

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM XII



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
May 7, 2012 City Council Meeting

From: Judie Milner, Finance Director
Subject: Funding Alternative for Ambulance

Recommendation:

I recommend the Council considers an alternative option for funding the ambulance purchase approved by the Council on March 26, 2012.

Possible Motions:

May 7, 2012

Motion 1:

Councilor moves, "I move that the Franklin City Council considers an alternative option for funding the ambulance purchase."

Discussion. Mayor calls for vote.

Motion 2 (only if affirmative vote in Motion 1, otherwise no further action needed):

Councilor moves, "I move the City of Franklin City Council set a public hearing for Monday, June 4, 2012, at 7:05pm regarding the approval of Resolution 16-12 regarding \$230,000 ambulance funding through Northway Bank for a term of 7 years at 1.83% interest."

June 4, 2012

Councilor moves, "I move the City of Franklin City Council approve Resolution 16-12 \$230,000 ambulance funding through Northway Bank for a term of 7 years at 1.83% interest."

Discussion:

On March 26, 2012, the Council approved the purchase of a replacement ambulance for ambulance 1, the City's 11 year old ambulance whose engine failed, through a lease purchase agreement with a 4.16% interest rate and municipal non appropriation clause. Since that vote, the City Manager was approached about the possibility that bank note

financing would save the City money in interest charges. At the Manager's request, I solicited three banks in the City, Franklin Savings, Citizen's and Northway, for quotes. Franklin Savings quoted 3.15 % for a 7 year term. Citizen's quoted 3.25% but was not able to provide a term over 5 years. Northway quoted **1.83%** for a 7 year term.

The note program quoted by Northway will save the City \$15,446 in interest over the life of the note as compared to the lease purchase program through Republic First National as originally approved by the Council. Because of this significant savings, I am bringing this option forward to the Council.

The ambulance committee has solicited quotes, evaluated, and recommended the company and the purchase contract has been completed with Sugarloaf Ambulance Rescue Vehicles. The original leasing is ready and will be used upon delivery of the ambulance unless the Council approves another funding source.

It is important to point out that notes do not have a municipal non appropriation clause like leases. However, the selected ambulance vendor has offered in writing to purchase the ambulance for the amount of the remaining note balance should the City find itself in the unlikely position of not being able to appropriate payment for the ambulance. This may alleviate some concerns about any possibility that the City may not appropriate future payments. We can get this language approved by Paul Fitzgerald in May should the Council choose to entertain this alternative funding. It will be a separate document from the note.

Concurrences:

The Council approved the purchase of the ambulance through a lease purchase agreement on March 26, 1012. The lease purchase financing is ready to go as soon as the ambulance is completed and the City takes delivery (estimated 4-6 months). The ambulance purchase is under contract with Sugarloaf Ambulance Rescue Vehicles at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

Note funding through Northway Bank will save \$15,446 in interest costs over the lease purchase financing through Republic First National.

Alternatives:

City Council could remain with the approved lease purchase funding through Republic First National.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Quote Comparison
Resolution 16-12
Public Hearing Notice

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RESOLUTION #16-12

A Resolution Relating to the authorization for the City of Franklin to issue a note through Northway Bank for the purchase of the replacement ambulance for ambulance 1.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has approved, on March 26, 2012, the purchase of an ambulance to replace 11 year old ambulance 1 which recently suffered catastrophic engine failure through a 7 year term lease purchase program, and;

WHEREAS, the total cost of the replacement ambulance is not to exceed \$230,000, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to save the City over \$15,000 in interest costs by changing the funding mechanism from the previously approved lease purchase agreement to a 7 year term, 1.83% rate note issued by Northway Bank, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that the note will contain no fees or prepayment penalties, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the selected ambulance vendor has offered in writing to purchase back the ambulance for the balance of the note should the City not appropriate the note payment at any time during the duration of the note, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, June 4, 2012, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 15-12 authorizing the City of Franklin to issue a note through Northway Bank not to exceed \$230,000 at a rate of 1.83% for a period of seven (7) years for the funding of the replacement of ambulance one (1) and authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary documentation of same

Resolution 16-12
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By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Sharon	_____
Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Trudel	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____		

A True Copy Attested: _____
City Clerk

Passed: _____

Approved: _____
Mayor



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CITY OF FRANKLIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall concerning Resolution #16-12 concerning alternative option for funding the ambulance purchase.

**City of Franklin, New Hampshire
Ambulance Replacement Funding Quote Comparison
2012**

Cost of Ambulance: \$230,000

Entity	Type of Funding	Term	Rate
Northway Bank	Note	7	1.83
Franklin Savings Bank	Note	7	3.15
Citizens Bank	Lease Purchase	5	3.25
Republic First National	Lease Purchase	7	4.16

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AGENDA ITEM XIII



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
City Council Meeting May 07, 2012

From: Holly Burbank, Tax Collector *Holly*

Subject: Council to consider adoption of the following tax deeds:

Map 078, Lot 006-07 (Mobile Home in Park)	Map 099, Lot 033-00 (Land & Building)
Map 099, Lot 018-00 (Land & Building)	Map 117, Lot 270-00 (Commercial L&B)
Map 118, Lot 010-00 (Land & Building)	Map 099, Lot 052-00 (Land & Building)
Map 118, Lot 003-00 (Land & Building)	Map 149, Lot 071-00 (Land & Building)
Map 099, Lot 055-00 (Commercial L & B)	Map 096, Lot 103-00 (Land & Building)
Map 078, Lot 006-02 (Mobile Home in Park)	Map 097, Lot 094-00 (Land & Building)
Map 045, Lot 005-00 (Land & Building)	Map 148, Lot 005-00 (Land Only)

Recommended motions:

1. Councilor moves:

“I move that the Franklin City Council accept the tax deeds on the following parcels:”

Map 078, Lot 006-07	Map 117, Lot 270-00
Map 118, Lot 010-00	Map 099, Lot 052-00
Map 118, Lot 003-00	Map 149, Lot 071-00
Map 099, Lot 055-00	Map 078, Lot 006-02
Map 097, Lot 094-00	Map 045, Lot 005-00
Map 148, Lot 005-00	Map 099, Lot 018-00
Map 099, Lot 033-00	Map 096, Lot 103-00

2. Mayor asks a second, discussion, and calls the vote.

Discussion:

Tax Map 078, Lot 006-07 and Tax Map 078, Lot 006-02 are Manufactured Homes in a Park. Because these documents had to be to Sue May a week prior to the May 7 Council Meeting, I expect that several of these property owners will be in to pay their taxes.

Concurrences:

This process is consistent with the State of New Hampshire Statutes with respect to deeding properties. If the Council decides against accepting this deed, the tax lien shall remain in effect indefinitely, retaining its priority over other liens. The taxpayer's right of redemption as provided by RSA 80:69 shall likewise be extended indefinitely, with interest continuing to accrue as provided in that section.

If at any time, in the judgment of the municipal governing body, the reasons for refusing the tax deed no longer apply, and the tax lien has not been satisfied, the governing body may instruct the collector to issue the tax deed, and the collector shall do so after giving the notices required by RSA 80:38a and 80:38-b.

80:39 II-a: the governing body of the municipality may refuse to accept a tax deed on behalf of the municipality, and shall so notify the collector, whenever in its judgment acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks, including obligations under real estate covenants or obligations to tenants, or for any other reason would be contrary to the public interest. Such a decision shall not be made solely for the private benefit of a taxpayer.

Fiscal Impact:

Lost Revenue to the City.

Alternative:

Referring to RSA 80:76 it states that the municipality may refuse to accept a tax deed on behalf of the municipality, and may so notify the collector, whenever in its judgment acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risks, including obligations under real estate covenants or obligations to tenants, or for any other reason would be contrary to the public interest. The tax lien may be enforced by the municipality by suit as provided under RSA 80:50, and through any remedy provided by law for the enforcement of other types of liens and attachments.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Code Enforcement Division Reports
2. Statement of Accounts
3. Property Tax Cards & Maps
4. Copy of Tax Deeds to be Executed

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM XIV



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
City Council Meeting May 2012

Date: April 30, 2012
From: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Subject: **Manager's Update**

Contingency Grant Line Activity: The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month: \$3,150 for the Join the NH Clique Seat Belt grant and \$4,620 for the Franklin DWI/DUI Patrols grant

Website- If you haven't had a chance, please take a look at the City's new website at the same location www.franklinnh.org departments are still adding content but the site went live a couple weeks ago and we are getting great feedback. The City partnered with the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force & Franklin Business & Industrial Corp (FBIDC) to build a new website. Twin Designs contributed wonderful professional photos of Franklin to highlight the beauty of the community. We are very excited about all that the new website has to offer. A couple new powerful tools include the ability to subscribe to news and alerts with a click of a button (check out "subscribe to e-alerts") and the City's ability to add an emergency banner across the front page of the website for breaking news such as road closure or any type of emergency notice.

Vitex Tour: On Monday April 23rd I accompanied the Mayor, Jim Aberg (FBIDC), Governor Lynch, several PSNH representatives as well as others on a tour of Vitex Extrusions new production line here in Franklin. Last fall, partly funded through rebates from Public service of NH, the firm installed a new pumping system that enabled it to double its capacity from 18 million to 30 million pounds of "lineal extrusions" per year. Vitex is looking to add 100 employees to their company in the near future. Vitex discussed the challenges of finding the right kind of employees for the future. This news and the recent growth at Webster Valve are signs of economic growth right here in Franklin!

Youth Government: is currently scheduled for May 29th, 30th and 31st this year. Tuesday kick off at city hall (Mayor & any city councilors & local legislators are invited to speak) 12:15-2:30 alongside dept heads as we give an overview of city government Wed 12:15-2:30 students report to respective departments Thursday students work with their department heads all day (8am-2:30) and at 6:30pm the Elks host a banquet, present awards, and the students hold a mock city council meeting.

Loyalty Day: On Sunday April 29th at 2pm I attended along with the Mayor and several City Councilors a ceremony at Franklin VFW honoring LT Stephanie Clough, Retired Chief Brad Smith, and High School Teacher Kerry Cook. Congratulations to all three honorees!

Headstart Grant & Bessie Rowell Community Center Project update: Great news! The City of Franklin was awarded the Head Start grant for \$350,000. This grant will relocate the Head

Start program to the Bessie Rowell building which is in the process of becoming the ***Bessie Rowell Community Center***. Head Start receiving this grant was key to making this project viable. Currently Tiny Twisters is in the process of preparing to move using a CDBG grant recently awarded in the amount of \$238,957. The Tiny Twister's project just recently went out to bid and was awarded. Security Cameras are being installed at entrances of the building through some matching funds that Tiny Twisters had available for equipment purchases. Mango Security has already begun work on this piece of the project. There are so many exciting things about a project like this-the ability to share space, the re-use of a building that otherwise sat vacant in a residential neighborhood and was beginning to be vandalized, co-locating services that support one another, the many uses of a brand new commercial kitchen, the many uses of a multipurpose room including a stage and another meeting space in the community...all these things are now becoming a reality in the ***Bessie Rowell Community Center***.

City preparations are also in the works-The Recreation department will begin their move after the summer program however preparations at the Bessie Rowell building have already begun for the recreation department. Phone and computer networking for the city should be complete before the end of June. Misc aesthetic improvements such as cleaning, painting, organizing and general preparation of space are also beginning as well.

This project is an excellent example of a variety of organizations (city & nonprofits) coming together to make a project work for the betterment of the children and the seniors of the community. It is thanks to the vision of the City Council & Mayor through some challenging moments that this project is possible.

Recreation Department update: The funding and all state approvals for the fishing pier project at Odell Park are in place and the project is ready to move forward. (as of March 26, 2012). Next, coordination between contractors and city services will begin. The city will dig the trench area where the concrete will be poured (by Beck & Bellucci). We have not finalized anything with Beck & Bellucci yet due to scheduling constraints. The recreation department is working with them as well as other companies that may be able to fit us in sooner. Brian Barry - Municipal services department will construct the decking. The funding for this project was raised through the Odell park committee and the city is contributing labor (digging the trench and building the deck). This project, like the many other recently completed projects at Odell Park, will be completed through the combination of fundraising and grant funding obtained by the Recreation Director and volunteers, as well as volunteer & city labor. The asset will then become the property of the city. This is last project on the list at the Odell Park for the committee.

Work at Daniell Park is currently underway. Funding is in place for the basketball court. However, the focus is the picnic area and parking area improvements which is expected to begin this month. The work on the basketball area is planned for the summer/fall time.

Stone Park is in serious disrepair and staff has recently removed the slide and bouncy toys due to the unsafe condition and recommendation by the Local Government Center in their recent inspection of all city playgrounds. The Recreation Director has recently received \$15,000 from KaBoom which is only half of the funding needed for replacement. Replacement of this park equipment is hopeful for the Fall/Spring depending on successful fundraising efforts.

There has been a conversation with all department heads working with committees that the city is currently at our capacity (as discussed with the council during our no numbers workshop) regarding projects and staffing. Therefore, we are attempting to focus our efforts with committees and volunteers on improving assets that are currently in existence instead of adding assets that require future maintenance etc. We are also attempting to finish existing projects and improve communications with volunteers to ensure that everyone is working on the same page.



Subject: Other Business

A. Committee Reports

B. City Manager's Update

C. Mayor Appointments to Franklin Library Board of Trustees:

Mayor: "I reappoint Judith A. Ackerson to the Library Board of Trustees, Term of office to January, 2014.

Mayor: "I reappoint Stephanie Bendixsen to the Library Board of Trustees, Term of service to January, 2014.

Mayor: "I appoint Judith O. Merriam to the Library Board of Trustees, Term of Service to January, 2014."

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AGENDA ITEM XV

LATE ITEMS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM XVI



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
MAY 7, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Subject: Non-Public Session

Suggested Motion: *“I move that the Franklin City Council enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II A the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee.”*

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and roll call.

Roll Call:

Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Desrochers	_____
Councilor Trudel	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____
Councilor Sharon	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Boyd	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____		

After session is done, motion is made to come out of non-public.

Motion is then made to seal the minutes.

Suggested Motion: *“I move that the Franklin City Council seal the minutes of the non-public session because releasing them would make the action taken ineffectual.”*

Roll Call:

Councilor Cournoyer	_____	Councilor Desrochers	_____
Councilor Trudel	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____
Councilor Sharon	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Boyd	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____		