



City Council Meeting
Monday, November 4th, 2019

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5:30 PM – Police Recognitions
6:00 PM – Council Meeting

The pre-meeting Police Recognition Celebration began with Police Chief David Goldstein thanking everyone for coming out tonight and introducing his two new police officers, Officers Kristin Tracy and Mark Faro who were invited to the podium and sworn in by City Prosecutor Margot Newman. Everyone applauded.

Next, our new four-legged officers, Officer K-9 Falco and Officer K-9 Miller were called to the stage where everyone witnessed City Prosecutor Newman swearing them in as the City's official K-9 Officers. Everyone applauded for the new members of the Franklin Police Force.

Chief Goldstein then gave a special introduction to Doctor Barry Taylor, inviting him to the podium and recognizing him for his service to the community through the care he has provided and continues to provide for the City's K-9s of the Police Department past and present. Goldstein presented Doctor Taylor with a unique Citation Plaque in recognition of the great work he has done for Franklin. Everyone applauded.

Doctor Taylor thanked the Chief and all who attended.

Mayor Giunta proceeded to the podium and stated that he hasn't seen this kind of excitement in this City in over 25 years. He expressed that it's truly spectacular. He also asked Officer Tracy and Officer Faro, the two officers who were just sworn in, to say hello and shake each of the Councilor's hands before they leave.

Mayor Giunta then addressed Doctor Taylor and shared with everyone that all of this started because of his love of animals. He praised Doctor Taylor for his work and told Doctor Taylor that this is bigger than just the animal care he provides. Mayor Giunta stated that Doctor Taylor has been an impetus for the turnaround in this City. Mayor Giunta thanked Doctor Taylor and presented him with a Mayoral Proclamation and named Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 as Doctor Barry Taylor Day in the City of Franklin. Applause was provided by all.

All were invited to refreshments at 5:48 p.m. until this evening's City Council Meeting began.

City Council Meeting

Mayor Giunta opened the City Council Meeting at 6:08 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council in attendance: Mayor Giunta, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Vince Ribas, Councilor Karen Testerman, Councilor Kathy Rago, Councilor Jo Brown, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Ted Starkweather

Others in attendance: City Manager Judie Milner

Mayor Giunta greeted everyone and stated that the ceremony for our new two-legged officers and for our new four-legged officers was wonderful.

Salute to the flag was led by our Citizen of the Year, Jeff Perkins.

Mayor Giunta stated that it has been great presenting more and more proclamations and hopes to continue doing more. He then began the Council Meeting with another proclamation in honor of Margaret Daisy Blaisdell.

Mayor Giunta invited Daisy up to the podium. Daisy was proudly honored by the Franklin Business and Professional Women's Club for receiving the distinguished Woman of Achievement Award. She was also recognized for her leadership role as a compassionate driving force behind establishing a food pantry for the community and allowing students from all three of our schools to take home food items helping them get through the weekend. Mayor Giunta read aloud her achievements and proclaimed Monday, November 4th, 2019, as Margaret Daisy Blaisdell Day and urged all citizens to join with family and friends in celebrating this very special day. Applause was provided by all.

Daisy Blaisdell thanked everyone and stated that the activities down in the food pantry are picking up and was happy that she has a large dedicated group of volunteers to help at the pantry. She stated that there are 850 registered families. She asked that anyone interested in volunteering or donating food items, she would love to receive them.

Mayor Giunta thanked Daisy for all she does for our community. Applause was provided by all.

Public Hearings

Opened at 6:14 p.m.

Ordinance # 09-20, amendment of the Franklin municipal code, adding a new chapter to include legislation for contested races, tie votes and the recount process during elections.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Council with regards to this Ordinance.

Leigh Webb W3 resident asked if this ordinance was based on the NH Secretary of State's guidelines for recounts and so forth.

Mayor Giunta replied that yes, this from where it came.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any other comments or questions from the public. There were none.

The Public Hearing on Ordinance # 09-20 closed at 6:15 p.m.

Ordinance #10-20 opened 6:15 p.m.

Ordinance #10-20 is a resolution appropriating \$846,493 to the Franklin school district for FY2020.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone who would like to address the Council.

Jeff Savary W1 resident and School Board Vice Chair thanked Mayor Giunta, as well as Chairman Dow, Superintendent LeGallo, and many others who worked tirelessly on the state legislature to get this money to the schools that they so desperately needed. Savary is in support of this resolution and asked the City Council to support it for the full amount. He stated that it was quite telling that Governor Sununu had decided to come to Franklin to sign that bill. Savary added that the Sununu clearly had an understanding of the dire situation that Franklin has been in for years and appropriating the full amount of this money back to the schools is something that is going to give the Franklin school district a much-needed boost in our ability to hire additional teachers and provide additional services for our students. Savary stated that Superintendent Gallo has provided an outline of what some of those changes are going to look like with this additional funding, as well as the meeting that we're going to be having tomorrow to discuss and finalize those things. Savary concluded asking that in the best interest of the students of Franklin, please support this resolution.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was anyone else had comments or questions for the Council. There were none.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #10-20 closed at 6:16 p.m.

Public Comments

Scott Burns W2 resident updated the Council on activities for the Pemi Youth Center. There are currently 17 students attending and homeschool students are showing interest in attending as well. The students enjoyed participating in the City Scarecrow contest. Burns stated that the students are planning on going camping next year. The program is funded for another full year however they are looking for additional funding for beyond that.

Burns asked if anyone had any questions for him. There were none.

Representative Werner Horn, Rep for District 2, Ward 1 and Ward 2 and the community of Hill stated that there wasn't an agenda item for a Legislative update but he wanted to share the legislation that he is sponsoring and lobbying for at the Secretary of State's Office. He stated that the Secretary of State is going to suspend lobbyists ability to lobby if they don't adhere to all the criteria of the chapter. The Secretary of State will be able to return any that aren't legible. And then finally, there's going to be a subcommittee establishing a review of the entire chapter on lobbying.

Horn stated that he is supporting Vaping 21 based on science and what it is doing to the biochemistry of brain development.

Horn also stated that a judge could use their discretion when it comes to a 16-year-old wanting to get married. He believes this is still too young for someone of that age to make that kind of decision and is creating legislation to remove the judges right to make that decision. Horn also wants to make sure a parent knows that their child is deciding to have an abortion.

He is also in support of creating a subcommittee to study the criteria for property tax credits which will include people who retire early due to medical reasons and people who lose a spouse cutting their income in half. This subcommittee that would study the effects on municipalities and understand the full scope before fully supporting it.

Horn is also introducing a bill to address an issue close to his own heart regarding the removal of the age cap from Workers Compensation benefits for firefighters with heart and lung disease. A firefighter passed away within the last three years, who was seventy years old, and according to our workers comp laws, his family wasn't eligible to receive workers comp benefits because of his age. New Hampshire's fire departments routinely depend people of this older age and of good character who continue to serve their community beyond the age of 65. This age cap needs to be removed.

Horn also mentioned that he is going to propose another bill asking the state to pitch in to help with funding Opportunity Zones in New Hampshire. This is currently only supported at a Federal level. He is hoping that this will help more people invest in communities like Franklin. Horn is also introducing a bill that will extend this to businesses providing tax breaks in order to make similar investments.

Horn is also introducing a bill that addresses the definition of grandparents in family law to extend it to great grandparents and great-great grandparents.

Lastly, Horn stated that he proposed a bill that clarifies the language around having dogs on patios at open air restaurants. The current language is a little vague and a DHHS investigator used that to shut down the 603 Brewery in Londonderry.

Mayor Giunta asked if anyone had any questions for Representative Horn. Councilor Dzujna stated that Representative Horn was going to be very busy this year.

Dan Darling W3 resident and Executive Director of the Franklin Opera House informed the Council that an \$18,500 Grant was received from the NH Moose Plate Grant Program for Historic Preservation Conservation which will be used to build a new permanent stage extension. This project will be recreating the original curved stage front complete with wooden moldings for a finished appearance. Darling informed the public to contact him if anyone has questions on this process or if they would like to help with the reconstruction process.

Leigh Webb W3 resident stated that the Plunge for Paws fundraiser event on Saturday was wonderful. He thanked Christine Dzujna for organizing this great event which raised funds for the Franklin Animal Shelter. He also thanked those who attended in support of this fundraiser and especially thanked everyone who plunged. It was a lot of fun.

Mayor Giunta thanked Mr. Webb for doing a great job as the Master of Ceremony.

Franklin Small Business owner Fraz Chaudhary who owns and operates FFF Convenience Store on North Main Street in Franklin stated that the City passed the Tobacco 21 Ordinance #06-20 last month and he asked Senator French if every town has this law. He stated that he is losing business as a result of this ordinance because people are going to the other towns to buy the product. He also stating that they are not only losing this sale of the product but also other items that would normally be purchased along with the sale of tobacco. He also stated that small businesses are the backbone of the economy and usually small towns are run on small businesses. He requested that ordinance be revoked until the state passes such a law.

Mayor Giunta thanked Mr. Chaudhary for coming forward and addressing the Council stating that after the ordinance was passed, a number of other convenience store owners made it known to him personally that this was having damaging effects to their businesses. Mayor Giunta thought it was best that the store owners come before the Council. He referenced Newton's Law that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Mayor Giunta stated that the Council may not have realized what the reaction would be to the passing of the ordinance. Mayor Giunta asked the people who came in to support the store owner to stand. There were about 10 supporters, some also store owners, who stood. Mayor Giunta asked Mr. Chaudhary if he was representing all of those other store owners so they didn't need to speak if they did not want to but are welcome to if they so desired to. The store owners agreed with Chaudhary and no others spoke however they stated that there were several store owners in Franklin that are all losing business because of this ordinance.

Mayor Giunta invited Senator French to come up and share his thoughts on this issue.

Senator French stated that he represents the same constituents and that he's been receiving calls on this Tobacco 21 ordinance as well. French stated that there was a statewide Senate Bill this year to raise the smoking age back to 21. It was a bipartisan measure which was voted down in the Senate. The Bill never got out of the Senate and did not make it to the House. He continued to state that the same sponsor added the same language to House Bill 2 so it is possible that Franklin thought this was being supported by the state which it is not.

French stated that this House Bill received great resistance. There were a lot of senators that were not going to vote for the budget if this language was going to be in there. For a number of reasons whether age or serving in the military, a compromise was struck and the age was brought to 19 where he, himself felt able to support the Bill where he couldn't if it remained at 21.

French continued to explain that Franklin and other cities have made the age 21 but he wanted to note that it is different than the state law and this creates a patchwork quilt of laws throughout the state. He mentioned that although he represents constituents of Franklin, he also represents constituents of other cities where this law is different. There are young adults out there who smoke at 19 and 20 years of age, who drive into Franklin to get to their jobs, who will be breaking the law when they cross the City lines and they are upset about this. He also stated that the store owners in Franklin are losing business. French concluded stating that he attended tonight to inform the Council of the information he is receiving from constituents, that the state law age is 19 to purchase tobacco products, and to reconsider the vote on Ordinance #06-20.

Mayor Giunta stated that he is open to a motion for reconsideration which opens the question back up again. The Council can then gather more input if they so wish. The first step is for a Council member to motion to reconsider.

**Motion – Councilor Rago moved to reconsider Ordinance #06-20.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Councilor Rago reviewed what Senator French stated and summarized that there was a bill before the Senate that was going to move it to 21 years old but that died in the Senate so they compromised to 19 years old. She asked Senator French if that was correct. He replied that it was not correct and clarified that the Bill for 21 was defeated in the Senate. French then explained that Senator Waters brought it back under House Bill 2 which is the second half of the budget. In the Legislature, there are budget years where the presiding party adds failed legislation to House Bills that they want to see through. French stated that everyone complains about this process but it's a way to push through legislation that can't stand on its own. This is what happened in this case when added to House Bill 2, it became a big blocker to passing the budget so the age was lowered to 19 in order to pass the budget.

Councilor Rago responded that the City held a public hearing on this already and she stated that she was frustrated because nobody showed up at that public hearing. As a result, the age of 21 was voted in.

Senator French asked Councilor Rago what the reason for wanting to change the age in the first place making it stronger than what the state is. He continued by mentioning that the state regulates the age to purchase liquor, the age allowed to smoke, and the age that someone can get married.

French continued mentioning that the state regulates all kinds of things. He is aware that some cities and towns are coming forward with stronger age requirements for smoking. French questions whether cities and towns have the right to do that and what would prevent a city or town from raising the age for buying tobacco products to 35, 45, or 55.

Mayor Giunta responded and stated that on the night of the public hearing, the City had very strong input from the Drug and Alcohol Task Force coordinator, Kandyce Tucker. Tobacco products are being filtered down from older residents and put into the hands of high school and even junior high school students. Tucker supplied all kinds of supporting information with regard to the health problems this causes and so it was decided this would be a way to try to keep it out of the hands of our vulnerable children. Chief Goldstein also had significant input in the matter. Mayor Giunta stated that the decision was very much fact based. There was no rebuttal from the public side. Now we are seeing the reaction from the Council's action and the suffering sales for our small business owners. This is where we are today.

Senator French stated that he understood.

Councilor Dzujna also added that the Council was also looking at vaping and how harmful all of this is to the young maturing brain.

Senator French asked the Council if they were aware that Franklin has one of the largest vaping manufacturers in the state. The Council replied that yes, they are aware.

French then informed the Council that he came from a different era when we had smoking sections for the students in high schools. He added that we don't necessarily want to go back to that.

Councilor Testerman stated that we had a public hearing on this and we had had some very strong testimony on establishing this age limit and acted on what we thought would be best for us.

Councilor Dzujna stated that this is like the Federal Government who is against marijuana but many cities and towns are allowing it.

Mayor Giunta asked the store owners if they know how much in lost sales they are seeing or at least have an idea. Chaudhary replied that he didn't know the dollar amount but he estimates about a 10 to 15% loss in overall of sales in a day for himself and for his local business owner friends. This represents all items such as gas, coffee, soda, chips, and candy including tobacco.

Leigh Webb W3 resident suggested that Mayor Giunta review the rules of order as the Entitlement to Reconsider timeframe may have passed and the process may need to start all over again. That means having a public hearing and then vote again. Mayor Giunta stated that this was duly noted and thanked Mr. Webb.

Mayor Giunta addressed the council and stated when there is a reconsideration, if they are willing to look past a discussion around reconsideration, that will be fine. If there are some

serious questions, the Council can always do a motion to rescind. A motion to rescind does not have a time limit and essentially accomplishes the same thing. The stipulation is that there must be 2/3 of the Council to vote in support of rescinding.

Councilor Rago stated that she does not know how the other Councilors feel but because no one came to declare their opinions at the original public hearing, she requested some data from the business owners in relation to what the 10% loss of sales equates to.

Councilor Ribas was going to suggest tabling the motion to reconsider. He asked Councilor Rago if she withdraws her original motion, this can be discussed again at a future meeting and move on to the other business that was scheduled for this evening.

Mayor Giunta reviewed what the Council was considering and made clear that he can't respond to any of the motions however he can only make a suggestion and then clarify it for the public. He reviewed what Councilor Ribas stated which was to withdraw the motion to reconsider. A Councilor can make a motion to rescind and a Councilor would second it. After this, it can be tabled until more information comes forward.

Mayor Giunta then recognized Representative Horn who addressed the Council to remind them that on the evening this ordinance was passed, he spoke against the ordinance although not particularly with regards to business's profit losses but he stated that he did point out that if the ordinance passed, it would be creating a patchwork of ordinances with our surrounding communities and that this will in effect be criminalizing the activity of buying, using tobacco, and possession of it. Horn wanted to state that there was push back at that public hearing and asked that this be record of it.

**Motion – Councilor Rago moved to withdraw the reconsideration of Ordinance #06-20
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

**Motion - Councilor Rago moved to rescind Ordinance #06-20.
Seconded by Councilor Trudel.**

Leigh Webb W3 resident stated that if the motion to rescind were to come back off the table and voted on, the Council would be going back to the original ordinance. This doesn't include the age changing to 19. That would be a whole different ordinance.

Mayor Giunta stated that if this is tabled for now to gather more data then taken off the table to open up discussion and then passed based on the new data, this would wipe the slate clean as if nothing happened.

**Motion – Councilor Ribas moved to table the motion to rescind.
Seconded by Councilor Testerman.**

8 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked that anyone who has issues with their businesses, please contact City Manager Judie Milner. The Council would like to hear what the monetary impact is on their businesses, what their losses are, and a review of the health impacts are as previously shared by Kandyce Tucker and Chief Goldstein.

Pastor Kate Harmon Siberine, the new Priest at the Episcopal Mission of Franklin, introduced herself to the Council and Mayor. She stated that the church is newly formed from St. Jude's where there has been a physical presence here in the City for over 100 years and they are very honored to be back in the community. Mayor Giunta welcomed Pastor Kate to our community.

Mayor Giunta shared an amusing story with everyone about a Christmas Ceremony he was invited to years ago at that church. He was arriving late or close to being late when he pulled up right in front of the church where there was a parking spot. Mayor Giunta said that as he was trying to parallel park and pulled up to the back end of the next car so he could back in when another car immediately snuck in behind him and took the spot he was trying to back in to. He was very upset and had to drive around the corner to find a new parking spot so now he ended up being late. Mayor Giunta and his wife went in and sat down just as the Bishop began to speak. The Bishop stood at the podium and said, "God was with me tonight." The Bishop continued, "I arrived late and there was a spot right in front of the church that a nice person left for me."

Everyone laughed at the funny story. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone else that would like to come forward with questions or concerns. There were none.

Public Comment ended at 6:53 p.m.

City Council Acknowledgement

Councilor Dzujna acknowledged Councilor Brown for all her hard work and time that she put in to setting up the Manufacturing Night on October 25th. He stated that it was a fabulous event. Representatives from all the manufacturing companies were invited there to speak. Zenagui Brahim (President of the NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership) was the Master of Ceremony, Michael Mullavey (Technical Advisor from Watts Water Technologies), Micah Shaw, and Joe Reardon (from VITEX Extrusion), Val Zanchuk (President of Graphicast, Inc.), Tara Stuart (President Sealite USA, LLC), Amanda Volpe (GM of PCC), Joseph Smith (LRCC), and Russell Nadeau (COO of EPTAM Plastics) attended in support of the presentation to the City, the students of Franklin, and their parents.

Dzujna thanked Superintendent LeGallo for attending. He was very disappointed that only one school board member was in attendance. Dzujna added that the leaders of these fortune 500 companies came here to donate their time, money, experiences to help our children. He stated that when another meeting similar to this is organized, he hopes everyone will go.

Councilor Trudel thanked everybody who volunteered their services and time for the Plunge for Paws at Griffin Beach on Saturday. He also thanked MC Leigh Webb, the musical band Tapas (Mark Ledgard, Davis Healey, and Linda Magoon), and Sounds Good DJ Randy Bickford. He also thanked the Hill Fire Department for providing food and their cooking services. Trudel stated that if you missed their chili then you missed the boat.

Trudel concluded stating that Doctor Taylor's team came out as the top fundraiser. Their team alone raised over \$2,000.

Councilor Desrochers requested a moment of silence for two Franklin residents who passed away this month. Urban Benson, whose father started Benson's Auto and was a U.S. Army Veteran from 1945-1947. Florence Edmonds who passed away a couple of days ago at the ripe old age of 101.

A moment of silence was observed for Urban and Florence.

Councilor Testerman stated that the Soup Fest this past weekend was well put together. City Manager Milner was there handing out pencils and medication security boxes. Testerman wanted to know if the Police Department or the Fire Department won the soup contest.

Mayor Giunta stated that the police won the contest.

Councilor Rago commended the City of Franklin Department Heads. She stated that she doesn't don't know if the citizens of Franklin can really appreciate the commitment, dedication and strong work ethic of our department heads. She has been interviewing them for the podcasts and has interviewed five so far. She stated that she is blown away by the dedication to this City that our department heads have. They give 110% to this City and if you listen to any of those podcasts, you'll be blown away as well. Rago wanted to publicly thank them all. She hasn't interviewed all of them yet. The ones she has interviewed, she thanked them for going above and beyond and she wanted everybody to know this.

Mayor Giunta thanked Councilor Rago and stated to everyone that we are all part of the great things that are happening in the City.

Councilor Testerman stated that Finance Director Frank Lossani put together a very readable budget that everybody can go on-line to see. It's now under the Finance section of our website and it is very detailed. It gives a lot of information on where the City spends their money.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further acknowledgements from the Councilors. There were none.

Agenda Item I.

Council is to consider the minutes of the September 24th Special City Council Meeting, the minutes of the October 7th City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the October 15th Special City Council Meeting.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved to accept the minutes of the September 24th Special City Council Meeting, the minutes of the October 7th City Council Meeting, and the minutes of the October 15th Special City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Councilor Testerman.

Councilor Ribas stated that one of the corrections that he sent Audrey Lanzillo didn't make it in the updated versions of the meeting minutes that were placed in front of the Council this evening. He stated that Councilor Clarenbach was ghosted on two of the meetings where he was missing from both "in attendance" and "absent" and he would like that corrected and noted either way.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any further discussion with regards to the motion. There were none.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item II.

The monthly School Board Update was provided by Superintendent LeGallo. LeGallo stated that he knows Pastor Kate as she was his Pastor for two years down in Nashua. He was happy to let her know the he was the Superintendent of Franklin.

LeGallo treated the City Council tonight to a preview of the current production Newsies, the latest and greatest show produced by Jule Finley.

Jule Finley explained the back story of Newsies which was inspired by the historic news boys strike that took place in New York City in 1899. It was adapted into a Disney film in 1982. It made its way to Broadway in 2012 and ran there and toured up until recently when the rights became available to schools and community groups. There's a lot of History intertwined in the show. The actual strike lasted two weeks and the outcome was a bunch of kids who brought down their Goliath competition, which at the time was the New York World Paper. Joseph Pulitzer the owner of the New York World was not actually in New York at the time the strike, he was at home in Maine. Governor Teddy Roosevelt, during the time he was Governor didn't actually intervene although he certainly disliked Pulitzer. But you can see both of these historic characters battle it out in the story on stage. Jule provided additional information of the actual event, introduced some of the key characters and set the stage taking place during the industrial era. The children then performed two songs from the play. Important to note, this

was one of the first strikes that was carried out by children and it ended in a compromise of which they won.

Jule Finley also informed the public that Franklin's theatre programs are celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year. It's now 25 years since the FHS players and Franklin Footlights theatre came to be 25 years ago this fall.

The children gave all attendees this evening a preview of their fantastic play. They sang, "The King of New York" and "Once and for All". The stage was fully designed, the children wore clothing of the era as they danced and sang. It was a wonderful experience.

Councilor Dzujna stated that we must be the envy of all other City Councils.

Mayor Giunta stated that the song numbers were awesome. Applause was provided by all.

Superintendent LeGallo joyfully stated that since that went so well, he thinks he will do something like this at the start of each of his updates every month. The audience laughed.

LeGallo stated that the next steps for Manufacturing Night are in the works. Principal Charette is reaching out to the manufacturing companies and inviting them into the schools to meet with the juniors and seniors. Charette is also arranging tours of the manufacturing facilities for her staff so they will have a better understanding of what the work environments are like. LeGallo stated that there are two classrooms available at the High School for the manufacturing shop classes. One of the next important steps is to find a way to connect the manufacturing professionals with our students and by inviting the professionals into the schools, the students will begin to show interest.

LeGallo also shared information that the school board has approved the second year of the strategic plan with some updated goals and with some celebration of what was accomplished for the first year of the plan. He stated that both the original plan and the updated plan are on the SAU website.

Councilor Brown congratulated LeGallo on moving forward with the manufacturing efforts. Brown then asked LeGallo how communications were sent to students and parents letting them know about the recent Manufacturing night. LeGallo replied that three letters and emails were sent at the High School, plus the sign out front was updated. Two letters were sent at the Middle School. The robo call did not happen and that will be taken care of. That was supposed to happen but it didn't and he is looking into that.

Brown asked LeGallo why more people didn't show as they knew about this event two months ahead of time. Brown stated that there were CEOs, City Council, but only one person from the school board in attendance. She asked LeGallo what was missed.

LeGallo replied that he understands her frustration and thinks that Friday night is a tough night for something like this and he also stated that there was a dance at the middle school on the same night. Some of the older high school kids work Friday night and on the weekends. LeGallo

stated that he was still grateful for those who did attend. He wants to stay positive and keep working on getting these manufacturers in front of the kids.

Brown asked LeGallo if the school's strategic plan, that is on the SAU website right now, has the October updates. LeGallo replied that he isn't sure. Brown stated that she is concerned that she doesn't see any measures or goals in the strategic plan.

Brown pointed out that she is also concerned about the assessment results by year that have been dropping. The 11th graders' proficiency in reading has dropped by 20% since 2017 where only 36% are reading at the proficient level for their grade. She asked LeGallo what is being done to address these deficiencies.

LeGallo stated that he disagrees that there aren't any goals shown in the strategic plan and replied that there are goals in there. Brown stated that she was unable to locate this information.

Councilor Testerman stated that the Council is going to consider the \$846,000 that the school will be getting from the state and that we are doing a major disservice to the community as well as to each of the students. If they cannot read, they cannot get a job. When they can't do math, they can't get a job. Their self-esteem plummets and some get involved with drugs and turn to crime or the welfare system. This is an absolute crime to do this to the children. Testerman does not want to see more money poured into the school when there are these kinds of results. This is not just a Franklin issue. It is happening across the state and the entire nation. Testerman stated that she wants to see a plan to increase these efficiency scores. These children are not prepared for the world. It has been proven for decades that reading to your child increases their ability to learn so if these students are not proficient, how are they going to read to their children. She also stated that this is a national security problem as well. Testerman offered to share inexpensive ways to do this. LeGallo thanked Testerman for sharing this information and offering to help.

Mayor Giunta addressed LeGallo and stated that the Council is not looking for him or Chair Dow to solve these problems and as Councilor Testerman stated, this is happening all across the country. Mayor Giunta asked LeGallo if he is seeing anything coming out of the Federal Government to spend money on the Department of Education or if he is able to get any guidance at the national level. Commissioner Edelblut was here and he takes this very seriously. Mayor Giunta asked LeGallo if he is seeing any cavalry on the horizon.

Superintendent LeGallo replied that he is not that optimistic to see help coming especially at the national level. This is not the kind of message that is being conveyed from the other education leaders. LeGallo also added that we need to make sure that we remember where we are starting from. The one thing these reports don't show is the efficiency starting point when a child first comes here from somewhere else. The school could be making a lot of ground with some of these kids because they were so significantly behind before they even get into our doors. LeGallo stated that when he first came here, he wanted to look at our preschool

program to see if we could get more three and four-year olds started in kindergarten earlier through the use of grant money.

LeGallo stated that the school board is proposing to spend \$70,000 of this new funding money on the reading program at the elementary school and finish off the adoption of that since they've been spending a little bit of grant money on it to bring it in piecemeal and a little at a time. He stated that he's never satisfied and his mantra is to get better and better every day.

Councilor Testerman stated that when she came on the Council, it was promised that improvements we were going to be seen but there hasn't been any improvement.

Testerman asked LeGallo if the reading program is looking at the way children learn to read. The United States Commissioner on Education Betsy DeVos and her assistant came to New Hampshire last month and their message was that they were fed up with spending far too much money with no results.

LeGallo stated that he didn't feel this is our issue here in Franklin. He stated that he would actually make the opposite argument that we haven't spent enough money in Franklin based on the results we're getting. He stated that the school and City worked very hard to get the state to step up. They finally stepped up so that for the next two years, we don't have to hold our breath during the budget process. LeGallo also stated that this state funding is going to go to good use so that we can get some of these things taken care of. That's what it's for and we hope that it will create opportunities for the kids that we currently don't provide right now.

Councilor Rago stated that a while back Chair Dow had informed the Council that the district has 90 teachers but she could only see 85 in the report so she asked LeGallo which is correct. She also discussed some details on the number of students vs. number of teachers and again mentioned her concern on increasing the funds in the Special Education reserves and the Facility reserves. Rago then expressed concern on the negotiations of raises and questioned whether there should be a correlation of the number of teachers and the proficiency scores.

LeGallo replied that they are all related but wasn't sure if that is what Rago meant. He added that these are individual decisions that are made with the staff at the school level.

School Board member Jeff Savary stated that the struggles we have in the scores that we're seeing are that our teachers are working with a very challenging and underprivileged population of children and doing everything they can with the resources they have. He added that everyone here understands that the City of Franklin has a significant issue with a transient population. Franklin has many families in poverty and in part, many of them may be dealing with the effects of the drug epidemic. These things all factor in on whether or not our students are going to be successful because those things start at home. Our teachers and our administrators are doing everything that they can to help mitigate those issues so they can read, do math, and go to college. Savary continued to state that the school board, the principals and the superintendent are all concerned as well about the test scores that we're seeing. He

encouraged anyone who has questions and wants to dig a little deeper to speak with any of those administrators to get some more specific answers.

Councilor Testerman stated that she, her husband Representative Testerman, and Councilor Brown went to the Primary School for a tour and wanted to do some follow up. She stated that she tried many, many times to get in touch with the principal of the school and they were never successful.

Mayor Giunta suggested that next time, contact Superintendent LeGallo directly.

Councilor Desrochers stated that he doesn't have a problem with the school receiving the \$800K+ because they really need it. He asked what it will be used for as he heard the school was hiring 8.5 teachers. He also asked if there was a plan to put any money into fund balance for future catastrophes and also earmark some for manufacturing so some of the kids that aren't planning to go to college or the military can get a halfway decent job. Desrochers also asked why these kids had to wait seven years for this program to get going. Why hasn't there been any movement on this? He concluded stating that these incoming funds are an opportunity type of windfall so there should be no reason not to get it off the ground now and asked if there were plans to do this.

LeGallo replied that there will be a lot of these decisions at the school board meeting tomorrow night at the Middle School and extended the invitation to Desrochers and anyone who wishes to attend. The initial thought of using some of these funds would bring in about 11 positions. These would range from teachers, counselors, and social workers. LeGallo shared that some of the funds are earmarked for the reading program at Paul Smith, some are earmarked for reserve, and some earmarked for immediate maintenance issues that cost approximately \$80K+. LeGallo also mentioned that they are thinking of putting some funds aside for the High School Roof which will need work in a couple of years.

LeGallo also informed the Council that the estimate for next year is about \$1.8M and the school has a \$1M fund balance this year that the school won't have next year therefore a lot of this money will be to recoup the fund balance as well. He stated that he doesn't want to get into the same situation over hiring an unsustainable staff.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any further questions from the Council There were none.

Agenda Item III.

The City Council is to consider approval of Resolution #06-20, an amendment to the Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing District Amendment #1 estimated cost from \$1M to \$1.4M and adding activity "f" design and construction of whitewater features.

Mayor Giunta mentioned that some people may wonder if a public hearing was held on this. It was held at the October 7, 2019 City Council meeting and a waiting period of 15 days is mandatory before voting could occur which is why this is appearing on tonight's agenda.

Motion was made by Councilor Brown to approve the change to the Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Amendment #1 estimated cost from \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000 and adding activity “f. design and construction of whitewater features within the Winnepesaukee River as well as river access points and a spectator seating area at Trestle View Park” and adopt resolution 06-20 increasing the authority to borrow for TIF amendment #1 from \$1,000,000 to \$1,400,000 by a roll call vote. Seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Ribas stated concern with Resolution #06-20 where the wording says “we have adopted a change to the TIF” however we are making this part of the same motion and asked if the motion should be split out. City Manager Milner replied that this was thought about and the reason why the Resolution wording is in the particular order that it’s in. She stated that it could be either way per the wishes of the Council.

Ribas referred to the second WHEREAS in Resolution #06-20 where it says “adopted changes” to the TIF and this isn’t actually changed until the motion passes on the resolution.

Milner replied that she spoke to the City Attorney Paul Fitzgerald very early on in her tenure with the City and so when reading the resolution, everything above THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED is poetic license and why her resolutions have become more and more colorful over the years. She confirmed that the important piece of a resolution is the wording within THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and on to the end.

Ribas stated that he was fine with this. He just wants to be clear in case anyone challenges it.

Councilor Clarenbach explained further so the public understands what is happening with this resolution therefore stated that the \$1.4M is an increase in what the TIF is allowed to borrow. The addition of “f” is to add something that wasn’t previously allowed within the structure. He further explained that the City currently doesn’t have the funding means to bond until an additional 2.3 million or so is raised. Clarenbach continued to further explain that this is really setting the table of language in hopes that we can continue to add money to the TIF as we go forward. To continue down this path the Council will, at such time, be requested to release the funds after recommendation by the TIF advisory board at a time in the future.

Milner thanked Clarenbach for his very good explanation. She also added that The TIF Advisory Board, on the original TIF Amendment number one, did want to come back together to look at “green space” improvements in the middle area behind central Street and in front of the Stevens Mill building. That design was not in place yet so the board wants to relook at that. She stated that this was the piece that they were re-looking at. The board doesn’t have to review them again in order to release funding for any other piece of the project like the acquisition and the white-water feature.

Mayor Giunta stated that Mr. Niel Cannon did a great job explaining all of this, at a previous meeting, for all those who were present at that time. He thanked Mr. Cannon.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any other questions with regards to the motion. There were none.

RESOLUTION #06-20

A Resolution Relating to an increase in the authorization to borrow for Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing District Amendment #1.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted Amendment #1 to the Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing District at a scheduled City Council meeting on March 21, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire adopted changes to the Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing District at a scheduled City Council meeting on November 4, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the Franklin City Council wishes to finance the changed amendment with tax increment from the district by increasing the current \$1,000,000 project to an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 over a 20-year term, Now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 4, 2019 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 06-20 to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,400,000 (one million four hundred thousand dollars) of bonds via a bond anticipation note in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) to finance approved Franklin Falls Mixed Use Tax Increment Financing District Amendment #1 as changed and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds, determine the rate of interest thereon and authorize the Mayor and Treasurer to sign all necessary paperwork thereof.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Lauer-Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Agenda Item IV.

Council to consider approval of Ordinance #09-20, an amendment to the Franklin Municipal Code Part 1: Administration Legislation, to add Chapter 18, Elections; Section 1: Contested Races, Tie Votes, and the Recount Process.

Mayor Giunta stated that this developed because of what we now know as Landslide Testerman's victory last year by one vote. He stated that he was surprised that we haven't had something like this sooner because other elections are usually very close.

Motion – Councilor Testerman moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Ordinance # 9-20 to add Chapter 18, Elections; Section 1: Contested Races, tie votes and recount process to the Franklin Municipal Code Part I: Administrative Legislation.

Seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Councilor Ribas stated that he spoke with City Clerk Katie Gargano earlier today to express his concern that this hasn't been run by the Secretary of State's Office and he would like an advisory opinion from them to rule out any concerns from them.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved to table this topic to a future meeting after such time when an advisory opinion has been received from the Secretary of State's Office.

Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

6 in favor of motion to table. 3 oppose. Motion PASSED.

Agenda item V.

Council to consider approval of Resolution #10-20, appropriating \$846,493 to the school budget.

Motion – Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council adopt Resolution #10-20, appropriating \$846,492 to the Franklin School District fiscal year 2020 budget.

Seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the motion.

Councilor Rago had several questions. She first asked if the 900 Chromebooks that the school is receiving, is in the budget or is this part of this \$846K. Superintendent LeGallo replied that it is in the budget already and deployed. She inquired about the \$846K including 10 new hires and adjusting 2 part time employees to make them full time. Three Union Contracts are also

underway and historically, these may be including raises. She stated concern over sustaining these new positions and the renegotiations of contracts.

Superintendent LeGallo replied that this will be discussed at tomorrow night's School Board Meeting. He expressed concern over finding these new employees in the middle of the year. The School Board will do what they believe is the right thing for the kids.

Rago stated that she couldn't attend tomorrow night's School Board Meeting and hopes someone from the Council will attend in her place. During the Joint Finance Committee Meeting recently, it was discussed that the Special Education Reserve Account and the Facility Reserves Account only have \$2K each and that she strongly recommends using some of these new funds to build up both of these reserves to \$250K. She stated that Business Administrator Jefferson Braman mentioned that one student can come in from out of district that we need to set up at the Spaulding which could cost us \$90K in addition to the old school buildings that could need repair thus blowing the budget. She urged that something more than \$2K must be saved for these unexpected things. She also stated that if she could have her way, some of this money would also go back to the taxpayers. She also hopes that however the school chooses to spend the money, that it is sustainable and is used wisely.

Councilor Testerman asked LeGallo how teachers' and other employees' advancements are determined. LeGallo explained that advancement for union members are determined by negotiated contracts. That includes Teachers, Support Staff, and Custodians. The non-union employees, administrative staff, are merit based that the school board determines. LeGallo further explained that this could mean a percentage raise without a step increase or with a step increase and decided by both parties during negotiations.

Testerman asked LeGallo if teachers were tenured and if so, what are they offered. LeGallo responded that the State of New Hampshire's law is five years but if tenured in another district, it currently takes two years to become tenured in the new district. She thanked LeGallo and also commended him for his help during the Manufacturing Night event.

Councilor Brown shared some of the same concern as Councilor Testerman and pointed out that teachers are let go every year and asked what will be done this time with this new money so teachers are not used as bargaining chips again year over year.

LeGallo replied that he is looking at this differently where he wants to bring something to the children that they currently don't have to offer and if it means they can only offer it for the next year and a half then it is still helping students earn their credits.

Brown responded that keeping teachers doesn't seem to be an important part of the school's budgeting process and the school board doesn't want to work with the City who is the source of the school's funding. She asked what the plan is to sustain the teachers.

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

RESOLUTION #10-20

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2020 which began July 1, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district recognizes new state funding of \$812,213 and additional year end fund balance of \$34,280, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin would like to appropriate an additional \$846,493 in order to hire additional needed staff and instructional material, fund unanticipated special education costs and potential facilities repairs and capital reserves, **Now**,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on November 4th, 2019, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 10-20 and authorize an increase in FY2020 revenues:

Additional State totaling Eight Hundred Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$812,213) and additional fund balance of Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$34,280) totaling Eight Hundred Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$846,493),

School District expenditures in the total amount of Eight Hundred Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$846,493),

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Starkweather	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Rago	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Testerman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>Yes</u>	Councilor Trudel	<u>Yes</u>

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Applause was provided by all.

Agenda Item VI.

Council to consider setting a public hearing on Resolution #11-20, appropriating one-time municipal revenue from State FY20/21 budget for municipal worker vehicles.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing on Monday, December 2, 2019 at p.m. regarding Resolution #11-20 appropriating \$228,925 in one-time municipal revenues from the adopted FY20/21 State of NH budget. Seconded by Councilor Brown.

Motion – Councilor Clarenbach moved to amend the motion so that Resolution #11-20 be read in title only. Seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the amended motion. There was none.

All in favor of the amendment. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion to the original motion. There was none.

Mayor Giunta read Resolution #11-20 in title only.

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept and Appropriate a one time Municipal Appropriation in the adopted FY20/21 State Budget.

Agenda item VII.

1. Committee Reports

- a. Councilor Testerman stated that she met with the Fire Chief last month to discuss a plan to encourage citizens to be prepared for emergencies. It was a good meeting. She stated she appreciated the opportunity. It was decided that sometime in the future, after the first of the year that we would have an event where we would have some training come in and some presentations.
- b. Councilor Rago provided a details overview of the October 23rd Joint Finance Committee Meeting. The following notes below were submitted directly from Councilor Rago:

Joint Finance Committee Meeting Notes from October 23, 2019 for City Council

Chairman Rago invited DOE Commissioner Frank Edelblut to attend the meeting to clarify the one-time monies from the State vs. increase in adequacy/stabilization funds – what they represented, how they can be used, recommendations for how to use funds. Commissioner Edelblut walked us thru the current funding stream and the changes.

Beyond the \$846K increase in adequacy/stabilization increase, Franklin is also getting a \$1M increase of **one time funds in 2021**. Municipality Aid - \$236K per year for two years.

Suggestions from the Commissioner for spending \$1M **ONE TIME FUNDS** –

1. Do not want to increase spending on ongoing items. But yes on specific training, technology resources, transportation, curriculum.
2. Should not be used towards hiring new staff. Hire only as temporary positions. Position expires at end of funds. Not the most prudent use of funds.
3. Replenish reserves – yes
4. Stabilization is in law so assuming stabilization is year to year then you could hire back teachers if you are using stabilization funds just not the one-time funding.

County portion of taxes is \$102,000 higher than anticipated.

2021 \$1M funds –

1. The city took the following funds - 2017-\$413K; 2018-\$473k; 2019-\$424K - from their departments and capital reserves and gave to the school district. Would the school district consider giving some monies back to the city so that it can give some funds back to police, fire and municipal?
2. School District Reserves-
SPED reserves currently at \$2K- it can cost up to \$100K to place one student at Spaulding. Consider putting in \$250K? Facility reserves at \$2K and as old as the school buildings are shouldn't you put more money in reserves for when major repairs are needed?
3. Concern of hiring staff that can be sustained. Superintendent clarified that the district faces that every year.
4. District negotiating three contracts. Are the possible increases sustainable? How will this be incorporated in the tax cap budget?

Councilor Clarenbach called a point of order regarding a resolution on minutes from meetings and instead of reading the minutes of each subcommittee, there was discussion on the legal side of how minutes should be submitted.

City Manager Milner stated that the Council discussed the topic of meeting minutes at the last City Council meeting. The Finance meetings aren't monthly and Joint Finance meetings can be quarterly or biannually or whatever we choose. She stated that during that next particular committee meeting, the meetings from that previous meeting should be voted on at the beginning of that particular meeting.

Clarenbach stated that each committee reading the minutes of their meetings at City Council is not a prudent use of the Council's time. Considering there are important items that may need to be mentioned, meeting's minutes is a legal document and needs to be approved by the committee to which it belongs.

Councilor Rago stated that she appreciated Clarenbach's comments but pointed out that she read her own personal notes of the Joint Finance meeting clarifying that they were not the actual meeting minutes. Audrey Lanzillo is typing those up separately.

Clarenbach replied that notes are not a committee reports and if there's likely to be an official record, that needs to be approved by the subcommittee at a future date.

Mayor Giunta asked if there were any other committee reports. There were none.

2. City Manager's Update

- a. Milner gave a shout out to the community for participating in the scarecrow contest. I'm sure that everybody saw how wonderful Central Street looked in around the City as well. A specific shout out for Audrey for putting up with the city manager and in coming up with prom pro in front of City Hall that did make a huge mess, but it was a lot of fun.
- b. Our mutual aid partners in our Franklin Fire Department are doing a live burn training exercise this Saturday, November 9th from approximately 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 38 Peabody Place. Central Street will be open but there will be a lot of activity at 38 Peabody Place.
- c. Contingent Grant line activity for the month - we received \$1,000 for Sports Sponsorships from Benson's Auto.
- d. We received \$969 from the Soup Fest and \$230 for canine Miller (Officer Miller)
- e. The trust fund for school funding is at \$69.26

- f. Social media Buster for this month is not the same as the one from last month, instead I was trying to decide which one to use this month so I skipped it, finished the rest of the update and then probably gave it to Audrey. So, the social media Buster for this month is: Though the City Manager can be difficult at times, she does not threaten her department heads to come in with a tax cap budget. She stated that they actually get together and come to a consensus usually on the tax cap. So that is the social media Buster of the month.
- g. Senator Shaheen visited Franklin on October 8 at 4:30 p.m. She met with a lot of us, Superintendent Lee Gallo, department heads, and the Economic Development Committee. She will be assisting Franklin on several fronts in Washington DC. We're happy to have her and we're hoping to get her to personally walk into a few offices down there regarding funding for our whitewater Park.
- h. I had the opportunity to attend the Franklin Savings Bank Committee Advancement Awards on October 9th where our community bank gave out, again, \$38,000 of awards to area nonprofits. These were anything from renovation needs to an equestrian program. This was very nice to see. She stated that 9 or 10 nonprofits benefited from that.
- i. On October 15th, the first of our series of monthly Department workshops was held. Chief Goldstein was first and dove into a SWOT analysis of his department. Thank you, Chief for that presentation and for kicking off this series of meetings. It was exactly what we were looking for and was a very eye opening. The most eye-opening thing was not everything needed was monetary. Taking care of our own most critical asset, which is our employees is the biggest goal of the police department. Obviously, there are monetary items as well.
- j. On October 16th, Eversource came in to talk to us about their pole replacement plan for 2020. There are seven to nine poles in the City of Franklin that will be replaced. These are located in the Flag Hole Road area. We are granting them temporary access over City property on a class six road that they will fix up, have access and then leave afterwards. This will save them a lot of time and money and aggravation of the right of way.
- k. Manufacturing night was held on October 25th at the Elks. She stated that most of the room was very surprised at what salaries we make in this area. I lived in New Hampshire my entire life and I had no idea that we have two industries in this area that make parts for an F18 or commercial airplane. She thought it was a great night but wish we could have had more students involved. We need to keep this moving forward and getting the manufacturers into our school systems.
- l. Drug Take Back Day was held on October 26th at CVS. We took back approximately 125 pounds of prescription medication. We also gave out 100 medication lock boxes. Milner and Tucker explained the importance of using this

to the grandparents who are raising children at home and they were very thankful for that.

- m. Franklin Fall Fest was on that same day as Drug Take Back Day. The Get Out and Play event for Mill City Park gave out 115 tickets. These were tickets were given to individuals who got out and played and stopped at a station at one of the four locations which were: Franklin Falls, the Veterans Memorial Ski Area, Trestle View Park, and Griffin beach. The tickets were redeemable at Vulgar Brewery for a free appetizer or a free beer. There was a 45-minute wait at Vulgar Brewery. It was an excellent day for them. And it was also an excellent day for the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force who held their Soup Fest that day. Tucker and Milner had to stop selling at 150 wristbands for participants in the soup fest. It was a very close contest. Police Officers and the Fire department were buying tickets to try to sway votes. But the Police Department did win over the Fire Department by 11 votes. Thank you, Ashley Shortt! You are irreplaceable to the PD!
- n. Jim Aberg and City Manager Milner will be holding a community forum specifically focused on the downtown. It will be held in the upper part of the library. These will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. and Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. We're trying some different times to try to make it more convenient for different members of the community. What would you like to see or what would you not like to see? What ideas do you have? Milner put the 16th on her update sheet in the packet but she meant for it to say the 6th of November. Milner reminded everyone that Franklin has free enterprise and we would like to entice businesses that people are looking to come to our downtown area so everybody's opinion matters. She hopes that everyone will come out and let us know.
- o. This Thursday at 8 a.m. in Council Chambers is Choose Franklin which will be featuring our Code Inspector Captain Steve Reale. He will be talking about the importance of code enforcement.
- p. Milner was sad to announce that we have to say goodbye to Finance Director Frank Lossani who was recruited by another entity and cannot blame him for leaving with the new package that he'll be receiving. We cannot compete with it. So, Frank's last day will be on the 13th of November. Milner thanked Frank for all he's done since he's been with the City. Applause was provided by all.
- q. There are five interviews scheduled for tomorrow for the Finance Director. The team will be interviewing five different individuals, three of whom have municipal experience.
- r. Milner is attending the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) conference on the 13th of November and the 14th of November, at which time she is going to be elected to the board of directors of NHMA. We are trying to

get more cities on the NHMA board because Cities run across different things than towns do. So, we're trying to get more participation of cities on the board.

- s. On Tuesday, November 19th, we will be holding our second Council workshop with Municipal Services Director Sullivan wears a lot of hats but we're going to talk specifically about trash and all things solid waste that night. This is important since the recycling market has dropped, we need to think about different ways to fund this program.
- t. The LEAN meeting is cancelled for November and will reboot in December. She reminded to the Council that the new monthly meeting will be the second Monday of the month. The next one will be December 9th.
- u. Milner stated that she is in need of a Legislative Committee Meeting. She asked Councilor Desrochers if it would be okay to send out a doodle poll for some time during the month of November. Desrochers replied that it would be good to send the poll.
- v. The CAP office, which has been in City Hall for over a year now, is moving to their new location today and tomorrow. There are ongoing discussions regarding their assistance in taking down their old building that began demo but stopped due to funding. Their funding to rebuild did not meet the needs of their construction bids. There will be more discussions on how to get the rest of their building down.
- w. Milner gave a shout out to Jack Benson again for donating land fill to the city of Franklin.
- x. Milner wanted the Council to be aware that the Lease Purchase Agreement for 599 South Main Street has been executed. Just a reminder that the gentleman is planning to do a Northern Rail Trail Welcome Center with some bicycle rentals and there will also be an aquaponics operation there as well which will be kind of neat. This is the barn down on South Main Street and was one of our first cleanup sites.

Milner stated that she has one late item. Mayor Giunta thanked Milner for that great update.

Motion – Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2019 regarding Resolution #12-20 appropriating the \$24,000 proceeds from the sale of ambulance two to emergency medical services equipment expenditure for the purchase of a Power-PRO XT Stryker Power Cot. To be read in title only.

Seconded by Councilor Starkweather

Mayor Giunta asked if there was any discussion with regards to this motion. There was none.

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Mayor Giunta read Resolution #12-20 in title only.

A Resolution Granting Authority to Accept and Appropriate Finds for the Purchase of a Stryker Power Cot for Ambulance 2.

Mayor Giunta stated that we reached the end of our agenda.

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

All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanzillo