

UNSEALED Minutes per
February 6, 2023 City Council
Meeting



City Council Meeting
NON-PUBLIC MINUTES
August 1, 2022
Council Chambers, City Hall

In Attendance

Mayor Jo Brown, Councilor April Bunker, Councilor Valerie Blake, Councilor Bob Desrochers, Councilor George Dzujna, Councilor Paul Trudel, Councilor Olivia Zink, Councilor Jay Chandler, and Councilor Vince Ribas

Absent – Councilor Ted Starkweather

Motion: Councilor Bunker 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 Ribas.

Roll Call:

Councilor Bunker	<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>abs</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Entered nonpublic session at 8:01 p.m.

Others present: City Manager Judie Milner and Planning & Zoning Director Seth Creighton

City Manager Milner stated that the Stanley Mill property is a \$2.3 million-dollar cleanup problem. The council had agreed previously to taking ownership of the property and using a Brownfield Cleanup grant. The city would need to buy the property by the dollar beforehand and Milner is working on the narrative to be able to get funded for the cleanup grant.

This would be a \$5 million dollar project with the grant. They could pave the whole lot, which would be the least expensive option or clean up all of the contamination to be able to use for whatever the city would like.

P&Z Director Creighton explained that if the city takes ownership of the property, the target would be to do a complete cleanup so it is safe as a residential property. They do know where all of the contamination is and will need to get a new up to date quote and site assessment done.

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Milner added that the deadline for applying for the Brownfield grant is November 1st or 15th, which would mean that the funding would be received by fall of 2023 to use to start the cleanup.

Milner asked the council whether they would allow her to move forward on this if she can confirm that the owners will sell the property to the city for \$1, as she cannot get any funding or apply for funding until the city owns the property.

Motion: ***Councilor Ribas moved that the Franklin City Council authorizes the City Manager to make an offer on the Stanley Mill property, tax map 117-142-00, and additionally authorize the City Manager to apply for cleanup grant funding. Motion seconded by Blake.***

7 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passes.

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

Roll Call:

Councilor Bunker	<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>abs</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

Public session reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Motion: ***Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council seal the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilor Chandler.***

Roll Call:

Councilor Bunker	<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>abs</u>	Councilor Zink	<u>yes</u>

All in favor; motion passes.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Jones
Executive Secretary