

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2013**

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall. Salute to the Flag was said.

In Attendance

Councilor Clarenbach, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Trudel, Councilor Feener, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Cournoyer, Councilor Giunta, Councilor Dzujna, Manager Dragon and Mayor Merrifield.

Absent

Councilor Boyd

Public Hearing

Resolution #02-14 – this resolution concerns a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$208,934.00 for the Franklin School District. Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing. Mr. Mike O’Neill, Finance Director for the School District inquired if there were any questions concerning the supplemental appropriation and there were no questions. The public hearing was closed.

Comments from the Public

None

Legislative Comments

Representative Webb advised that beginning of the second week in September (September 9th) new legislation can be submitted. He encouraged anyone with questions or suggestion not to hesitate to contact him.

City Council Acknowledgement

None

Mayor's Update

Mayor Merrifield read part of an article concerning the City of Franklin that was printed in the National League of Cities. "The New Hampshire Afterschool Network has been selected by the National League of Cities as one of five networks nationwide to host a statewide Mayoral Summit on Afterschool and Expanding Learning in 2014. Franklin Mayor Merrifield will host the summit that aims to bring together City leaders, State agency officials and School and Community partners to focus on expanding afterschool opportunities for children and youth in the State."

Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the June 10 and June 18, 2013 City Council Budget Workshop Meetings and the July 8, 2013 City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor; minutes approved.

School Board Report

None

Resolution #02-14

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves Resolution #02-14 by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Roll Call:

Councilor Clarenbach – Yes
Councilor Giunta – Yes
Councilor Feener – Yes
Councilor Trudel – Yes

Councilor Dzujna – Yes
Councilor Cournoyer – Yes
Councilor Desrochers – Yes
Councilor Starkweather – Yes

Resolution #02-14 passes.

Disposition of Tax Acquired Property, 8 Rose Lane

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council authorize the City Manager to dispose of Tax Map 096 Lot 062-52, 8 Rose Lane (mobile home) only through a negotiated direct sale to the Labranche Mobile Home Park owner. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor, motion passes.

Comprehensive Audit Agreement to perform Energy Audit Services

Mr. Michael Davey with ENE Energy Advisor & EEI Services presented the Mayor and Council their findings and recommendations. They made site visits to City Hall, the Proulx Center, the Bessie Rowell Center, the Police and Fire Stations, Municipal Services and the Garage.

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council approve the proposed Audit Agreement between the City of Franklin and Energy Efficient Investment, Inc. Motion seconded by Councilor Trudel. All in favor, motion passes.

Request from John and City Krauz for the Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council deny the request by John and Cindy Kraus to restore their property identified as Tax Map

114, Lot 014-00 to three separate lots. This denial is based on the fact that Mr. Krauz used this one lot as the basis for obtaining a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment on November 2, 1988. To restore the property to three separate lots now would undermine the integrity of the approved Special Exception. Motion seconded by Councilor Trudel.

The question was raised as to whether Mr. and Mrs. Kraus had been notified that their request would be on the August 5th agenda. Manager Dragon commented that Mr. Kraus had brought the request in and had requested it be placed on the agenda. Director Lewis commented that his office did not notify Mr. Kraus.

Motion was made by Councilor Feener to postpone consideration of the request until the next Council meeting so that Mr. and Mrs. Kraus can be notified of their request being on the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion to postpone passes.

City Council to consider the purchase of a used 2009 International 7500 Dump Truck

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council authorize the purchase of one used 2008 International Model 7500 Dump Truck and Plow(s) from McDevitt Trucks, Inc. of Manchester, NH for the amount of \$63,000 (including trade) with funds to be derived from the following line items:

\$14,000 from Line Item 01-3-127-40664

\$49,000 from Line Item 01-1-302-40898

of the fiscal year 2013/2014 budget. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor, motion passes.

Other Business

Committee Reports – Councilor Clarenbach advised a MSD Committee meeting was held last week and they were supportive of the purchase of the Dump Truck.

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City Manager's Update

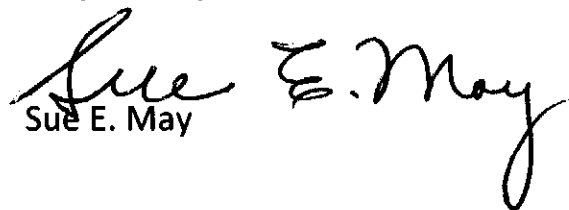
Manager Dragon updated the contingency grant line. \$2,500 received from Homeland Security for the Local Emergency Operations Plan update. \$153.47 received from the State of New Hampshire for Operation Safe Commute. \$791.71 received from the State of New Hampshire for Fire Training. \$141.83 received from the State of New Hampshire for DUI Checkpoint.

She advised that Hope Community Chapel will hold an appreciation breakfast for employees on Sunday, August 25th at 8:00 a.m. at the Chapel.

She also advised that on July 22, 2012 the Mayor, the Fire and Police Chiefs, Welfare Director and herself attended a meeting at the Franklin Regional Hospital. At that meeting they learned about a new psychiatric unit that is scheduled to open at the Franklin Hospital.

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers, seconded by Councilor Feener.
All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,


Sue E. May