

UNSEALED Minutes per January 8th, 2024
City Council Meeting



City Council Meeting
NON-PUBLIC MINUTES
February 13, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall

In Attendance

Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor Valerie Blake (via telephone), Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor Leigh Webb, and Councilor Vince Ribas

Absent – None

Motion: Councilor Webb moved that there is a need for a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Motion seconded by Councilor Chandler.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor; motion PASSED.

Entered nonpublic session at 8:16 p.m.

Others present: None

Mayor Brown stated that they needed to continue discussing the City Manager's contract renewal and would need to vote on it tonight.

She asked Councilor Zink to speak on behalf of her items that she did not have at the last meeting on this subject.

Councilor Zink gave a few items of concern:

- She thinks the contract needs more review with the language and needs certain parts taken out. The background check would be an example, since Milner would not need to have that done again for a renewal of her contract.
- She also stated that she believes the council is not being made aware of any litigations and that Milner withholds information.
- Councilor Zink stated that she has serious issues with renewing Milner's contract.

Mayor Brown reminded the council that Milner is the leader of the economic development team. P&Z Director Creighton, Niel Cannon and Milner are the only grant writers and this would stop if she was not renewed.

She also stated that has received 3 letters in support of her renewal from Marty Parichand, Jim Aberg and Glenn Morrill. These letters are attached to the end of the minutes.

There was a discussion about how her review last year did not have many items that needed improvement, however, with a growing city there is always room for more improvement. Milner is only one person and has taken on a lot. The council agreed that if they do not tell her what their issues are that is on them, as she would have no way of knowing. They are supposed to help guide and support her in her position. They discussed possibly calling a quarterly meeting to discuss questions/issues with Milner so that things can be resolved sooner.

Below are some comments made by the council regarding the renewal of Milner's contract:

- Revitalization of the city would come to a screeching halt if she is not renewed.
- Several department heads do like her and respect her. Some of them stated that she does too much, making it difficult to get timely answers back.
- She is sometimes hard to get ahold of. This was said to be due to the amount of work that is on her plate.
- The pros of her work performance far exceed the cons.

It was decided that the council should hold quarterly public meetings with the City Manager to go over updates and concerns going forward.

Motion: Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Motion seconded by Trudel.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor; motion PASSED.

Public session reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

Motion: Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council seal the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilor Ribas.

Roll Call:

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

All in favor; motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Jones
Executive Secretary