



## **City Council Meeting June 5, 2017**

### **Call to Order**

Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:03 p.m.

### **In Attendance**

Councilor Ribas, Councilor Moquin, Councilor Barton, Councilor Giunta, Councilor Wells, Councilor Zink, Councilor Dzujna, City Manager Dragon and Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Zink.

### **Public Hearings**

**Resolution #11-17** – No public comment.

### **Comments from the Public**

**Persons wishing to address the Council may speak for a maximum of three minutes. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary.**

Leigh Webb thanked Councilor Clarenbach for stepping up to be Interim Mayor.

**Choose Franklin** – Sarah Stanley stated that they have new board members - Elizabeth Chang from Franklin VNA Hospice and Will Clark, creator of the Choose Franklin logo, returning board members – George Dzujna, Sharolyn Fortin and Annette Andreozzi (re-elected until 2020) and departing board members – Marsha Rollins and Dave Poisson. Choose Franklin meets once a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at the library at 8:30 am. The board meetings meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8:00 am in the lower level of city hall.

Franklin Rotary Club is taking a hiatus as they are having a hard time finding members. Choose Franklin will pick up their Christmas Tree sales and the income. Community speakers for their meetings have encompassed many different people. In April there was Veteran's Services (VFW, American Legion, NH Veteran's home, and others), in May was their annual meeting with elections and community day, in June was their summer kick off so visit their Facebook page, in July they don't hold a meeting and in August they will have a Northern Pass update. For Community Day they tried to incorporate the businesses downtown and it was a collaborative effort as they tried to draw people from Odell Park up to Central St.

**Legislative Comments** – State Rep. Howard Pearl introduced himself and wanted to bring the council up to speed on some items from the State House. The House didn't pass a budget and the Senate has passed a budget. He represents five (5) towns and has to look at things differently to benefit all five (5) towns. He talked about the following bills – SB3 did pass but has to go back to the Senate because it was amended in the House, SB8 effects towns that offer every grade and they can enter into an

agreement with a non-sectarian school if that is what is best for their students, SB191 is for full day kindergarten and that has passed and governor is expected to sign that as long as the Senate concurs with the keno portion. SB129 is the biomass bill that relates to renewable energy credits with the logging industry, SB155 is the implementation of managed care and there are some items that could cause them to lose federal funding.

State Rep. Horn mentioned that the Senate has funded education \$30M less than last year and that doesn't even cover full day kindergarten. The House has put on the keno amendment to fund full day kindergarten so if the Senate doesn't fund it then there will be no money for full day kindergarten that could help Franklin. He stated he spoke to the Senate President and the Senator of the Finance Committee and there is no doubt education is not a priority. They level funded UNH for \$81M and the university has \$1B budget annually, \$81M is 6-8% of UNH's budget. UNH has been on a pace of building a new building every year since 1999. Those are for administration and residences and they have also renovations. Community Colleges have gotten some extra money as they have to educate the work force and have had to pick up the slack to offer courses they don't normally offer like electricity courses and HVAC. The House officially received the Senate budget today. He will continue to fight for more money in education. State Rep. Horn thanked Choose Franklin for Community Day.

Councilor Dzujna stated he knows the Governor is for kindergarten since Franklin has a full day kindergarten how does that affect Franklin. State Rep. Horn stated Franklin is being paid ½ of 1 kindergarten student per the adequacy formula. If a kindergarten student occupies the same building for the same amount of time as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student the State pays ½. Kindergarten is not part of the budget and is being treated as a separate bill. If kindergarten is funded then Franklin will receive a full payment for each student not ½. Councilor Barton asked how much would Franklin get. State Rep. Horn stated it would be \$140K or maybe less.

### **City Council Acknowledgements**

Councilor Dzujna thanked the students who helped put up the flowers - Addison Granger, Cam Moquin, Piper Cullen, Lauren Marsh, Julie Greenwood, Sydney Erickson, Randy Le Do and Christian Shepherd. He also thanked Ted Starkweather for his leadership.

Councilor Desrochers stated there is work going on at the Nelson building at the corner of Central and Franklin Streets and the Citizen of the Year, Stephen Donahue, has been putting the windows in for free so just say thanks.

### **Mayor's Update** - None

### **Agenda Item I.**

**City Council to consider the minutes of the May 1, 2017 City Council Meeting and the May 8, 2017 City Council Budget Workshop Meeting.**

**Motion:** *Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council to consider the minutes of the May 1, 2017 City Council Meeting and the May 8, 2017 City Council Budget Workshop Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas.*

*All in favor; motion passes.*

### **Agenda Item II.**

#### **School Board Report**

Superintendent LeGallo recognized Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach for attending their Adult ED presentation/graduation and Councilor Moquin for sitting on the principal search committee for the Paul Smith School. He introduced Susan Blair who is the new principal for the Paul Smith School effective July 1.

Superintendent LeGallo read some important dates coming up – June 8 is class night, June 9 at 9:30 is preschool graduation, June 12 is the school parade at 1:00 pm, June 12 final SAU Board Meeting at 6:00 pm in Hill, June 13 is scholarship night at 7:00 pm, June 16 is high school graduation at 6:00 pm, June 19 is a meet and greet with Susan Blair at 5:45pm followed by the school board meeting at 6:30 pm, June 20 is middle school graduation at 6:00 pm. Councilors are invited to attend any of those events.

He stated they have finally heard back about the energy audit and that will be presented at the June 19 school board meeting. They just received a two year grant for \$60K to partner with MyTurn for ELO and internships for kids. The RFP for the roof is moving forward.

Councilor Dzujna stated he was glad that MyTurn and the school were able to get together. He stated he got a call from School Board Member Burns about putting businesses together but wasn't sure what they were looking for. Superintendent LeGallo stated they are meeting with MyTurn on Thursday so he will have more details after that.

### **Agenda Item III.**

#### **City Council to hear from the Franklin High School Music Department.**

Kyan Graves, Caitlyn Fisher and Teresa Baxley from the Franklin High School Music Department thanked the council for their hard work and finding the money their district needs. They also stated that it is easy to point fingers when they don't get things and no one says thank you when they do get things. They are here thanking the council on behalf of the Franklin Music Department.

Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach replied by thanking them and no they don't hear that very often.

**Agenda Item IV.**

**Merrimack County Department of Corrections presentation to the City Council.**

Superintendent Ross Cunningham and Tim Moquin gave a presentation. They were just here a year ago and spoke about their \$6.8M project and the facility will be online by December 1. The biggest thing for them is to educate and their remodel includes an inpatient model. The McKenna facility was vacated about twelve (12) years ago and three (3) years ago they put on a roof and remodel. Their facility is connected to the McKenna facility via a long gray building as that is a separate bonded energy efficiency project, CHIP plant. The CHIP plant provides heat and HW to both buildings. They also utilized LED lighting that gives them tax credits.

Their model is a cognitive change model in sixty (60) days and their population is medium to high risk. They use a course called "Thinking for a Change" and that course is free and is a seventeen (17) lesson course. They discussed and showed a slide show that consisted of the following:

1. Project bonded
2. What is Criminogenic Risk & Need in 60 days
3. Merrimack County Recommended Treatment Flow
4. Merrimack County Data
5. Recidivism Comparison
6. Edna McKenna Facility Needs
7. Staffing need to support Community Corrections
8. Why now?
9. Benefits to County

Councilor Desrochers stated that they mentioned that the people they help are responsible for their medical and drugs. One of the problems now is people who are bipolar take their medication they feel fine and then stop taking their medication, what kind of mechanism do they have to make sure they are taking their medication regularly. Tim Moquin stated they do home visits to check their medication. They go in and do a home visit and can do a search and don't need a search warrant as when they are taken in they sign a release to that. When they do come to report in they are to bring their medication with them. During those times they will find out why they are not taking their medication.

City Manager Dragon stated she believes this is a great idea and it will be a great return on investment. She asked what happens to those who don't have insurance. Superintendent Ross Cunningham stated they will bridge the gap for those who don't have insurance. Every offender who leaves the facility will have case management. They will be able to bridge the gap up to 30 days even if they are not in their treatment program. Tim Moquin stated that those who have an opioid addiction are working with Riverbend for them to get a shot to help them through if they are struggling.

**Agenda Item V.**

**Rep. Howard Pearl to address the City Council.**

See Legislative Comments.

**Agenda Item VI.**

**City Council to consider the School CBA for Support Staff and Custodial Agreements.**

School Board Member Brown stated she is on the negotiating team with School Board Chair Dow, School Board Member Burns, Superintendent LeGallo and Business Administrator Amanda Bergquist. She stated there are two contracts that were brought to the council earlier in the year but no action was taken by the council as the council asked them to go back and relook at them. These are the new contracts and they are for one year and in the fall they will begin the next contracts. One area of concern that the council had was where was the money coming from to pay for the second year of the contract. This is a two year contract with the current year 16-17, and the money was in the 16-17 budget and the council approved that budget, and next year 17-18. Superintendent LeGallo stated that the money is in the current 17-18 budget.

Councilor Zink stated that the first contract states it is the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 but revised on May 17, 2017 but it does go from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018. School Board Member Brown stated one year has already gone by.

Councilor Barton asked how many single plans are there in these contracts. School Board Member Brown stated there are a major number of single plans but can't say how many due to confidentiality.

***Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council accept the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 contracts as presented. Motion seconded by Councilor Giunta.***

Councilor Dzujna understands that it was difficult to have to go back and relook at this but it is more comfortable knowing the money is there for next year.

Councilor Zink asked that on page 7 step 3 of the custodial contract it says step 4f for this procedure but there is no step f of the procedure. Councilor Ribas stated he reads this as a typo and that it should say step 4f of this procedure.

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item VII.**

**City Council to consider adopting Resolution #11-17, appropriating \$20,000 to the nuisance abatement account, said funds originating from revenue from sale of tax deeded property.**

**Motion:**        ***Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council approve Resolution #11-17 for the appropriation of \$20,000 to the nuisance abatement account by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.***

**Roll Call:**

Councilor Barton	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Giunta	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Wells	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item VIII.**

**City Council to consider setting a public hearing for Resolution #13-17, re-naming of a portion of Park View Drive to be known as Kenwood Avenue.**

**Motion:**        ***Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing on June 20, 2017 to adopt Resolution #13-17. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.***

City Manager Dragon asked if we can have an amendment to move this to the July council meeting.

Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach asked Councilor Zink if she was fine with that and she stated yes and Councilor Desrochers stated yes as well.

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item IX.**

**City Council to consider approving naming the driveway of the Franklin Animal Shelter as “Rescue Road”.**

**Motion:**        ***Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council name the driveway for the Franklin Animal Shelter as “Rescue Road”. Motion seconded by Councilor Giunta.***

Councilor Ribas questioned why a public hearing was needed for the previous road renaming and no public hearing on this one. Chief LaChapelle stated that all parties that have properties on the previous road have agreed to the renaming. This issue was brought to light by the 911 mapping. For clarification on the document it states that Franklin Municipal warehouse doesn’t have an address and that is incorrect. It does have an address but NH 911 requested that once it has a street name that will clear up the issues.

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item X.**

**City Council to consider approval of Amateur Radio Repeater Site Lease.**

***Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approves the one year non-exclusive lease with the Central New Hampshire Amateur Radio Club for July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilor Giunta.***

Councilor Barton asked what does non-exclusive mean. City Manager Dragon stated that means that they can lease to others as well.

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Agenda Item XI.**

**Other Business**

- 1. Committee Reports** – Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach stated he is the alternate on the planning board but since he is now Interim Mayor he needs another councilor to fill the alternate seat until he fulfills his Interim Mayor duties and returns as a councilor in January 2018.

***Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that Councilor Wells be appointed to the Planning Board as an alternate member for the balance of Mayor Clarenbach's term. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.***

***All in favor; motion passes.***

City Manager Dragon stated there will be a need for a legislative committee meeting. Several years ago they considered a fireworks ordinance but never materialized. We have had a resident asking if we could have one. Councilor Dzujna stated after Memorial Day he got about eight (8) calls inquiring if we had a fireworks ordinance. Councilor Desrochers asked what type of ordinance is being looked at for fireworks. City Manager Dragon stated last time they were looking at restriction of the day and when they can be shot off. There is a noise ordinance but nothing about fireworks and that has picked up in the city and more complaints are being received. She stated it would be a restriction as to when they can be used. Councilor Desrochers explained his concern is it would create more problems. Councilor Giunta stated his concern would be enforcement which he feels would be impossible. Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach stated that it would be worth bringing to the legislative committee to view. Councilor Ribas asked if the noise ordinance is enough to enforce that or is there not enough people to cover the enforcement or does the noise ordinance not cover

the need. City Manager Dragon stated the noise ordinance states that the police have to hear the noise happening. A fireworks ordinance would have more leeway.

## **2. City Council Appointments/Resignations**

### **Library Board of Trustees**

***Motion: Councilor Giunta moved that the Franklin City Council accept Stephen Pascucci's resignation from the Franklin Public Library Board of Trustees (Seat LT6). Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.***

***All in favor; motion passes.***

***Motion: Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Helen Lacroix to the Franklin Public Library Board of Trustees (Seat LT6), Term of Service to January 2020. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.***

***All in favor; motion passes.***

## **3. City Manager's Update** – City Manager Dragon stated the city received the following this month in the contingent grant line: \$500 from Chrissy's Paw Spa for field work, \$1,500 from Franklin School District for field work, \$1,200 Conservation Commission for trees planted at Library and \$400 from Lion's Club for K-9.

City Manager Dragon reminded that the budget schedule meetings are on June 12, June 13, June 20, June 21 if needed and July 3 for the council meeting/budget hearing.

City Manager Dragon stated there will be an economic development meeting on June 6 at 6:00 pm at Take Root Coworking as there is an effort for the downtown businesses to meet to talk about their activities, sales and events. P & Z Director Lewis, Jim Aberg, Niel Cannon, Marty Parichand, Todd Workman and I will be presenting and will give these updates periodically depending on interest. They are working hard to make sure the businesses are included in their efforts and what is happening downtown.

City Manager Dragon stated she is having a meeting with the Belknap Economic Development Council on June 6 to request they consider adding Franklin community to their service area. Franklin is currently serviced by Concord EDC (CRDC) but that is not a fruitful relationship.

Last week City Manager Dragon hosted the Lakes Region Directors, Administrators and Managers and did a presentation on Franklins economic and redevelopment efforts.

There is a new program this summer for free lunch for children 18 and under at the high school. Last year there was not much participation through the Parks & Rec and the church.



The city has a new website and includes, bill pay, contact us form, e-alerts, nixel and a new mapping feature. Eventually there will be tax cards on the website.

Rep. Horn asked what options are available for payment. City Manager Dragon stated it takes credit cards and debit cards. Next year they hope to take those payments at the counter if the fiber project goes through.

Leigh Webb asked if archived minutes will be on there. City Manager Dragon stated that the information was carried over but at some point depending on what the state's record retention requirements will be some may not be on there.

Councilor Dzujna thanked everyone involved in the new site as it is a great way to get information out to people.

***Motion: Interim Mayor/Councilor Clarenbach moved that there is a need for a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.***

**Roll Call:**

Councilor Barton	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Giunta	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Wells	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Entered nonpublic session at 7:30 p.m.**

***Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion seconded by Councilor Giunta.***

***All in favor; motion passes.***

**Public session reconvened at 7:47 p.m.**

***Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas.***

**Roll Call:**

Councilor Barton	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Clarenbach	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Giunta	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Wells	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Moquin	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

*All in favor; motion passes.*

Entered into a Non Meeting session at 7:49 p.m.

Public session reconvened at 7:57 p.m.

***Motion: Councilor Desrochers moved that the Franklin City Council approve the three (3) year agreement as presented from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 between the City of Franklin and the Police Benevolent Association of Police Department Employees. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.***

*All in favor; motion passes.*

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Giunta and seconded by Councilor Ribas. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauraine G. Paquin