

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 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 led by Councilor Dzujna.

In Attendance

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

Mayor Merrifield commented he wished to clarify one thing before we begin the meeting. It has been suggested to one of our councilors that this meeting of the City Council was not properly posted and it has been confirmed that is not true, the meeting was properly posted.

Public Hearing

Resolution #03-14 – this resolution concerns a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$12,000 for the purchase of a Police Cruiser from the Town of Salisbury. Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing to the public, no one came forth to speak; the public hearing was closed.

Comments from the Public

Mrs. Annette Andreozzi, resident and co-chair of Choose Franklin invited everyone to attend the December Choose Franklin meeting; which will be December 5, 2013 and the topic will be Common Core and what that is. The November 7th meeting will be Gail Lyman from CAP who will talk about the resources and things that Community Action has to offer. Mayor Merrifield asked if someone from the Department of Education would be coming to the December meeting to speak on Common Core. Mrs. Andreozzi advised at this time they will be having the Principal and Vice Principal of the High School and based on what

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they say Choose Franklin might have someone from the Department of Education come at another time.

Mr. Wayne Perrault with the Targeteers addressed the Mayor and Council advising what will soon take place the Targeteers Club Range. He advised a walk through took place on October 7th with Dennis Johnson, First VP of the Targeteers, Chief Goldstein, Brian Sullivan and himself. He stated there will be some selective cutting of some trees at the range and is basically maintenance. There will be approximately 25 trees cut on the shotgun range and 25 or more cut on the main range. Manager Dragon advised the club will need to complete intent to cut form as the form needs to be filed with the Department of Revenue.

Legislative Comments

Representative Leigh Webb advised there will be a Merrimack County Delegation Meeting on December 11th to discuss the 2014 budget. He stated since he got elected in 2006 he has been pushing for a constructive use of the McKenna Facility and finally it appears this is moving in a positive direction. Coming up is a special session on expansion of Medicaid in New Hampshire. Councilor Dzujna inquired as to how the Medicaid will affect the Franklin Hospital. Councilor Clarenbach who is a member of the Hospital Board responded as far as the expanded Medicaid because Laconia and Franklin Hospital have a fairly large utilization of the Medicaid system and also a fairly large uninsured group the hospital is endorsing the expansion of Medicaid in New Hampshire and it is believed it will benefit the payer mix for both facilities. Representative Webb commented that one of the biggest issues with this is the cost of uncompensated care. Councilor Clarenbach stated the other thing to remember is that even private pay like the City's insurance plan there is numbers anywhere from 18% to 25% of a cost shift that the private payers are paying because the State of New Hampshire is the lowest amount paid in the United States for its Medicaid utilization. Fire Chief LaChapelle commented that out of the 680 billed transports last year there were 118 transports that had no insurance.

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City Council Acknowledgements

Councilor Dzujna commented two weeks back the City had their second annual Odell in the Dark and it was a huge success. It was a success for all the volunteers that helped from the community, from Parks and Rec Director Alpers and Drug Task Force Committee member Melissa Rizzo. He stated he also wanted to thank the Franklin High School Footlight players, the Honor Society, the Student Council; they were there from 3 PM until 9 PM and then cleaned up afterwards.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Merrifield read a letter from former City Councilor Bowers concerning the passing of his Mother at the age of 88. In his letter he thanked Nancy Marceau, Director of the TRIP Center for her assistance and thanked the Franklin Fire Department including Captain Gary Hicks for their wonderful care and response in transporting his Mother to the hospital. He further stated the Franklin Fire Department is the best in the State and we see it time and time again; their dedication and commitment to the Franklin community is all inspiring.

Mayor Merrifield stated last month he failed to recognize and thank Representative Webb for his attendance at the Federal Scoping Hearing for the Northern Pass Project in Plymouth.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the October 7, 2013 City Council Meeting; motion seconded by Councilor Trudel. All in favor, motion passes.

School Board Report

School Board Member Al Warner addressed the Mayor and Council. He handed out an informational sheet on Science NECAP data showing the Franklin students

are definitely making progress. This information is attached. Mr. Warner recognized the teachers for this quarter: Paul Smith-Wendy Beaudet; Middle School-Michelle Davis; and the High School-Vincent Kane. He also recognized the new Director for Special Education John Sublesky who is arranging for a 504IEP overview and is also working to educate the parents and members of the community.

Resolution #03-14

Motion made by Councilor Boyd that the Franklin City Council approves Resolution #03-14, regarding a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$12,000 out of the Police Revolving Detail Fund to pay for the purchase of the Salisbury Cruiser and related modifications by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Clarenbach – Yes

Councilor Giunta – Yes

Councilor Boyd – Yes

Councilor Desrochers – Yes

Councilor Starkweather – Yes

Councilor Dzujna – Yes

Councilor Cournoyer – Yes

Councilor Feener – Yes

Councilor Trudel – Yes

All in favor, Resolution #03-14 is approved.

Ordinance #03-14 and Ordinance #04-14

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council schedules the following public hearings for Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:05 pm in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall for proposed Ordinance #03-14 to address motor vehicle and pedestrian safety issues; and at 6:06 pm for proposed Ordinance #04-14 to address the use of City property. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

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All in favor, motion passes to schedule the public hearing on both ordinances.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that Ordinances #03-14 and #04-14 be read in title only, motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor.

Resolution #05-14

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall to consider the passage of Resolution #05-14 to authorize additional revenues and expenditures related to the preparation of engineering studies and plans for certain improvements to Industrial Park Drive. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener.

Mayor Merrifield read Resolution #05-14 into the record:

RESOLUTION #05-14

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2014.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which began July 1, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to encourage economic growth and development in the Franklin Business and Industrial Park, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin acknowledges that the current condition of Industrial Park Drive does not reflect well upon the wishes to encourage development in the Park, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has available Municipal Transportation Improvement Funds that can be used for transportation related projects, and;

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Franklin would need to undertake certain engineering studies and have plans prepared in order to construct improvements to Industrial Park Drive, and;

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Franklin understands that this Transportation Fund has a balance, as of the end of August, 2013, of \$171,472, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, December 2, 2013, the City Council of the City of Franklin does hereby approve Resolution 05-14 authorizing an increase in revenues:

Transfer in from Capital Reserve Fund Acct No. 01-2-000-39150-000 – Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000),

And an increase in the expenditure account Capital Outlay, Roads; Account No. 01-9-014-40798-000 in the total amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purposes of preparing the required engineering studies and plans,

By a roll call vote.

All in favor, motion to schedule a public hearing passes.

6 Ring Street (Mobile Home)

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council authorizes the City Manager to dispose of Tax Map 07-006-02, 6 Ring Street, through a negotiated direct sale to the Hillside Terrace Mobile Home Park owner. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor, motion passes.

Other Business

Committee Reports – Councilor Clarenbach advised that the Municipal Services Committee did meet and wanted to bring forth to the Council the improvements for Industrial Park Drive. The smoke testing for the sewer system was also discussed at the meeting and has begun along with some increased activity for the Fire Department. This testing will help locate leaks in the system and the surge that comes from rain water as well as water from sump pumps.

City Manager Report – Manager Dragon advised the City has received the following for the contingency grant line: \$50 from Ms. Veysey for the Book Club; \$250 from the Tennis Foundation; \$75 in Drug Dog donations; and \$190 Merrimack County Grant. She advised the Mayor's Drug Task Force has been quite busy this month. They participated in the Lights On After School Program, the Drug Take Back Day and the Odell Park After Dark event. Manager Dragon advised the City wide revaluation work is complete and are awaiting submission and approval of the required school forms in order to set the tax rate. She stated the overall value for the City dropped approximately 9% and therefore the tax rate is expected to increase \$2.40 of which only .18 cents is due to increase in the various budgets and \$2.22 is from the drop in values. The Mayor's Drug Task Force has sponsored some undercover details and this has resulted in some drug arrests. Manager Dragon complimented the Fire Department concerning a call they received on October 21st for a transport. The person being transported was quite large and due to the layout of the building it was difficult to get the patient out of the building while still performing the needed patient care. The patient was placed on a stokes basket and lowered to the ground all the while continuing to ventilate the patient. Manager Dragon commented that we have many volunteers in the community and she mentioned that Patty Robichaud, Joan Shanelaris and Joan Lacourse on October 29th swept out store fronts and sidewalks from the Thai Restaurant to Marceau Park. They picked up four bags of leaves and dirt and took them to the Transfer Station. You might ask why did they do this and the answer would be because they have pride in Franklin and saw a need and responded.

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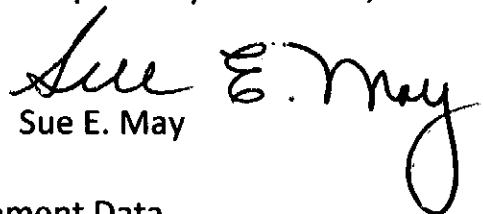
Late Item

Municipal Agreement with NHDOT

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a Municipal Work Zone Agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation regarding US Route 3 upgrade at the intersection of Industrial Park Drive. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Feener, seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue E. May

Attachment: Science NECAP Achievement Data

Science NECAP Achievement Data

Percent of students Scoring Proficient or Better

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% Increase
Grade 4	32	25	40	25
Grade 8	9	11	19	111
Grade 11	13	24	32*	146

*This is higher than the state average of 30% of students scoring proficient or better. And includes 3% of the students that scored a Level 4 – Proficient with Distinction.

Some of the surrounding high schools:
(Percent of students Scoring Proficient or Better)

Bow	32% (1% at Level 4)
Concord	42% (3% at Level 4)
Gilford	39% (1% at Level 4)
Hillsboro-Deering	27% (no Level 4)
Inter-Lakes	27% (2% at Level 4)
Laconia	23% (no Level 4)
Mascoma	30% (no Level 4)
Merrimack Valley	23% (no Level 4)
Newfound	21% (1% at Level 4)
Pittsfield	12% (no Level 4)
Shaker Regional	35% (no Level 4)
Winnisquam	23% (no Level 4)