



**City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.
BRCC, Gymnasium**

Council in attendance: Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor Leigh Webb, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Bob Desrochers and Councilor Paul Trudel

Absent: None

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 6:03 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Dzujna. This was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of veteran Corporal James Champion, US Army 1966-1968, Vietnam 1966-1967, recipient of the Purple Heart and 2 Bronze Stars; one with V for outstanding valor, led by Councilor Desrochers.

Public Hearings:

Ordinance 03-24 regarding the election recount procedure.

The public hearing opened at 6:06 p.m.

A resident asked if amendments could be made to the ordinance during the vote and the answer was yes.

The public hearing on Ordinance 03-24 closed at 6:06 p.m.

Resolution 04-24 granting the City Manager the authority to file an application for the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and Replacement Plan for Large Community Water Systems Grant program and acting as the authorized representative.

The public hearing opened at 6:06 p.m.

There was no discussion on this hearing.

The public hearing on Resolution 04-24 closed at 6:07 p.m.

Legislative Update:

NH representative Jason Gerhard stated that bills need to be in by September 10th for filing.

Comments from the Public:

Mayor Brown reminded everyone that persons wishing to address the council may speak for a maximum of three minutes and no more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public

commentary.

Public comments opened at 6:07 p.m.

Multiple residents approached the council to let them know about a specific property at 141 Webster Avenue that is being used as a full-time Airbnb, with absentee owners. Three neighbors of this property have been having nothing but issues with the renters that stay there. They are trespassing on their private property, making noise all hours of the night and parking in many areas that are unsafe or blocking other neighbors from entering their own property. They have not been able to get anywhere with the owner of the property and the police department has not been able to keep up with the issues. They are pleading for help on this issue.

There was a small discussion about the awarding process for the City Hall/Opera House architectural firm and it was clarified that it is the job of the city management team to process and award RFP's and RFQ's.

Resident Dean Laughy, Ward III, approached the council and his speech is attached to the end of the minutes.

Councilor Blake read letters to the public that she received from two different residents. These letters are attached to the end of the minutes.

Coalition Coordinator, Stephanie Wolff, gave some updates for Franklin Partners in Prevention:

- On July 17th – 20th Wolff stated that she traveled to Grapevine, Texas for the CADCA Mid-Year training institute. At this conference she sat in on a plenary speech from former NFL quarterback, Ryan Leaf, who spoke about his journey with his own recovery. In addition, she attended training pertaining to overcoming barriers to fighting the teen vaping epidemic, early intervention programs for teens, seven strategies for community change, effective policy advocacy, and best practices for supporting LGBTQI+ youth.
- Franklin Police and Fire Departments National Night Out was a roaring success. The city had about 500 attendees come to this event. She thanked their partners Franklin Elks Lodge for cooking and Mix 94 FM for advertising the event. She also thanked their sponsors; Walmart, The Thrift Closet, Central Street Mission, Franklin Savings Bank, Service Credit Union, Franklin Area Lions Club, Hill Village Church, and to the residents who donated money towards the cookout. This event truly would not have been successful without everyone involved! Lastly, she thanked Councilor Webb and his wife for coming out to volunteer.
- Fall Fest 2023 planning has begun! This year's Fall Fest will occur the weekend of October 21st. Soup Fest registration will begin sometime next week. Please look to Facebook and the City website for registration details if you are interested.

Public comments closed at 6:52 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement:

Councilor Dzujna recognized Parks & Recreation Director Alpers and Kirk Kelly from the municipal maintenance department for working hard to get this meeting put together at the Bessie Rowell Community Center.

Councilor Webb stated that National Night Out was a wonderful event and recognized Stephanie Wolff, who did such a good job with this event.

Councilor Zink said that everyone did a terrific job with the Finding Nemo FACT Camp with having to do it in a new location as well.

Councilor Trudel thanked the city for the bereavement flowers that he and his family received recently and stated that it is another thing that shows that the city goes over and beyond.

Mayor's Update:

- Mayor Brown stated that she participated in a panel discussion sponsored by the NH Women's Foundation called Women Run to encourage young women to consider getting involved in community leadership roles.
- Milner and her met with Amy Slattery of Rep Kuster's office to update on city activities.
- She attended and read a Proclamation at the Elks event on July 15th for deceased members of the Armed Forces from Korea through Afghanistan, sponsored by Fr. Roger Sargent, and attended by Councilor Desrochers and Councilor Chandler.
- She also attended the Mayors Roundtable event in Concord on July 25th with several mayors to discuss homelessness and concerns on sharing availability information among other things with Commissioners Weaver DHHS and Caswell BEA.
- On August 3rd a member of a Focus Group in Concord provided input to the development of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Combined State Plan.

Agenda Item I.

Approval of Minutes.

Council to consider the minutes of the May 22nd, 2023 City Council Special meeting, the July 10th, 2023 City Council meeting and the nonpublic minutes from the July 10th, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the May 22nd, 2023 City Council Special meeting, the July 10th, 2023 City Council meeting and the nonpublic minutes from the July 10th, 2023 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion.
No discussion ensued.

8 in favor; 1 abstention. Motion PASSED.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council unseal the nonpublic minutes from the July 10th, 2023 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Councilor Desrochers felt that the nonpublic minutes should be unsealed since the subject matter had already been printed in the paper. Milner recommended that they keep these sealed for now since the person mentioned is still involved in a legal matter and this would likely affect the ongoing investigation. Many other councilors agreed with this as well.

8 opposed; 1 in favor. Motion FAILED.

Agenda Item II.

Economic development workshop follow-up and next steps.

Milner stated that there have been 3 public forums, 7 listening sessions and 1 City Council/School Board workshop meeting from the Economic Development team about a bond and investing in Franklin. These were done to engage the public and get feedback on what was being presented. Different venues were selected for the listening sessions to cater to people with different comfort levels.

Milner let everyone know that they have listened to the public and agree with the public. They will not be bringing forward the \$20M bond to city council, but rather each project as it becomes shovel ready.

She then let the Economic Development team (Marty Parichand, Niel Cannon, and Jim Aberg) take over to speak to the public per a handout they received showing current assessed values of improvement. This handout can be found at the end of the minutes and was read by the team.

Agenda Item III.

School Board Update.

Superintendent LeGallo was unable to attend so there was no school board update.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider Ordinance 03-24 regarding the election recount procedure.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance 03-24, regarding the Election Recount Procedure. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion on this motion.
There was a small discussion on some of the language in the ordinance.

Motion - Councilor Webb moved that the Franklin City Council amend line 2 of ordinance 03-24 to say “two City Councilors from the ward of the contested election” in place of “two City Councilors of the City of Franklin”. Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

By a roll call vote on original motion.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item V.

Council to consider Resolution 04-24 granting the City Manager the authority to file an application for the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and Replacement Plan for Large Community Water Systems Grant program and acting as the authorized representative.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council adopts Resolution #04-24 granting the City Manager authority to file an application under the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and Replacement Plan for Large Community Water Systems Grant program, and designating as Authorized Representative. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

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

Councilor Zink asked if this language was per state requirements and Milner answered saying yes. No other discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION #04-24

A Resolution granting the City Manager the authority to file an application under the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and Replacement Plan for Large Community Water Systems Grant program, and designating as Authorized Representative.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, New Hampshire after thorough consideration of the nature of its drinking water system is required under the US-EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) requires “water systems” to develop and submit to NHDES an inventory of the service lines within the water distribution system (public and private) by October 16th, 2024. Therefore, it is necessary and in public interest to apply for grant assistance from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services in the amount of \$50,000 with the City providing a 0% match.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at their regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 7th, 2023, the City Council of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #04-24

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That City Manager, Judie Milner, is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative of the City of Franklin, NH for the purpose of filing a grant application, furnishing such information, data and documents pertaining to the applicant for a grant as may be required; and otherwise act as the Authorized Representative of the applicant in connection with the application and If such a grant can be made, is the Authorized Representative of the Applicant responsible for furnishing information, data and documents pertaining to disbursements relating to the grant.
2. That the Franklin, New Hampshire City Council hereby votes to enter into the Lead Service Line Inventory, Sampling Plan, and Replacement Plan Grant, authorizing City Manager, Judie Milner, to execute any documents which may necessary to effectuate this grant.
3. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the final grant application.
4. That City Manager, Judie Milner, is authorized to sign the final agreement binding the City of Franklin to the terms and conditions of the grant: Primary signatory being Judie Milner, City Manager.
5. That this resolution is to be non-lapsing.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider returning tax deeded property back to previous owner.

Motion - Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council deed 373 New Hampton Road Map/Lot #128-066-00 back to Barbara Labrie. Seconded by Councilor Blake.

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

A small discussion ensued. Milner explained that this is a tax deeded property from 2022 and because it is the primary residence of the tax deeded property, the 10% penalty shall be waived per RSA.

8 in favor; 1 abstention. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VII.

Council to consider renewal of Lease Agreement between the City and Franklin Targeteers.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council approves the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the Franklin Targeteers and the City of Franklin for five years beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2028 and authorize the City Manager to sign said agreement on behalf of the City. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

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

Councilor Starkweather noted that the Targeteers do all of the maintenance and is not done by the city.

It was also brought up that the agreement was supposed to start in April of 2023 and should be changed to reflect the current date.

Motion – Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council amend the contract to start on August 7, 2023 and end on August 6, 2028. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

7 in favor; 2 abstentions. Motion PASSED.

Vote on original motion:

7 in favor; 2 abstentions. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item VIII.

Council to consider changing the date of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting in September and October.

The regular city council meeting for September falls on the Labor Day Holiday (9/4). Traditionally, the city council moves the September city council meeting to either the Tuesday following the holiday (9/5 for 2023) or the following Monday (9/11 for 2023).

The regular city council meeting for October falls on Monday, October 2, 2023. Municipal elections are Tuesday, October 3rd. Monday October 9th is the Columbus Day Holiday. Last year, upon staff recommendation, the City Council moved the October city council meeting to the following Tuesday to accommodate staff and election needs regarding set up requirements of the shared space for Monday night meeting and Tuesday elections. While this is not an issue this year as city council meetings will be held at the Bessie Rowell Community Center, this change in meeting date did eliminate the need for the council to hold another meeting in October by including the “canvass of the votes” as an agenda item for the regularly schedule city council meeting. If the council chooses to change the meeting, Tuesday, October 10th, is the date that the task of canvass of votes must be done.

Per the recommendations from Milner, the City Council agreed to change the next two City Council meetings to September 5th, 2023 and October 10th, 2023.

Agenda Item IX.

Council to consider setting a public hearing for Resolution 05-24 to accept and appropriate \$418,000 InvestNH grant funds towards Stanley Mill demolition.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing date for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, regarding Resolution #05-24 accepting and appropriating an InvestNH grant in the amount of \$418,000 for the purpose of demolishing the Stanley Mill and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents relating to the grant. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion.
No discussion ensued.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Mayor Brown read resolution 05-24 to the public:

RESOLUTION #05-24

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2024 which began July 1, 2023, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the Stanley Mill property is an extensive environmental clean-up project which requires the demolition of the mill, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the City received federal grant funds through the New Hampshire Business and Economic Affairs InvestNH program in the amount of \$418,000 for the purposes of demolishing the Stanley Mill, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire wishes to appropriate the grant for the demolition of the mill, **Now,**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 6pm the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #05-24 accepting the InvestNH grant, authorizing the City Manager to execute all grant related documents and authorizing a non-lapsing appropriation through an increase in FY2024 revenues:

Federal Grant Brownfield Acct. No. 01-0-000-33110-413 – Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand dollars (\$418,000)

And an increase in FY2024 expenditure accounts,

Nuisance Abatement Brownfield Acct No. 01-1-302-40491-413 – Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand dollars (\$418,000)

Agenda Item X.

Council to consider setting a public hearing Resolution 06-24 to accept and appropriate \$310,000 InvestNH grant funds towards municipal purposes.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing date for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, regarding Resolution #06-24 accepting and appropriating an InvestNH grant in the amount of \$310,000 for the purpose of matching DOT Action Plan, funding development studies and the city hall project. Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion.

There was a small discussion about the amount that would go towards the City Hall project, which will be a total of \$250,000.

8 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion PASSED

Mayor Brown read resolution 06-24 to the public:

RESOLUTION #06-24

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2024 which began July 1, 2023, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the City received federal grant funds through the New Hampshire Business and Economic Affairs InvestNH program in the amount of \$310,000 for municipal purposes, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes several economic development purposes in which the InvestNH funding would be instrumental including DOT Action Plan project, traffic, parking and wayfinding signage studies, and the “city hall/opera house” project at Soldiers Memorial Hall, **and;**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire wishes to appropriate the grant for these economic development purposes, **Now,**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 6pm the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #06-24 accepting the InvestNH grant, authorizing the City Manager to execute all grant related documents and authorizing a non-lapsing appropriation through an increase in FY2024 revenues:

Federal Grant Acct. No. 01-0-000-33110-000 – Three Hundred Ten Thousand dollars (\$310,000)

And an increase in FY2024 expenditure accounts,

Economic Development Other Professional Services Acct No. 01-6-511-40390-000 – One Hundred Twenty Thousand dollars (\$120,000)

Buildings Acct No. 01-9-012-40720-000 – One Hundred Ninety Thousand dollars (\$190,000)

Agenda Item XI.

Other Business:

1. Mayor & Council Appointments

Mayor Brown re-appointed (Chair) Kathy Zink to the Trustees of the Trust Funds Committee, seat TT1, term of service to September 2026 and re-appointed Christine Sheedy to the Conservation Commission Committee, seat CC3, term of service to September 2026.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council reappoint Rodney Judkins to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board, seat CEAB3, term of service to September, reappoint Ernest Fredette to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board, seat CEAB6, term of service to September 2026, and appoint Debra Gibbs to the Ward III Clerk position, seat WC3, to fill in for the rest of 2023. Seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

2. Committee Reports

Councilor Ribas stated that he had sent out the email to councilors with a test of the city manager's evaluation questions and was short 4 answers. He asked that if anyone couldn't find the email to let him know so that he can resend it out.

Mayor Brown discussed a focus group that would be meeting on August 15th with the Department of Justice on Community SPIRIT. She is hoping to have Karen Darling there to represent Franklin's Anti-Hate group.

3. City Manager's Update

- Contingent Grant Line Activity – \$566.08 from sex offender compliance grant, \$420 towards Parks & Rec for kayak beautification, \$243.76 from Hannaford's for FPIP, \$200 from Franklin Savings Bank for FPIP, and \$475 from Thrift Clothes Closet towards National Night Out.
- Trust fund for school funding – \$272.55
- Welcome: Adam Green to the water department
- Congratulations: Director Sargeant for being asked to judge at the 2023 NH Literacy Awards and Mike Mussey for successfully completing Paramedic School and passing the national exam.
- Committee Meetings – Aug:
 - Joint Finance – No Aug meeting; meeting dates are 9/19 (at 6:15pm/Bessie Rowell) & 10/12 (School is hosting so this location/time TBD)
 - Legislative – This is being rescheduled to another date/time - TBD
 - Municipal Services – This was cancelled and the next meeting will be in October
- Shout Out for National Night Out – To Stephanie Wolff, Krystal Alpers, PD, FD and the Lodge of Elks
- Election Updates:
 - Candidates Filing Period – August 16th – August 25th
 - Supervisors of Checklist Session – This is scheduled for August 15th from 6pm – 630pm
- Tax Deed Update – Out of 11 deeded properties, 4 were taken and 2 will be able to buy them back.
- Dog Forfeiture Update – This started out as 550 and is now down to 227 unlicensed dogs. This list is getting updated.
- Media contacts – Concord Monitor, Laconia Daily Sun, and Union Leader
- Plan NH Event – On July 25th the city led about 30 attendees on a walking tour of downtown. They wanted to see the progress after last year. Milner gave a shout out to Franklin after these 3 charettes.
- Legislative Update – The budget has been passed at the state level. There will be \$160M in NH reimbursements.
- Stanley Mill update – EPA grants are still being worked on for cleaning up the site.

- City Hall Update – The awarded architect for this project is ARCove out of Portsmouth, NH. They have a lot of experience with historical buildings in that area. The contract was given to the city last Friday so this is with the city attorney for approval. The clock will be starting very soon on the beginning stages.
- Workshop meeting -August 21, 2023 – This will be at 6pm, location TBD and this will be on Trestle Bridge. The city is getting pressure from the DOT on what the next steps will be.
- CDBG grant for Healthfirst has been submitted.
- Late Item is needed
- Non-Public is needed:

4. Late Item

City Council to consider the approval of Franklin Savings Bank loan terms for the loans for the approved vehicle purchases in the FY2024 budget. (The info that was passed out for this late item is attached to the end of the minutes)

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council accept the loan terms provided by Franklin Savings Bank for:

- 1) the financing of the vehicle/equipment purchases approved in the FY2024 budget (Resolution 01-24):**
 - a. (1) 2023 5500 Reg Cab Chassis 4x4 (water 1-ton) at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for five years and,**
 - b. (1) Chevy Equinox at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for four years and,**
 - c. (1) 2024 Western Star 6-Wheeler at an interest rate of 5.15% fixed for seven years and,**
 - d. (1) Case 621G Wheel Loader at an interest rate of 5.25% fixed for ten years and,**
 - e. (1) 2023 Felling Trailer at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for four years and,**
 - f. (2) 2023 Police Chevy Tahoe's (fully outfitted) at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for five years and,**
 - g. (1) Ford F-150 at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for four years.**

Seconded by Councilor Blake.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion.
It was mentioned that these items did come off of the CIP.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

5. Nonpublic Session Needed

Milner stated that they were ready to enter into a nonpublic session.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council enter into nonpublic according to RSA 91-A:3 II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. Seconded by Councilor Zink.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Entered into nonpublic at 8:40 p.m.

Motion – Councilor Webb moved to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

All in favor. Motion PASSED

Public Session reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

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

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Zink and seconded by Councilor Ribas. All in favor. Motion PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Jones

Executive Secretary



Franklin Economic Development Forum

June 19, 2023, Franklin, New Hampshire Elks Club

My name is Dean Laughy, Ward Three and I am a life long resident in Franklin, except for a few years in school. I was born right here at the Aikens Homestead and invested in our first home in Franklin in 1979, we have been investing in Franklin for 44 years.

I want to share with you three comments that have been stated to the tax paying residents of the City of Franklin. These have been stated several times by a non resident.

Come on wake up

Man, think

You must invest

I can assure you the tax paying residents in the City of Franklin are awake. We are awake, we care and we want to be heard.

As a tax paying resident of the City of Franklin I am thinking, that is the reason I am here, I care about the future of Franklin and what is happening to the City and the direction it is going.

As I mentioned we have been told to invest in the city. I am investing and have been for 44 years and so aren't all the tax paying residents of Franklin, we are all investing, ~~are you?~~

In the last 44 years we have invested each year and counted on the City Council to use these investments for the best interest of the City of Franklin for services, education and safety in the city.

As a tax paying resident in the City of Franklin I am here to tell you:

I am Awake

I am Thinking

I am Investing

~~Are you?~~ (how many of you don't live in Franklin?)

As was were asked several meeting ago by Councilman Webb, do you have any solutions?

Let me share with you several options:

First let's look at the Petition and Pole Licensings fees for utilities. Just in the 500 feet near my home there at 12 poles that are not permitted? (not to mention the mounted equipment) What would a complete audit in the City of Franklin reveal? Just this fee, a State of New Hampshire RSA 231:161, requirement would pay for the needed software for the planning department, mentioned in the budget meetings.

Now let's think about parking in Franklin. Many of the parking spots have been leased on an annual basis. More leasing option were just approved. This annual lease should be change and increased. We always hear about comparison to other towns and city and the annual lease cost is not enough. An option could be implementing parking fee with eletronic meters. Not sure of the total parking spaces in Franklin so lets just use some rough numbers.

Parking permit in towns and city run \$50 a month, \$600 a year, not in Franklin, I believe these are about \$200 annually.

200 spaces at \$.25 an hour with a 30% occupenence rate which would be about \$360 a day, bringing in \$131,400 a year and I think these numbers are light. This alone would pay for additional life / safety for fire and police.

Laconia is \$2.00 an hour, Concord is \$1.00 and Manchester is \$.75.

Now lets look at the water park. It has been stated several times that this will bring 190,000 visitors a year. Excellent. With an investment cost of \$6.7 mm, each of the visitors could invest a one time fee of just \$35.26 or a five year plan brings this to \$7.05. I for one, would be the first to issue my investment check of \$35.26 to the water park.

The City of Franklin needs to focus on the investment of the city operations and not non esentials projects.

During the last 15 years or so we have seen a continued concern for the road conditions in the city. Where have the prior investments gone? We do need to invest in the roads for the safety and comfort of the tax paying residents in Franklin. As for the Soldiers Hall, how have we gotten here? Many of the concerns can be resolved quickly, to protect the safety of the people, and at an expense the city can afford. However investment is needed to make sure that the Soldier Hall / Opera House is brought back to it glory days, this should be the cornerstone for cultural and arts and focus of the city not the water park.

I am sure someone believes in the investment in the water park and they believe it is a good investment, if this is true, than having this self funded should not be a problem and should be done in this fashion and not a city funded project.

The City of Franklin needs an increase in its tax base, not increased taxes. What builds a strong tax base, a strong school system and a strong infrustructure. And if the City Council members thinks the city can afford a \$20mm bond than it should be based on the city needs not wants or wishes. For example what about a technical training center at the High School, (like Hewitt) What about a computer training lab at the high school, what about industrial arts center for the High School, (wood, Metal and automotive). What about training to be a chef? What about converting our school building to self sustaining with a

green heating systems and solar power, reducing our costs and improving the environment for our children. Our kids need our investment not an amusement park.

The bond must be split up and each element must have a separate vote so we as the tax paying citizens in Franklin know exactly how each council person vote for each element. If this was your money you would not invest in an amusement park when there are so many other true needs for the city.

Thank you for listening.

A concerned tax paying resident of the City of Franklin.

Franklin Tax Rate Comparisons

Description	Rate	Position From the Highest	Total Positions	In the top
Total Tax Rate	\$24.39	60	266	22.56%
Municipal Rate	\$13.12	4	266	1.50%
School Rate	\$ 7.16	194	266	72.93%

[Property Tax Rates & Related Data | Municipal | NH Department of Revenue Administration](#)

Testimony of: William Yacopucci, Resident of Ward 3 – Franklin, NH

Written on 08/05/23 and delivered to the City Council of the City of Franklin, NH on 08-07-23

Good evening from Bill Yacopucci, Ward 3. Work has called me away, but this issue is of such significance to Franklin that I took the time to write out my testimony. I appreciate it being read to the council.

I am generally known within the community for leading the effort to bring a makerspace to Franklin. Its goal is to help advance the community and provide opportunities for its inhabitants. Much of what exists within this bond is akin to what we are all about. No one project will “save” Franklin but the culmination of all the projects we are working on is transformative and can be life-changing for our residents.

My concern is, that if we fail to act during this time of greatest opportunity, we may once again add these projects to the list of “almosts” or “could- have- beens” that we lament as we settle back into our well-worn persona as the city that can’t catch a break.

Of course, that will not be an accurate assessment. We will actually be a city that had opportunity within its grasp and failed to take it. We have, for too long, looked to handouts and lottery-style wins to determine our future. That has brought us nothing but failure. Luck is a factor in life, but it is what you do with that luck that matters!

I grew up in Franklin, attending and graduating from its school system. After 25 years or so, away pursuing a career, I made the choice to return to Franklin in 2014. It was a great decision. You sometimes cannot fully appreciate where you came from until you leave and experience other places. The great recreational opportunities that we have in Franklin seldom appear in such abundance in one location. We should be thankful for all that we have. And recognize its abundance in helping our community reach its potential.

Having spent time on the West Coast and in the Mid-West I was exposed to other ways that communities address their most pressing issues. Franklin must understand that those that join us from outside can bring valuable experience and insight. No one better personifies that for me in Franklin than Marty Parichand.

Again, luck brought him to us, now what are we going to do with it. I have seen lies and misinformation representing Mill City as a personal vanity project with no redeeming value to the community. It is not a private for-profit corporation, it is a city owned park, free to all - that has, and will, continue to draw millions of dollars of investment into our town.

Of all of the items in the proposed bond, it is one of the least expensive and has, by far, the most return on investment! It is a simple math equation when you come down to it. If someone said give me \$2 and I’ll give you \$10 back you would be a fool not to do it!

While it is true, Mill City made it this far without the use of tax dollars, the project's completion should not be condemned because it is included in the proposed bond. New opportunities for Mill City to become an Olympic caliber site only enhance Franklin's profile as a place to be. Inclusion in the bond will allow for timely completion of Mill City. This will maintain critical momentum and ensure other investments in Franklin will continue to flow.

We must take a long view as we look at the whitewater park and all other elements of the bond. Our public representatives must have the foresight to consider the long-term as well as the short-term if they are to truly represent our best interest.

A city, like a business, is a going-concern - there is no expiration date. As custodians of a community - which elected officials and civil servants are - it is a dereliction of duty to wear blinders and fail to address its direction and future. For far too long that has been the status quo for Franklin.

The proverbial can has been kicked down a dead end road and is bouncing back and hitting us in the face. There are bold and brave servants of this community that refuse to kick the can anymore. Mike Foss, for one, who puts the citizens' safety first and demands that we do it right. A selection of elected officials, civil servants and business people – who think beyond themselves have banded together to forge a solution for Franklin's future.


Franklin has failed to use the fiscal tool of investment in infrastructure that most every other NH community has used to greater effect. Unless we wake up to reality Franklin is destined to the same lot as a third-world country – a failed state.

Local is where stuff gets done, where the individual can make a difference. The divisive politics practiced at a national level are not welcome. "No" alone is not a solution, it is not a result. Municipal public servants are not game show judges who can say no, make a wise-ass comment, drop the mic and exit the stage. If not this, then what? No other plan is not an option. It is not doing your job.

Approving to investment in Franklin's future is not an end. The bond is a beginning. Going forward, choices will be available on how to proceed, options will exist. This is not a blank check. Having invested in our future we will have greater determination over it. A widened tax base will allow us to better maintain what we have so future generations don't have to dig out of a hole – a self-inflicted hole – like this again.

I ask that all council members approve the bond and work toward implementing the opportunities it affords us to the best of your abilities. Thank you.

Sincerely,


William Yacopucci

August 7, 2023 City Council Meeting

Good evening. Judith Ackerson from Ward 3. I wish to extend my thanks to Chief Foss of the Fire Department for bringing us to the point we are at today. Your integrity and courage are commendable.

First, I will address an elephant in the room. When some people don't like an action being proposed, facts be damned. When they don't have any data to back up their argument, they resort to loud personal attacks. People do have the First Amendment right to say what they are thinking but angry retorts turn people against them. The loudest mouth in the room does not mean you are the majority. I believe most people in this community have had quite enough.

To Judie Milner, Jo Brown, George Dzujna, Valarie Blake and possibly others who sit at the front table and have been much maligned, and Marty Parachand who has given so much of himself and his personal investment, I am in awe of your courage and grace under fire. You all respond with good solidly researched data that you can back up. You are not looking to win; you are looking to form consensus among the voting public.

My thought on the bond is that one item be removed from consideration, Trestle Bridge. This structure has been neglected for decades and I don't feel its interest to the community justifies spending \$5 million on it. It may, however, be considered wise to spend the estimated \$1 million cost to take it down at this time for safety reasons. If it has sentimental value, many photos have been taken. I have one hanging in my living room.

Mill City Park and the Opera House which is housed within City Hall are the two biggest reasons for recent and future investments in our community. Seventy percent of our school children have taken advantage of arts programs at the Opera House at no cost to taxpayers. How could we possibly entertain the thought of losing this resource for our children by letting City Hall go? Multiple youngsters have been introduced to our river and lake through the Recreation Department in concert with Mill City Park.

I attended the joint meeting of City Council and the School Board where one school board member asked "but what about the children" in spending on this bond. A reminder that the city did take out a bond in 2006 for \$2,700,000 for school renovations. Our city is an **extension of our classrooms** where kids not only learn new skills but how to be a part of a community. The Junior Youth Group is another example of community education. Isn't it time now that we now tend to the city's infrastructure needs?

Further grants to finish the water park have been denied **because** grantors are asking when is the city going to kick in some cash. Chinburg is spending millions of dollars here because these two features draw people to want to spend time here and live here. Waterhorse, Downtown Crepes, Asian Delight, Franklin Café, Lakes Region eBikes, to name a few, are here because they see Franklin as a good investment. Imagine City Hall abandoned, deteriorating or torn down and paved over. What would it cost to build another city hall or rent an adequate space?

I love the City of Franklin since I moved here 47 years ago and hope our current City Council members will be the ones we can point to with pride for having done the right thing. Thank you for all you do and for your time.

Judith Ackerson, 3 Morning Glory Drive, Franklin NH 03235 603-369-0574

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Judith Ackerson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judith" being more prominent and the last name "Ackerson" following in a similar style.

Current Assessed Values of Improvement

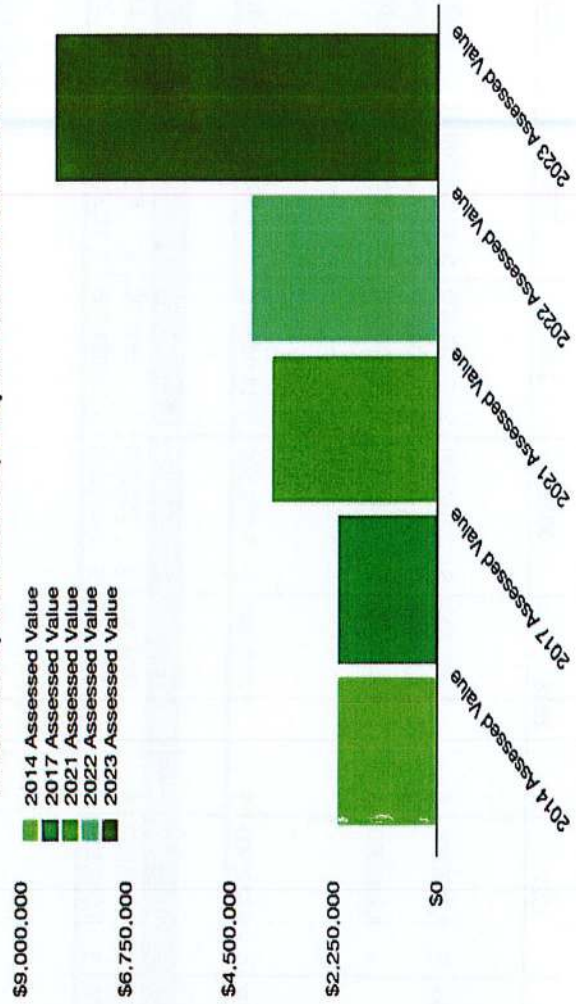
Redeveloped Property	2014		2017		2021		2022	
	Assessed Value	Annual Taxes	Assessed Value	Annual Taxes	Assessed Value	Annual Taxes	Assessed Value	Annual Taxes
Buell Block	\$270,400	\$6,746	\$270,600	\$6,847	\$561,600	\$13,180	\$563,500	\$13,744
Odd Fellows	\$335,400	\$8,368	\$340,300	\$8,698	\$630,800	\$14,641	\$793,900	\$19,363
Shepard Block	\$139,100	\$3,471	\$140,900	\$3,607	\$407,500	\$9,458	\$467,000	\$11,390
Stevens Mills	\$1,385,500	\$39,645	\$1,384,800	\$52,911	\$1,989,900	\$46,186	\$2,202,700	\$53,724
TOTALS	\$2,130,400	\$58,230	\$2,136,600	\$72,062	\$3,589,800	\$83,465	\$4,027,100	\$98,221

ASSESSED VALUE IMPROVEMENT 2017 to 2023

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Redeveloped Property	2023	
	Assessed Value	Annual Taxes
Buell Block	\$690,900	
Odd Fellows	\$4,269,400	
Shepard Block	\$1,092,000	
Stevens Mills	\$2,202,700	
TOTALS	\$8,255,000	Tax rate not set

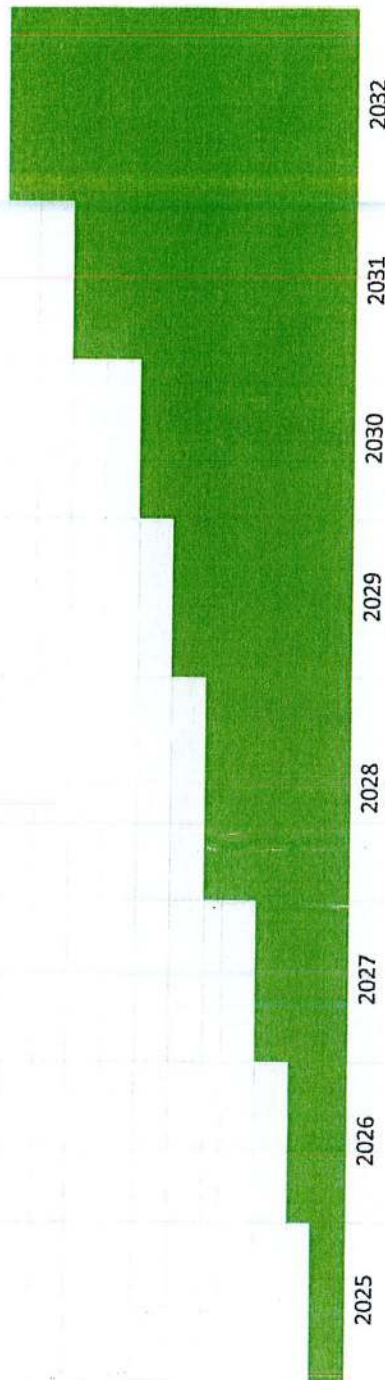
Assessed Value of Buell Block, Odd Fellows, Shepard Block & Stevens Mill



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Projected Assessed Values Attributable to Catalytic Investments

Fiscal Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
<u>Existing/Potential Projects</u>								
Stevens Mill	\$ 2,202,700	\$ 2,202,700	\$ 2,202,700	\$ 2,202,700	\$ 2,202,700	\$ 2,202,700	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Stanley Mill/Armory/Proulx Hotel				\$ 3,500,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000
			\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,200,000
<u>Background Projects</u>								
60,000 SF of Downtown Space								
Upgraded @ \$350/SF x 70%	\$ 1,837,500	\$ 3,675,000	\$ 5,512,500	\$ 7,350,000	\$ 9,187,500	\$ 11,025,000	\$ 12,862,500	\$ 14,700,000
TOTAL:	\$ 4,040,200	\$ 5,877,700	\$ 11,915,200	\$ 17,252,700	\$ 22,590,200	\$ 24,427,700	\$ 34,062,500	\$ 45,900,000
POTENTIAL TAX REV. @ \$ 24.39	\$ 98,540	\$ 143,357	\$ 290,612	\$ 420,793	\$ 550,975	\$ 595,792	\$ 830,784	\$ 1,119,501
"BONDABILITY"(1)	\$ 1,339,198	\$ 1,948,270	\$ 3,949,509	\$ 5,718,719	\$ 7,487,930	\$ 8,097,003	\$ 11,290,631	\$ 15,214,384



NOTES:

(1) "Bondability" is the principal amount of a 20-year/4% bond that can be supported by estimated tax revenues.

Myth Buster: TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District does not retain any value unless there is an APPROVED project by the city council.

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LATE ITEM

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**
City Council Meeting of August 7th, 2023

From: Esaundra Gaudette/Finance Director

Subject: City Council to consider the approval of Franklin Savings Bank loan terms for the approved vehicle purchases in the FY2024 budget.

Recommended Motion for the August 7th, 2023 Meeting of the City Council:

"I move that the Franklin City Council accept the loan terms provided by Franklin Savings Bank for:

- 1) the financing of the vehicle/equipment purchases approved in the FY2024 budget (Resolution 01-24):*
 - a. (1) 2023 5500 Reg Cab Chassis 4x4 (water 1-ton) at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for five years and,*
 - b. (1) Chevy Equinox at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for four years and,*
 - c. (1) 2024 Western Star 6-Wheeler at an interest rate of 5.15% fixed for seven years and,*
 - d. (1) Case 621G Wheel Loader at an interest rate of 5.25% fixed for ten years and,*
 - e. (1) 2023 Felling Trailer at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for four years and,*
 - f. (2) 2023 Police Chevy Tahoe's (fully outfitted) at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for five years and,*
 - g. (1) Ford F-150 at an interest rate of 5.00% fixed for four years.*

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and vote.

Background:

On June 5, 2023 the Franklin City Council adopted the FY2024 budget. The budget included the purchase of nine vehicles/equipment. A purchase of a 1-ton to replace the current 1-ton truck #29 in water/sewer; the purchase of two vehicles for the Recreation department: the purchase of a 6-wheeler to replace #3; the purchase of a Loader to replace #14; the purchase of a trailer to replace #40 in Building and Grounds; the purchase of (2) fully outfitted Chevy Tahoe's for the Police department to replace two other units in the fleet; and the purchase of a truck in Highway to replace #2. Unfortunately, at this time the City has not been able to purchase a replacement for the truck #2 in highway and therefore it is not included in this financing round. We will continue to search for a vehicle that works and fits into the approved budget and obtain financing at that time.

The term for the vehicle/equipment loans are as follows:

- (1) 2023 5500 Reg Cab Chassis 4x4 (water 1-ton) up to \$135,860 for 5 years (60 months) at a rate of 5.00% fixed

- (1) Chevy Equinox for Recreation up to \$28,438 for 4 years (48 months) at a rate of 5.00% fixed
- (1) 2024 Western Star 6-Wheeler up to \$279,675 for 7 years (84 months) at a rate of 5.15% fixed
- (1) Case 621G Wheel Loader up to \$183,500 for 10 years (120 months) at a rate of 5.25% fixed
- (1) 2023 Felling Trailer up to \$29,825 for 4 years (48 months) at a rate of 5.00% fixed
- (2) 2023 Police Chevy Tahoe's fully outfitted up to \$137,685.92 for 5 years (60 months) at a rate of 5.00% fixed
- (1) Ford F-150 for Recreation up to \$42,105 for 4 years (48 months) at a rate of 5.00% fixed

Fiscal Impact:

This vote is only accepting the loan terms. The capital outlay and debt service payments have previously been approved by the Franklin City Council through the FY2024 budget process.

These rates are being held for the City by Franklin Savings Bank even though several interest rates increases have occurred since the passage of the budget which can only be achieved through a partnership with a strong community orientated bank such as Franklin Savings Bank.

Alternatives:

Other financing options were looked at which resulted in higher interest rates and payments. The rates ranged from 5.99% to 7.25%. Two of the four banks chose not to even submit a rate as they had already exceeded their municipal lending line. We could do nothing and the budget will be significantly overspent due to the maintenance and repair costs of the aging fleet that was slated to be replaced.

Attachments:

Resolution 01-24

Pages 158 and 159 of the approved FY2024 budget which shows authorized debt payments.

Pages 171 and 176 of the approved FY2024 budget which shows authorized debt payments (Water/Sewer)

City of Franklin, New Hampshire									
FY2024 Budget Expenditures									
		FY 2023				FY2024 Budget			
		Prior Year Encumbrances	Council Adopted Budget Expenditures	Actual Expenditures (thru 5/31/23 Unadjusted)	Department Proposed Expenditures	Managers Proposed Expenditures	Council Adopted Expenditures	% Change Over Prior Year Appropriated Expenditures	Account Detail
Debt Service									
									Bonds & Notes; Roads (8 of 10 payments \$53,880.10); Fire Engine (7 of 10 payments \$67,308.90); Ambulance (4 of 7 payments \$28,537.22); MSD Grader (4 of 7 payments \$42,905.66); (2)Chevy Tahoe-Police (payment 3 of 4 \$19,817.74); 2 code vehicle (Payment 2 of 4 \$24,948.31) and MSD director vehicle (Payment 2 of 4 total payment = \$8,422.83 (\$1684.56 (20% GF), \$5,474.85 (65% Water), \$1,263.42 (15% Sewer)); Highway Backhoe (payment 2 of 10 \$19,564.04); Franklin Falls Mixed Use TIF Amendment #1 note (payment 1 of 20 \$49,022); Police Dispatch center upgrade (payment 1of 6) \$85,426.15;Purchase 2 vehicles for the Rec dept (1) Chevy Equinox (payment 1 of 4) \$6,902.41 & (1) Ford Ranger (payment 1 of 4) \$7,395.60; Replace Highway Truck #2 (payment 1 of 5) \$20,304.69; Replace 6 wheeler #3 (payment 1 of 7) \$33,584.24; Replace Cat Loader #14 (payment 1 of 10) \$19,961.53; Purchase (2) New Police Tahoes Fully outfitted to replace older cruisers (payment 1 of 4) \$32,050.62; replacement of Bldg & grounds trailer #40 (payment 1 of 4) \$6,884.49
01-7-111-40980-000 Principle Debt Serv - Princ			313,992	227,297	385,730	520,178	520,178	65.7%	
01-7-112-40981-000 Interest Debt Serv - Interest			26,052	36,695	111,268	111,268	111,268	327.1%	Interest relating to bonds & notes
01-7-119-40982-000 Debt Service - Capital Leases			62,855	62,855	0		0	-100.0%	
Total Debt Service		0	402,899	326,847	496,998	631,446	631,446	56.7%	
Capital Outlay									
See approved 5 year Capital Improvement Plan									
01-9-012-40720-451 Buildings CO - Bldgs LWCF - Daniell Park Bath house upgrades			56,320	20,004	0	0	0	-100.0%	
01-9-012-40720-000 Buildings CO - Bldgs			60,000	0	0	0	0	-100.0%	
01-9-013-40740-000 Machinery & Equip CO - Mach & Equip		90,000	69,226	158,416	496,061	496,061	496,061	616.6%	\$248,986 replacement of 6 wheeler #3; \$217,500 replacement of Cat loader #14; \$29,575 replacement of Bldg & grounds trailer #40

City of Franklin, New Hampshire									
FY2024 Budget Expenditures									
		FY 2023				FY2024 Budget			Account Detail
		Prior Year Encumbrances	Council Adopted Budget Expenditures	Actual Expenditures (thru 5/31/23 Unadjusted)		Department Proposed Expenditures	Managers Proposed Expenditures	Council Adopted Expenditures	
01-9-013-40760-000 Machinery & Equip CO - Vehicles	01-9-014-40730-000 Other Improvements CO - Land		0	0		302,199	302,199	302,199	\$28,438 Chevy Equinox for Rec dept; \$30,470 Ford Ranger for Rec dept;\$105,605 replacement of Truck #2 Highway dept; \$137,685.92 purchase 2 fully outfitted police tahoes to replace 2 other units in fleet
	01-9-014-40770-000 Other Improvements - Technology		520,193	0		0	0	0	
	01-9-014-40798-000 Other Improvements CO - Infrastructure	37,650	0	0		0	0	0	
	Total Capital Outlay	127,650	705,739	178,420		798,260	798,260	798,260	
									Res#08-22 Police Dispatch Center; IMC upgrade
									Keegan Block Parking Lot
									13.1%

City of Franklin, New Hampshire									
FY2024 Budget									
Expenses									
FY 2023									
		Budget Expenses	Actual Expenses (thru 05/31/23 Unadjusted)	FY2024 Budget					
				Department Proposed Expenses	Manager Proposed Expenses	Council Adopted Expenses	% Change Over Prior Year Appropriated Expenses	Account Detail	
21-0-331-40350-000 Medical		800	303	800	800	800	0.0%	random drug testing, annual physicals, pre-employment physicals	
21-0-331-40410-000 Water Admin Electricity		4,000	2,720	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	50% Administration Building	
21-0-331-40411-000 Water Admin Heating Oil/Gas		2,500	2,780	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	50% Administration Building	
21-0-331-40430-000 Water Admin Bldg Repairs & Maint		200	433	500	500	500	150.0%	Paper towels, etc.; any repairs to office building (Water Fund share)	
21-0-331-40439-000 Water Admin Other Contracted Services		3,200	2,542	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	Background Checks, data collection for mapping, JP Pest services	
21-0-331-40440-000 Water Admin Equip Lease		820	743	850	850	850	3.7%	Portion of MSD office copier& 25% of folding machine maint.	
21-0-331-40521-000 Water Admin General Liability		43,155	41,310	47,725	47,725	47,725	10.6%	Insurance costs related to the operation of the Water fund	
21-0-331-40528-000 Water Admin Gen Liab Deduct		2,500	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	Any insurance claim deductibles for Water Dept. claims	
21-0-331-40551-000 Water Admin Advert/Legal Notices		200	0	200	200	200	0.0%	Legal notices as needed; newspaper ads	
21-0-331-40560-000 Water Admin Membership/Dues		1,200	1,550	1,600	1,600	1,600	33.3%	AWWA (\$487) & NHWWA (\$664) , GSRWA (\$400) (Water Dept. training dues required to participate)	
21-0-331-40620-000 Water Admin Supplies - Office		700	558	700	700	700	0.0%	Paper, pens, etc. for Water Dept.	
21-0-331-40625-000 Water Admin Postage		3,000	2,471	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	Mailing Bills for Water Dept.	
21-0-331-40840-000 Water Admin PILOT		2,471	0	2,929	2,929	2,929	18.5%	Payment in lieu of taxes for Water Dept. land in Sanbornton	
21-0-331-40980-000 Water Admin Debt Serv - Princ		464,332	383,352	483,004	483,004	483,004	4.0%	\$130,180 USDA Rural Development (Water Treatment Facility - expires 2040); \$95,756.37 DWSRF West Franklin Water Tanks (expires 2034); \$55,931 Cross Street Rehabilitation/US3 Water Main Relocation Projects (expires 2027), \$29,029.76 Pleasant St. PRV (expires 2029); \$75,162.40 New Hampton Rd Water Main Replacement (expires 2051); MSD director vehicle replacement (payment 2 of 4) \$5,474.85; replacement of 1 ton #29 \$12,740 (payment 1 of 5); placeholder for east/west bow street DWSRF project (\$75,000)	
21-0-331-40981-000 Water Admin Debt Serv - Interest		156,616	156,616	149,741	149,741	149,741	-4.4%	\$49,060 USDA Rural Development (Water Treatment Facility - expires 2040); \$61,778.89 DWSRF West Franklin Water Tanks (expires 2034); \$2,791.37 Cross Street Rehabilitation/US3 Water Main Relocation Projects (expires 2027); \$1,905.1 Pleasant Street PRV (expires 2029) ; \$31,443.72 New Hampton Rd. Water Main Replacement (expires 2051);MSD director vehicle replacement (payment 2 of 4) \$491.69; replacement of 1 ton truck #29 \$2,270 (payment 1 of 5)	

City of Franklin, New Hampshire									
FY2024 Budget Expenses		FY 2023		FY2024 Budget			Account Detail		
	Budget Expenses	Actual Expenses (thru 05/31/23 Unadjusted)	Department Proposed Expenses	Manager Proposed Expenses	Council Adopted Expenses	% Change Over Prior Year Appropriated Expenses			
22-0-321-40980-000 Sewer Internal Operations Debt Serv - Princ	147,556	46,176	161,727	161,727	161,727	9.6%	\$47,723.59 NHDES/SRF Loan for North Main/Route11/Kidder Avenue sewer main replacement project (expires 2026);MSD director vehicle replacement (payment 2 of 4) \$1,263.42; replacement of 1 ton #29 \$12,740 (payment 1 of 5); placeholder for East/West Bow Street sewer replacement program CWSRF grant/loan \$100,000		
22-0-321-40981-000 Sewer Internal Operations Debt Serv - Interest	8,276	10,004	9,111	9,111	9,111	10.1%	\$6,727.76 NHDES/SRF Loan for North Main/Route11/Kidder Avenue sewer main replacement project (expires 2026);MSD director vehicle replacement (payment 2 of 4) \$113.46; replacement of 1 ton truck #29 \$2,270 (payment 1 of 5)		
Total Sewer Administration	740,405	407,419	5,779,747	5,740,405	5,740,405	675.3%			
Winnepesaukee River Basin Program - 10 community program with shared costs based on a formula established in the 70's. Program is operated by State of New Hampshire with a local advisory board made up of participating communities.									
Sewer External Operations									
22-0-322-40581-000 Sewer External Operations WSPCC Admin	184,675	181,986	226,073	226,073	226,073	22.4%	Franklin is 16% of total WRBP cost		
22-0-322-40582-000 Sewer External Operations WSPCC Capital	153,072	122,173	124,383	124,383	124,383	-18.7%	Franklin is 22% of total WRBP cost		
22-0-322-40583-000 Sewer External Operations WSPCC O & M Costs	489,038	617,468	821,553	821,553	821,553	68.0%	Franklin is 16% of total WRBP cost		
22-0-322-40584-000 Sewer External Operations WSPCC Replacement Costs	69,226	68,085	63,018	63,018	63,018	-9.0%	Franklin is 8% of total WRBP cost		
Total Sewer External Operations	896,011	989,712	1,235,027	1,235,027	1,235,027	37.8%	Franklin's share for Administrative Cost's under WRBP current assessment formula		
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENSES	1,636,416	1,397,131	7,014,774	6,975,432	6,975,432	326.3%			



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RESOLUTION #01-24

A resolution relating to Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2024.

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, that the following appropriations and revenues be made for Fiscal Year 2024:

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Operations (MS-232):

General Government	\$	2,004,993
Public Safety		7,151,451
Highways & Streets		2,029,217
Sanitation		1,356,511
Health		371,879
Welfare		98,179
Culture & Recreation		1,484,123
Conservation & Development		100,000
Debt Service		631,446
Capital Outlay		798,260
Interfund Operating Transfers Out		284,696
Total General Operations Appropriations		<u>16,310,755</u>

Other Funds:

Parks & Recreation Appropriations	15,500
Outside Police Detail Appropriations	70,609
Water Appropriations	5,736,852
Sewer Appropriations	6,975,432
Capital Projects Appropriations	0
Pass Through Grant Appropriations	0
Total Municipal Appropriations	<u>\$ 29,109,148</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

General Operations (MS-434):

City Revenues General Fund	\$	5,576,080
Other Financing Resources		897,682
Interfund Operating Transfers In		121,350
Local Taxation		9,715,643
Total General Operations Estimated Revenues		<u>16,310,755</u>

Other Funds:

Parks & Recreation Estimated Revenues	15,500
Outside Police Detail Estimated Revenues	70,609
Water Estimated Revenues	5,736,852
Sewer Estimated Revenues	6,975,432
Capital Projects Estimated Revenues	0
Pass Through Grant Estimated Revenues	0
Total Municipal Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 29,109,148</u>

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Operations	\$	23,965,639
Food Service		0
Total School Department Appropriations	\$	23,965,639

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

General Operations	\$	16,469,461
Transfer from Municipal		0
Use of Fund Balance		893,956
Transfer from Capital Reserve		0
Local & State Taxation		6,602,222
Total School Estimated Revenues	\$	23,965,639

MERRIMACK COUNTY

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 1,931,238

INDUSTRIAL PARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 62,290

FRANKLIN FALLS MIXED USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 72,324

VETERAN'S CREDITS

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 128,525

OVERLAY

Estimated Tax to be Raised \$ 31,000

Roll Call:

Councilor Dzunja	<u>YES</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>NO</u>
Councilor Blake	<u>YES</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>NO</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Chandler	<u>YES</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>NO</u>
Councilor Webb	<u>YES</u>		

Approved: _____

Mayor

Passed: _____

June 5, 2023

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

A true copy, attested:

Michelle Stanyan
City Clerk

Date:

06/05/2023

