's listening pleasure. The Zoom meetings for the City Council are already posted on the website as well. The public is welcome to come in to review draft minutes, but we will not be handing them out before they are approved by the City Council.
- j. There was a new law regarding Nonpublic Meetings that started on January 1st. There will need to be some kind of spreadsheet that lists each non-public meeting date, with the reason for it being non-public, if/when the minutes were sealed, and why they

were sealed. This is to keep the public aware of non-public minutes and why they were treated as such. Once a year we are required to take a look at these and decide on unsealing the non-public that no longer need to be sealed.

- k. We are required to have a public hearing on the CDBG Funded Hotel Feasibility Study, which is scheduled for our May 2, 2022 City Council meeting per the requirement of the grant.
- l. We sent out a joint Breezeline Cable Survey with the other collaborating communities. It is on our website, so please take the survey. This is the cable franchise agreement. We can't negotiate the internet part of it, but we are going to try and push them for better service.
- m. WorkCamp NE is coming to Franklin, NH the week of July 10, 2022. This is a program for those who own their homes, can have a mortgage, meet their requirements and need free work done. Please contact Welfare Director Ryea at City Hall, 603-934-3404, to walk you through the application process.
- n. We had an ARPA Funding workshop and there was a public hearing for appropriating this tonight. We do have another opportunity through Senator Shaheen's Office for direct spending ask. We are planning to put our body cameras and cruiser cameras through that direct spending ask. In addition, the Opera House is putting in a direct spending ask for a sprinkler system in this building.
- o. Legislative Update:
 - a. HB 1417 is somehow still alive, which will reinstate 7.5% of share from the State of NH Retirement System Funding. This wouldn't become effective until July 1, 2023, however, it has passed the House and is moving along. She will be keeping an eye on this since that will help our city budget.
 - b. Senate bill 249 has a House hearing coming up and is the one that keeps us from regulating AirBNB's in the city, therefore, allowing people to use their shed for such use. City Manager Milner stated that she will be submitting the Council's letter to that committee as well.
 - c. She also wanted to let the Council know about a new Senate bill 401, which is a one-time property tax relief appropriation of state fiscal year of 2022 surplus. This has passed the Senate. It puts \$36 million in bridge aid, \$30 million in highway help and \$1 million in body camera grants. That could be happening on July 1st of this year, so she will be keeping an eye on that.
 - d. HB 1033 is being laid out on the table.
- p. We have moved into the next step of the Mill City EDA grant.
- q. Youth government for this year is going to take place on Monday, May 9th – May, 11th. On the first day, May 9th, at 8:45am the students will be in Council Chambers and the Mayor and Council are invited to join and let the students know how the process works. On the last day, May 11th, at 6:30pm there will be a mock council meeting with the students at the Elks and everyone is invited to attend.
- r. City Manager Milner stated that she will be taking time off from 4/18/22 - 4/22/22.

City Manager Milner stated that she is in need of a non-public for two legal discussions tonight.

4. Late items: None

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council enter into nonpublic 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.*
Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Entered into nonpublic at 8:12 p.m.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved to leave nonpublic session and return to public session.
Seconded by Councilor Bunker.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Public Session reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Motion — Councilor Ribas moved to seal the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Chandler.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Starkweather	<u>absent</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Jones