

Franklin Finance Committee Minutes

March 20, 2014

Council Chambers

Present: Susan Dewsnap, Linda Huempfer, Pat Fleming, Bill Dowd, Tim Smith, George Conley, Paul Aparo

Absent: Mike DuFour, Chris Quinn

Discussion, motion, agenda items

Meeting is being recorded. Noting a quorum present, Susan Dewsnap called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

No citizens comments.

Motion to approve minutes from March 13, 2014: Approved 6/0

Budget Hearings

1. Library – 10 more staff hours and Sunday service added. Operating ~\$300K below the Municipal Appropriation Requirement threshold of ~\$950K. Book sales to support Sunday hrs.
2. Police – One add to headcount. Contractually obligated increases.
3. Fire – 4 additional firefighters due to a FY'15 gov't grant. Expect to maintain increased headcount post-grant through OT savings, ambulance revenue and regional dispatch savings. No wage increases (no collective bargaining agreement in place).
4. Regional Dispatch – Joint venture with Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham to operate a regional dispatch center. Franklin makes up 47% of costs based on call volume and # of residents. FY '15 amount to cover start-up administrative expenses not covered by the State 911 Department
5. Facilities – One add to headcount (HS custodian) offset by energy efficiencies result in a relatively flat budget from PY

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting set for March 26, 2014

Motion to adjourn at 8:00: Approved 7/0

Next meeting set for April 1, 2014

Motion to adjourn at 8:35: Approved 9/0