CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM I



CITY OF FRANKLIN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

August 5, 2013 City Council Meeting

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Motion: "I move 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."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING JUNE 10, 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 Starkweather.

In Attendance

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

Absent

Councilor Boyd

Mayor Merrifield commented that there was a discussion at the June 3rd City Council meeting on the resignation of a School Board member and he advised he received an email from an Attorney this evening just prior to our meeting and he stated he did not have time to copy it so without objection he offered to read the communication.

The communication is from Melissa Huey from Drumond and Woodson Attorneys at Law and it reads: "Ken Merrifield, Mayor City of Franklin. Dear Mr. Merrifield, We represent the Franklin School Board and it has come to our attention that the Franklin City Council proposes to appoint a School Board member to a vacancy in Ward I at an upcoming meeting. Giving the timing of the pertinent amendments to the Franklin City Charter we believe there is a strong probability that these amendments were enacted locally and they conflict with State Law. Pursuant to the requirements of State Law RSA 197:26 it is the responsibility of the School Board not the City Council to fill vacancies occurring on the Board. It is our position therefore that the City Council has no authority to make the proposed appointment and any attempt by it to do so will be violation of the Law. I am writing therefore to request that the City Council follow the requirements of the

State Statute and allow the School Board to fill the vacancy. Sincerely, Melissa A. Huey"

Mayor Merrifield commented that he thinks a large number of the School Board members over the years have been appointed by the City Council without question including he stated himself in 1992. He stated he does not know how long this has been part of the City Charter that School Board members are sworn to uphold but he stated he thinks it has been a long, long time, maybe 100 years as long as we have been a City. Mayor Merrifield commented he does not know what the Council wants to do but in his opinion the Council is authorized to fill the vacancy. Councilor Dzujna inquired if this is the school's regular attorney and the Mayor responded he does not think so because Attorney Upton has been the attorney for the school. Councilor Desrochers inquired if this is not their regular attorney where are they getting the funds for this new attorney. Councilor Feener asked who authorized them to hire this attorney. They haven't had any meetings, is it an individual Board member doing this, the superintendent doing this, it would nice to know who authorized this. If done by an individual, they should be paying the bill and not the City of Franklin tax payers.

Councilor Trudel requested that the Council receive a copy of the communication from Attorney Huey and Mayor Merrifield stated he would see that each councilor receives a copy.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council open nominations to fill the vacancy in Ward I for the School Board, term to expire January, 2014; seconded by Councilor Cournoyer. 1 no vote; motion passes.

Mayor Merrifield opened the floor for nominations.

Councilor Feener nominated Charles "Chad" Carey for the Ward I, School Board vacancy; seconded by Councilor Cournoyer.

Motion made by Councilor Feener to close nominations, seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, nominations are closed.

Motion made by Councilor Feener to cast one single ballot for Chad Carey for an appointment to the School Board in Ward I; seconded by Councilor Cournoyer.

Councilor Clarenbach stated he does not feel the Council is moving in the right direction, by making this appointment right now and he stated he does not even know this individual, but we are just throwing gasoline on the fire. He stated he does feel we are in a situation right now where one side versus the other and it continues to be elevated. He stated he is not sure that it is prudent to fill this position at this time. He stated he does not know this candidate but will be voting no. He commented he feels the Council is just adding fuel to the fire.

Mayor Merrifield asked Councilor Clarenbach is he disputes the Councils' authority to fill the vacancy and Councilor Clarenbach responded no, not at all.

Motion passes to fill the vacancy to the School Board, Ward I with Chad Carey. There was one no vote.

City Clerk Burbank gave the Council an update concerning the petitions that were presented to the City Council concerning a request for removal of two school board members and she was to validate the signatures for residency and legal age. She advised she has become the verification process; there are two petitions, one for Raymond Yonaitis and one for Kathleen Russo. On each of the petitions there were 113 total signatures. So far 71 of those signers were on the voter checklist, the remaining 41 letter have been sent to them asking them to come into City Hall to verify in fact who they are and that live in Franklin. Of the 113 names ones of them had a Gilford address so that was obviously eliminated.

City Clerk/Tax Collector

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City Clerk Burbank stated there are no real big changes in her budget this year. Professional Services is the line that it is used when mortgage searches are done for properties that are going to tax lien or tax deed and this procedure is required by State law. The company that the City switched to last year has saved the City approximately \$2,000.

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Ms. Burbank advised that typically for the City election the ballot machines are not used, the ballots are printed and that became a bit of an issue over the last election so she stated she would like to use the ballot machines for the City election in October. There are some additional funds in the supply line for the ballots.

Section 6/Library

Director Sargent pointed out that the part-time wages was reduced to make it more in line with the library hours that are being used. There are 7 lines the Board of Trustees has control over for operating costs and they are all level funded.

Section 5/Parks & Recreation

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Director Alpers stated the main changes in her budget is under wages there is a before and after school care category which has been added this year and before school care is being proposed for next year and would be offset by revenues and no cost to the City. The software line went up by \$500, which is annual maintenance fee and that is because it is proposed to accept credit and debit cards.

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Director Alpers advised that the bus rentals increased by \$1,400 due to the Recreation Department is now being billed for the gasoline whereas before the school was being billed for that. Operating supplies, new line for before and after school programs for the breakfast and snack portion which is offset by revenues.

Dr. Alpers advised with her meetings with the City Manager and the Recreation Committee it was discussed increasing the summer program fees while also making the program one week shorter. This would not take affect this year as the summer program is about to begin but would be in effect next year. She stated her proposal would be to go down to a 7 week program, increase the cost of the 7 weeks by \$10.00 which would make it \$350 for the first year and also charge for the field trips which would be a \$63.00 cost. Currently the charge is \$340 for 8 weeks which includes the field trips and with this proposal it would increase to \$350 for 7 weeks and an additional charge of \$63.00 for the field trips for a total of \$413.00 per child. It costs the City for the 7 week program \$591.00 which includes the field trips. She stated this will bring the gap a little bit closer and she stated she would recommend over the next 5 years increasing the summer program by \$50 each year bringing us to a break even status. She recommended that the \$2,000 savings be put into a scholarship fund so more scholarships could be provided. The initial savings would be \$8,400. Councilor Clarenbach stated he feels 5 years to break even is too long. Councilor Desrochers commented that 5 years is a ways out but with the economy and peoples' budgets are getting tighter and tighter that gradual increases over 5 years is probably the way to go. Director Alpers commented she wants to try to get the program affordable for families and not make too much of an increase to quick.

Section 5/Welfare

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Director Tracy stated the rental line has dropped substantially and has a lot to do with the Fire Department coordinating really well and the apartments are inspected to make sure they meet codes before the City will consider assistance.

Medication have increased and she stated we are having real struggle with people on prescriptions that have a very large deductible like \$4,000 in a year so the City winds up paying the Medicaid rate for the prescription. Director Tracy advised since December of 2012 through today she has brought donations into the City in excess of \$20,000 specifically office furniture, products from a person who is closing her business out, and liens on property for those that are receiving welfare assistance. Manager Dragon commented that Director Tracy has been doing a wonderful job because thinks out of the box. Manager Dragon also noted the expenses in the Welfare Department are going down this year.

<u>Section 5/General Government – Executive</u>

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Manager Dragon advised there are no changes, this is level funded.

Page 2 of 44/City Manager

Nuisance Abatement of which Brownsfield Grant is \$185,000 of the \$195,000 and Manager Dragon commented that figure is large because the City has not expended those funds yet; and \$10,000 for cleaning up of nuisance properties. Contingency number is down a little.

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Director Milner advised that wages are down with the shared position with the City Clerk's office and Finance office. Audit line is down by 1%. A new line is other contracted services for a total of \$240 for a check connect system and bank deposits can be done from the desktop instead of going to the bank. Postage is up and Director Milner stated it has steadily been increasing and she hopes to hold it at the \$2,500 this year and next year. Books and Publications are up 28% and she advised that the Thompson FLSA has doubled in price this year.

Councilor Desrochers inquired as to any progress concerning the merger of the Finance Department (City and School). Manager Dragon stated there was to first be a joint meeting with the Council and School Board and then a meeting to discuss the pros and cons of merging but to-date a joint meeting has not been set.

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Manager Dragon stated we are going down from this budget but actually is back to where it normally would be at \$80,000 for the assessing contract. We are in the process of the partial update and in the end it equals a revaluation as we have done the statistical analysis and the review of the properties over the 5-year contract. In this budget there is also the support system for CLT for half a year and then we will switch to AVATAR and the best time to do that is when you are doing an update so you can take full advantage of the software in the future and if we don't make the switch this year it would be another 5 years before we could take advantage of that.

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This consists of all the software contracts and hardware. Manager Dragon commented one of the benefits in switching to AVATAR is the elimination of duplication of entry. Right now we enter our assessing information into CLT and then we enter it into BMSI and AVATAR talks between departments.

The legal expense line is level funded.

Page 11 of 44/General Liability Insurance

The City is in the third year of a three year contract and that is level funded and we always put in a \$1,000 deductible.

Equipment and Supplies

Lease of the copy machine and postage machine is up as a new postage machine had to be leased and it cost a little bit more as there were issues with the old postage machine. The City Hall travel line is kept at \$2,000 which is mostly used for the City Hall car which is always the oldest car from the Police Department that they are transferring out. The car is not used for real long trips because of the age but it is shared by everyone in City Hall.

Page 33 of 44/Drug Free Communities

This is a grant and therefore it is an in and an out. This budget is broken down and submitted to the DFC Grantors.

Page 40 of 44/Debt Service-Long Term Principal

Manager Dragon advised the City has three payments the 1997 Court House which will retire in August of 2017; the 1994 Bridge-Daniel Webster which retires August 2014, and the 1998 Police facility which retires August 2017.

Page 43 of 44/Capital Reserve for Bessie Rowell

Manager Dragon stated all organizations are to contribute \$5,000 to go into a capital reserve account each year for the upkeep and maintenance of the building.

Page 44 of 44/Overlay and Exemptions

Mayor Merrifield commented that the Manager's budget that has been presented is \$10,084,000 and the department requests were almost \$14,000,000 so the Manager had to cut almost \$4,000,000 out of the department requests.

Other Business

Manager Dragon at the last Council Meeting several properties were taken for back taxes. One of those properties was 161 Lake Shore Drive. She stated all four of the properties that have been taken, the owners have contacted us and in all probability all four properties will be bought back. When the City takes a property for back taxes the owner has the right to repurchase that property for up to three years.

Manager Dragon presented a hand written note from the owners requesting to buy back the property at 161 Lake Shore Drive. The interest and taxes that are due and it comes out to \$16,197.39 which includes a fee for the registry and the quick claim deed. It does not include a 15% penalty. The owners are supposed to bring the funds in June 13th with a certified check.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council deed back 161 Lake Shore Drive, Map 015, Lot 010-00 upon receipt of all back taxes and interest (without the 15% penalty). Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Manager Dragon commented on the mobile homes advising she call both mobile home park owners and asked them if they would be interested in those properties. She stated she had a meeting today with one of the park owners where two out of the three mobile homes are located. He has a real interest in one of them but is not sure about the other one as he stated there are a lot of problems with that one. She stated that might be one we would want to get cleared up even if the City did not recoup the entire amount of taxes that are due which is approximately \$8,000 so she stated she trying to negotiate a deal with him.

Manager Dragon advised she has copied the Police Department Union Agreement and a memo that explains the changes. All the changes are in bold and the Union has ratified the contract so the last piece if for the Council to ratify the contract. It was agreed the Council will review the contract and consider ratification at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clarenbach and seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue E. May

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING JUNE 18, 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 Dzujna, Councilor Sharon, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Feener, Councilor Trudel, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Clarenbach, Mayor Merrifield and City Manager Dragon.

Absent

Councilor Cournoyer and Councilor Boyd.

Approval of Employee Labor Contract with the Teamsters (representing Police, Dispatch and Secretarial positions)

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council approves a one-year Agreement as presented from June 10, 2013 to June 30, 2014 between the City of Franklin and the New England Police Benevolent Association (Police Department employees). Motion seconded by Councilor Sharon. All in favor, motion passes.

Repurchase of Tax Deeded Properties

50 Range Road

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council deed back 50 Range Road, Map 096, Lot 082-00 upon receipt of all back taxes and interest (without 15% penalty). Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

705 South Main Street

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council deed back 705 South Main Street, Map 102, Lot 006-00 upon receipt of all back taxes and interest (without 15% penalty). Motion seconded by Councilor Feener. All in favor, motion passes.

Joint Meeting between the Franklin School Board and the City Council

Councilor Desrochers suggested meeting dates of July 15 or July 17. There were some members of the school board in attendance. The suggested date to try for a joint meeting was Wednesday, July 17th.

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers and seconded by Councilor Dzujna that Wednesday, July 17, 2013 be the date for the Joint Meeting, Don Jutton to be the moderator and time for the meeting to 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will be open to the public. All in favor, motion passes.

Presentation of Proposed School for FY14

School Board Member Karen Grzelak; Al Warner, Kathy Russo and Finance Director Mike O'Neill presented the budget. Some information offered was the projected revenues are down approximately by \$182,000. There is a \$262,000 decrease in State Aid and enrollment is down. (Copy of the school's proposed budget is attached.)

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Feener, seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue E. May

Staffing

As you all may or may not know, there are many items within our budget that the board has little to no control over. Staffing is one of the area's that we can control. Staffing is not an area that anyone likes to cut. Your not just cutting and "item", you are cutting a person. Someone with a family. Someone that, odds are, you know very well and deal with on a daily basis. After we received our initial, needs based proposed budget, we found ourselves almost \$1.6 million dollars over budget. With all of this in mind, we have to be fiscally responsible to our constituents and have had the unpleasant job of making several cuts in staffing to this years proposed budget.

From our initial budget we cut almost \$306,000 from just our wages and salary line. What this means for our schools is anything less than desirable.

At Paul Smith School we have cut the full time Technology Teacher and combined it with the ESL Teacher. The downside to doing this is that we are losing the ability to spend the full amount of time to work with all of the grades. There is a potential for even more loss of time should the district receive an increased ESL population.

At the Franklin Middle School we have cut the Foreign Language position. The ramifications of this are a loss of multicultural awareness, loss of cross curricular connections and the loss of a strong foundation to move on to Foreign Language at the High School level. The Family and Consumer Science Teacher has been changed to a ½ time position from full time. This will give us loss of exposure at all grade levels and the loss of ability to meet the RSA Standards. Finally at the Middle School the Positive Action Classroom Assistant has been cut. This impacts the school with the loss fo ability for the PAC teacher to observe students behavior on their class wings, loss of multiple small group instructional stations, and the loss if ability for the PAC teacher to attend IEP and 504 meetings.

Franklin High School will see reduction of 1 Guidance Counselor to less than full time. This will mean a higher student per staff case load for remaining staff, larger 504 case loads, and added administrative responsibilities for remaining staff. Foreign Language will lose a full time Spanish Teacher. This makes it difficult for students to earn language credits for college admission, loss of cross curricular and cultural experiences for our students. Special Ed at the High School will lose a full time teacher. The Alternative Program will be managed by the SSR staff and add case load responsibilities for remaining staff. The Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator will be reduced to ½ time. This will make access to the ELO's extremely limited and will make engaging community partners very difficult.

All of the cut's that have been proposed in this budget so far will make educating our students more difficult than they need to be. Each school is seeing the reduction of part of the Special Education program. With this in mind, we have to justify to the Department of Education why our budgeted amount for 13-14 is less than 12-13. This justification must be approved in order for the district to qualify for all of our IDEA grant funds.

With all of this being said, we are still \$105,000 over our expected revenue. Staffing may see additional cuts before we are done.

Ed Cogan Vice-Chair, Franklin School Board With the current budget, Paul Smith School will only be able to purchase half (1/2) of the third and fourth grade Science and Social Sciences books needed. The consequence of this would be for teachers will have to share throughout the year and not be ready for testing as they would not have had chance to teach the standard. This will interfere with the good work and great progress the students are gaining.

As Mr. Warner has so graciously stated, this year the School Board asked the administration to prepare a needs-based budget for the April 2 workshop. This budget came in at \$16,506,957. To match anticipated revenues we found we needed to cut \$1.5million from this budget. As you have heard this evening the impact on laying off educators (\$460K in salary cuts), building improvements cut by \$783K, to include FEMA recommended security measures to protect our students and educators, also cutting the materials that educators need to teach. The Department of Education, recognized Franklin as having the highest improved index scores on the NECAP from 2010-2011 in the State. Let's not go backwards.

The budget is currently sitting at \$14,968,165 - down 94K from last year. The Budget is still 105K over the anticipated revenues.

The remaining cuts that are the last resort:

Cutting Kindergarten to 1/2day means laying off two more educators. The impact on the community and the education of these students would severely delay our economic and educational growth.

Athletics will also have to be cut, either some teams or pay to play. Possibly offering clubs instead of athletic teams. This would not build the "esprit de corps for our community. (Esprit de corps- the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion and strong regard for the honor of the group)

As I have stated previous from this podium, Education for Franklin is the economic engine. I would ask that you keep this in mind, as a strategic plan in moving forward for Franklin

Commercial business and Industry will not come to Franklin if the Education is not seen as important and viable.

From a 2009 article in the Fosters Daily Democrat, by Jason Claffey; ~In Franklin's private sector employment declined 25 per cent from 1999-2007

~Growth in the commercial and industrial property tax base increased 47 per cent worse than many comparable communities including Somersworth 133 percent and Dover -115 percent

~Per capital spending on education, streets, roads, libraries, parks and recreation, and capital improvement projects was lower than the median of communities with a population of 8000 and above. ~The growth of 4.1perceent from 1990-2007 was the fourth lowest of the state's 40 largest communities.

~The number of people aged 25 years old or older with a bachelor's degree or higher grew 1/5 percent from 1990 to 2000, compared to 7 percent for the average of the state's 30 largest communities.

"Overall these trends suggest that any benefits residents of the City of Franklin receive from their expenditure cap are mitigated by the fact that individuals, families and businesses appear to view the community as a less desirable place to locate than alternative communities. The end result is downward spiral, self-reinforcing cycle or "race to the bottom, where demographic groups and businesses that could place towns on more positive economic and demographic trends increasingly avoid cap towns in favor of towns that are more likely to provide the mix of services that individuals and businesses." (PolyEcon Research)

We have also just finished negotiating with FEA and we have gone to impasse after mediation. So at this time, pending Finding of Fact from the Feather will be the fourth year without a contract. This budget does not include any increases for teachers. Just the increase in health insurance costs, retirement and increases in FICA......

In closing, I would like to read this letter.

Department of Education Commissioner Virginia Barry's letter dated, April 23, 2013.(enclosed)

Thank you for your time and attention.

Kathleen Russo

Finance Chairwoman; Franklin School Board

School Budget May 2013

Mr. Mayor, Councilors and Manager Dragon, thank you for the opportunity to present this evening. Tonight each member of the Finance Committee will have a brief presentation on specific aspects of the budget and what we are facing as we prepare to vote on the budget at our normally scheduled School Board Meeting on the 20th of this month.

In the past two years, the Franklin School District has achieved successes worthy of acknowledgement and celebration, not the least of which are some of the greatest gains on the NECAP indicators over a two year period seen by the NH Dept. of Education. I hope you find our progress encouraging in light of the challenges we face together during the budget season. I also believe you now understand that we are committed to continued improvement, wisely utilizing tax dollars with a team of dedicated educational professionals and motivated students.

In recent years the school budget has not always been well received. We as a board have not done well in effectively communicating to the City Council on budget issues before submission. We have struggled with effective communication for a number of reasons, some that are within our control and some that are not. While the budget has been reviewed and adjusted in public meetings, those meetings were not well attended, so we're bringing the message to you. This is an effort to mitigate the type of problems experienced in the past when our budget was presented to the public and City Council without any previous communication on the various issues embodied in a particular budget. It's just a good idea to get out in front of an issue and present some facts before the budget is submitted. No one likes surprises.

This year the Board asked the administration to prepare a "needs-based" budget for the April 2 workshop. At the workshop on April 2, the board asked the administration to cut slightly more than \$1.5 million from that budget to reach anticipated revenues. This budget was the basis for our April 16th workshop. The following uts are some of the highlights:

- Over \$460,000 from salaries, wages and related costs.
- \$783,000 from building improvements and repairs
- Over \$35,000 for books

My friends from the Finance Committee will highlight some of the specific impacts of these cuts.

We understand that the various City departments face many of the same increases in the cost of everything from utilities to health care and retirement. We also share a common experience as the State and Federal Governments downshift costs and mandate expenditures without fully funding them. The schools are especially subject to underfunded mandates in the areas of Special Education, 504 accommodation, Title 1, student transportation and Vocational Education. Tonight we present the facts behind some of the difficult decisions we have made in preparation of the budget to be voted on at our May 20th meeting.

Every year the budget promises to present greater challenges. I applaud any effort to innovate creative solutions to cut costs, increase efficiency and better serve the citizens of Franklin. At this point, as a city we need to coordinate our strategic goals in order to move forward. Doing so will lay the groundwork for some of the innovative ideas now being discussed and increase the likelihood of success. In particular, a unified strategic plan should be in place before attempting to consolidate operational units. If the two bodies aren't committed to the same strategic direction, then any effort to consolidate is much less likely to succeed. There should be an agreement on high level priorities for the city as a whole. Once that is done, discussions on consolidation of services make sense. At that point the door is open to work together on other unified initiatives such as an adequately funded CIP for the entire city, including schools.

I look forward to working with you all in the future. Thank you for your time and attention.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The 2013-2014 School budget for Building Improvements includes the following line items:

1. Entrance doors - for all three of the Franklin School District schools the entrance doors would be changed replacing the glass for safety/security reasons -per FEMA

PSS \$35,104 FMS \$32,600 FHS \$72,066 ("need" total \$139,770)

All of these amounts were removed for the "reduced" budget. ("reduced" total -0-)

2. Roofs - PSS \$85,000 - this would complete the roof renovations started in 2012-2013. In the "reduced" budget \$35,000 was removed from the budget leaving \$50,000 to take care of the area of the roof currently leaking.

FMS \$300,000 - this was to renovate the 24 year old roof which had a 20 year warranty. This entire amount was removed in the "reduced" budget.

("need" total \$385,000)
("reduced" total \$50,000)

3. Parking expansion- FMS \$130,000 and FHS \$175,000 (this also includes a fence to enclose the football field to prevent further damage from motorized vehicles). This entire amount was removed in the "reduced" budget.

("need" total \$305,000)
("reduced" total -0-)

The Building Improvement "need" budget totals \$833,270 and the "reduced" budget totals \$50,000.

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Projected Revenue		re Changes		
	2013-2014	·		
<u>UPDATED 4/16/13</u>				
Description	Budget 2012-13	Current Projected Revenues 2013- 2014	Variance	
DISTRICT APPROPRIATION	4,528,230.00	4,633,292.00	\$105,062.00	1
TUITION FROM OTHER LEAS IN NH	\$689,500.00	\$691,353.00	\$1,853.00	2
SPED TUITION FROM OTHER LEAS	\$44,779.00	\$41,138.00	(\$3,641.00)	2
INTEREST - INVESTMENTS	\$1,250.00	\$100.00	(\$1,150.00)	
ATHLETIC RECEIPTS	\$5,800.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,700.00	i
RENTAL INCOME	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	
SERVICES PROVIDED OTHER LEAS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$500.00)	
RECYCLING REVENUE	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	(\$1,700.00)	
ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	\$8,506,667.00	\$8,244,189.00	(\$262,478.00)	3
BUILDING AID	\$181,944.00	\$181,944.00	\$0.00	
CATASTROPHIC AID HAND.	\$185,000.00	\$155,000.00	(\$30,000.00)	4
STATE AID VOC TRANSPORTATION	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00	
E-RATE	\$85,000.00	\$60,000.00	(\$25,000.00)	5
MEDICAID DISTRIBUTION	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\exists
FOOD SERVICE	\$751,831.00	\$785,649.00	\$33,818.00	6
	\$15,150,201.00	\$14,968,165.00	(\$182,036.00)	_
This amount is determined based on the CP This is the latest per Judie Milner at the City changes in property assessments. The final	on April 2, 2013. This	is the calculation	prior to any	
2 This is the tuition from the Hill students, cour	te continue to decline	own by April 15, 20	J13.	
3 We have been fortunate that this has not been	ns continue to decline	nast 4 vaces. This	anteed.	
reduction for the 2013-14 school year. The f	inal amount will not be	pasi 4 years. Inis	is the projected	
reduction for the 2013-14 school year. The fi	ureament percenters	Soptimus to de ser	mber 2013.	
4 As the District costs increase the state reimb	ursement percentage	Continues to decre	ease. /9,5 %	
of the calculated eligible reimbursement were	paid by the State of	New Hampshire fo	r 2011-2012.	
5 Continued reductions in federal spending are	causing a reduction i	n E-rate amounts r	received.	
6 This has been updated to reflect the normal t	preakeven treatment o	of the Food Service	Program.	

Franklin School District Proposed Budget 2013-2014 Object Totals

,		Proposed	Adjusted	Variance		Reductions
SALARIES & WAGES	Budget 12-13	2013-2014	4/16/2013	12-13 to 13-14	% Variance	From 4-2-13
HEALTH DENTAL 8 LEGINSHIDE	6,698,838	6,880,042	6,573,085	(125,753)	-1.88%	(306.957)
DAVED I TAVES	1,518,738	1,581,460	1,496,326	(22,413)	-1.48%	(85 134)
AND	507,494	521,333	498,111	(9,383)	-1.85%	(23,22)
NETINEMENT COSTS	637,755	871,084	821,127	183.372	28 75%	(40.057)
TROTESSIONAL DEV & TOITION REIMB	27,200	27,900	27,900	700	2.57%	() () ()
ONE MARCHIMENT & WORKERS COMP	82,729	111,806	105,530	22,801	27.56%	(6.276)
ONG ASSESSMENT - SUPT. OFFICE	669,513	674,427	674,427	4.914	0.73%	(0,2,0)
OUI SIDE SERVICE COSTS	909,315	756,468	744,968	(164,347)	-18.07%	(11 500)
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RITE DING MARKETERANCE	181,693	292,628	152,486	58,135	32.00%	(52.800)
	860'09	833,270	20,000	(10,098)	-16.80%	(783,270)
	687,728	711,491	711,491	23,763	3.46%	017,00
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	1,159,581	1,078,461	998,461	(161,120)	-13.89%	(80,000)
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SOLFEICS FOOD & EPILIT	236,298	247,405	229,135	(7,163)	-3.03%	(18.270)
	391,000	431,000	431,000	40,000	10.23%	0
ELECTEDANIC INED & ROPETMAN	99,811	111,176	75,755	(24,056)	-24.10%	(35 421)
MENA FOLLIDMENT	43,553	49,218	49,218	5,665	13.01%	
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OTTER CERTS & MARCHET AND CASE	82,590	159,442	157,872	75,282	91.15%	(1.570)
DOES, LEED & MISSELLAINEOUS	39,945	43,205	40,555	610	1.53%	(2.650)
	628,348	609,126	609,126	(19,222)	-3.06%	0
PROPOSED RUDGET TOTAL						
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ESTIMATED REVENUES	, ,	14,915,861	14,968,165			
ESTIMATED SHORTFALL	!	(1,591,096)	(0)			

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Franklin School District Proposed Budget 2013-2014 Function Totals

Description	Budget 12-13	Proposed 2013-2014	Adjusted 4/16/2013	Variance 12-13 to 13-14	% Variance	Reductions
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	4,937,749	5 220 342				C -2-4
SPECIAL EDUCATION	3.007.742	3.011.084	4,798,192	(139,557)	-2.83%	(422,151)
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - VOC ED	77.835	77 235	2,034,435	(173,306)	-5.76%	(177,547)
ATHLETICS &N EXTRA CURRICULAR	351.067	000,77	60,835	(17,000)	-21.84%	(16,500)
ADULT EDUCATION	18 333	787,585	288,135	(62,932)	-17.93%	550
GUIDANCE	296.343	20,190	20,190	1,857	10.13%	2
NURSING	165 200	395,970	394,760	9,418	2.44%	(1.210)
PSYCHOLOGIST	103,296 66 p61	1/2,413	161,542	(3,756)	-2.27%	(10.871)
SPEECH, OT & PT	00,00	52,871	62,871	(3,990)	-5.97%	
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT	300,924	864,757	864,757	(36,167)	-4.01%	0
LIBRARY & AV	201,200	18,000	18,000	0	0.00%	· c
IT & COMPUTERS	120 821	209,868	209,868	8,748	4.35%	o c
SCHOOL BOARD & SAU	129,621	140,923	140,923	11,102	8.55%	· c
ADMINISTRATION	006,727	727,008	732,008	4,912	0.68%	5 000
BUILDING & GROUNDS	1 004 800	946,815	944,965	38,168	4.21%	(1.850)
TRANSPORTATION	604,009	1,332,397	1,201,455	193,988	17.72%	(43,600)
DISTRICT IT	87/100	711,491	711,491	23,763	3.46%	(12,000)
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES & SICK TIME	30,032	69,550	69,550	38,898	126.90%	o c
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	2,750	9,412	9,412	6,662	242 24%	> c
DEBT SERVICE	860'09	833,270	50,000	710,098)	-100 00%	0 (020)
	628,348	609,126	609,126	(19,222)	%90°C-	(0/2'50/)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	14,398,370	15,721,308	14 182 516	(4.00		
OTAL FOOD SERVICE	751,831	785,649	785,649	(128,512)	-0.89% 	(1,451,450)
PROPOSED BLIDGET TOTAL			25.55	02,018	4.50%	0
COLD BODGET TOTAL	15,150,201	16,506,957	14,968,165	(94,694)	-0.63%	(1 451 450)
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Adjusted	4/16/2013	5.000	5,000	4.500	67,579	1,008,269	948,770	944,365	32,024	4,000	25,000	18,000	15,000	198,649	202,115	205,301	15,198	12,296	8,728	720	099	750	79,045	75,526	75,994	142,770	131,585	131,187	5,313	5,841	6,386	800'8	7,651	7,699	7,553	9'000	6,452	200
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_	9,500	0		(8,500)	-100.00%
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BOOKS - SCIENCE HIGH	13,000	0		(13,000)	-100.00%
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	200	0		(200)	-100.00%
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	4,400	12,000	11,000	009'9	150.00%
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	200	0		(200)	-100.00%
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10 1100 733 2 0 18 NEW ELIDNITHDE OFFICE AND IT	1,000	0		(1,000)	-100.00%
	2,450	0		(2,450)	-100.00%
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4,937,749

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4,798,192

JULY 8, 2013

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall. Salute to the Flag was said led by Councilor Dzujna.

In Attendance

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

Public Hearings

<u>Resolution #01-14</u> – this resolution concerns the Appropriations and Estimated Revenues for Fiscal Year 2014 (City Budget). Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing, no one came forth to speak; the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance #01-14 – this ordinance concerns changes to Chapter 160 of the Municipal Code, Fees. Manager Dragon advised there are very few proposed changes in fees. It is proposed to increase the returned check fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 plus the cost of a certified letter. One of the more complicated changes relates to the ambulance. In the current ordinance there is a line item charge for different services on the ambulance and the way the City's billing agency is now going is a bundle billing and therefore the ordinance has been changed to reflect the bundle billing. The summer playground program which is currently an 8 week program will be cut to 7 weeks next summer and the resident fee would change from \$325 with trips included to \$350 plus the costs of trips and the fee for the non-resident for the summer program is currently \$770 and will change to \$530 plus the costs of trips. This is the first of many proposed changes to come is the City currently subsidizes the program significantly and just reducing it from 8 weeks to 7 weeks is a savings of \$3,800.

Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing. Resident Andreozzi commented she has not read the details of the change in the Recreation fee but she stated when

she was on the City Council the one thing that was discussed is that the fee the City charges attempts to recuperate the direct cost of the recreation program but it doesn't recuperate staff time i.e. doing reservations, answering the phone, dealing with an emergency, etc. As far as residents are concerned she stated she is not that concerned about that but to reduce non-residents and have the Franklin tax payer subsidize them because of the staff time that isn't directly put in there is not right.

No one else came forth to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance 02-14 – this ordinance increases the sewer rates per 100 cubic feet from \$5.84 to \$6.13.

Director Sullivan advised the Sewer Department is an enterprise fund; in the sewer budget is a portion of the budget which is 65% of that budget is given to the State of New Hampshire for operating the Winnipesaukee River Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant and the collection system. The City's side is 35%, the State's share went up 7% mainly due to debt service for the UV Disinfection System that has been put in at the Treatment Plant and there are other projects that are underway, sledge de-watering and the flow-metering project which will further impact the rates. There was not a rate increase this fiscal year. The 4.98% increase; the State's share went up 7%, it had been discussed to pass that all off but instead of doing a 7% increase the City absorbed through its side of the budget 3% so it brought the percentage down to 4.98%.

Mayor Merrifield opened the public hearing. Resident Tim Flaherty stated if he understands it correctly there are 10 towns involved in the original project and it appears that Franklin is paying a significant percentage versus the other towns and he asked who determines that and does Franklin have a way to change that percentage allocation. Director Sullivan stated he is the Chairman of the Winnipesaukee River Basin Program for 10 communities and he invited Mr. Flaherty to attend a meeting with him and Director Sullivan stated we need people to be involved with the program. Back at the inception of the program in

the late 70's there was a formula that was derived and at that time Franklin had a lot more industry, Franklin owns 22% of the capital cost, there is 15,000 connection to the system and Franklin's connections amount of 1,832, however; the City percentage of capital is 22%. The City's percentage of O&M (Operation and Maintenance) is 16%. When you look at the total budget of O&M and the total budget for capital Franklin is paying a healthy share. The Board has been very active performing flow metering and we want to go to a new formula which basically equates to flow so the communities would be charged for the amount of flow or wastewater that is put into the system. The concern is inflow and infiltration non-wastewater that is also getting into the system.

Representative and Resident Leigh Webb asked if the flow metering open ended or close ended survey time and based on the results of the I&I Study for flow metering how will that affect the rates in the future. Director Sullivan responded stating what they have done is lay out a program and it has been put out to bid once and the bids came in at 1.5 million dollars to install flow meters. It consists of 15 flow meters located along the interceptor that comes down from Winnipesaukee, 15 points has one at the Tilton line, one below pump station on River Street and will monitor flow data via radio communication. Director Sullivan stated it is important to eliminate the I&I is if we go to flow metering our percentage could go from 22% to 35%.

No one else came forth to speak; the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Comments from the Public

Resident Lucas stated he wanted to let everyone know about a newspaper article he read about Chief Goldstein and his participation with a group in Nashua to develop their local policies concerning spice, K-2 and those kinds of drugs. Once again Franklin is out front doing positive things.

Resident/School Board member Tam Feener inquired as to what is going on at the bottom of Prospect. Director Sullivan responded it is a problem with stormwater.

The river is so high right now; the outlet that runs through from Prospect Street down to Central Street and out beyond Grevior Furniture, the invert of that pipe is below the water level so it is holding back the water.

Resident Andreozzi stated she has heard that the Council may consider filling Councilor Bob Sharon's seat on the Council tonight and she stated she has not seen anywhere asking people if they are interested in the council seat to please fill out an appointment profile. She stated she realizes the Council does not have to do that but in the fairness of open government that is very important and the opening should be put different places, particularly on the website. Mayor Merrifield advised that the vacancy has been on the website for a week.

Legislative Comments

Representative Webb advised the month of July is the month off for the Legislature and the budget has been passed.

City Council Acknowledgement

Councilor Dzujna thanked Representative Leigh Webb for keeping him well informed on his updates.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Merrifield stated he has been trying to see if the Council Chambers would be available for the joint meeting between the school and the council in the expectation there could be a large group of people wanting to attend. As it turns out Planning & Zoning Director Lewis already has the chamber scheduled for a Public Hearing. Mr. Jutton who will be facilitating the meeting had secured the meeting room at Franklin Savings Bank but the concern was it might be too small. School Board Chair Yonaitis suggested the Library room at the Middle School. Councilor Dzujna asked if there would be microphones at the Library so people can hear everyone. Councilor Feener suggested an effort be made to wrap up the joint meeting by 6:15 p.m. and then the Public Hearing could be held at 6:30 p.m. as advertised. Further discussion will be held on a meeting site.

Mayor Merrifield stated a local radio personality has suggested to him that he is aware that certain low frequency FM bans are going to be available for license this fall. They will be made available to non-profits or municipalities and he wondered if the City of Franklin might be interested in operating a radio frequency. He thinks he would be able to obtain a fair amount of equipment relatively cheap or donated and thinks the City might be able to get into this business for under \$10,000. He stated he doesn't know if the Council would be interested and realizes there has been interest in broadcasting our meetings on television. May radio is another option. He advised that Manager Dragon has some concerns with this option and is working with Metrocast on new contract and there are some opportunities for the City there. Manager Dragon stated she has no experience running a radio station, however, she stated she does have some experience running a public access channel through cable. She stated that she knows with the cable channel there is an opportunity for educational with the school, government with the City and then a public access piece. The public access piece is the type that is most concerning to her because you are allowing individuals to submit programming and in this case to the cable channel and they have certain rights under free speech so sometimes you can end up with things on the channel that is sponsored by the City that people may feel is not appropriate and there could be some concerns related to liability. Mayor Merrifield advised that if the Council would be interested in the radio piece, the man he talked to offered to come in and speak to the Council and give more detail. Councilor Feener stated he would be willing to listen and the more you learn about it, the better judgment the Council will have.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council consider taking a couple of items that coincide out of order and move to the front of the agenda, the resignation of Councilor Sharon and the nomination to fill his position. Motion seconded by Councilor Boyd. All in favor.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council acknowledges the resignation of Robert Sharon from the City Council, effective June 28, 2013 when he moved out of the City. Councilor Feener commented that Councilor

Sharon has been a dedicated councilor for years, he has always given his heart and soul to the City and he will be well missed. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Mayor Merrifield commented that Bob Sharon is a former Citizen of the Year, been a councilor for many, many years and Mayor Merrifield stated he is the first person he met when he moved to Franklin. Mayor Merrifield stated Bob use to have an auto repair business in Franklin and Bob came out to his house early in the morning, repaired his car, he wasn't even late for work and Bob did not charge him. Councilor Dzujna stated he is going to miss him and his expertise.

All in favor of acknowledging Councilor Sharon's resignation.

Motion made by Councilor Feener to open nominations to appoint to the vacancy in Ward I City Council seat with term of service to be January, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilor Boyd. All in favor, motion passes.

Councilor Feener nominated former Mayor Tony Giunta to fill the vacancy, seconded by Councilor Boyd.

Councilor Dzujna nominated Timothy P. Flaherty to fill the vacancy. Councilor Dzujna also stated another nomination is Marty Russo.

Councilor Feener made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor.

Mayor Merrifield requested the voting be done by a show of hands.

Results of the vote: Giunta – 6 votes

Flaherty - 1 vote

Russo - 0

Councilor Feener requested that Mr. Giunta be sworn in.

City Clerk Holly Burbank gave the oath of office to Mr. Giunta.

Councilor Giunta thanked everyone and stated it is big shoes to fill with former Councilor Bob Sharon and thanked everyone that voted for him for putting their trust in him and for those that did not vote for him he stated he hopes he will earn their trust.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the May 14 and May 21, 2013 City Council Budget Workshops and the June 3, 2013 City Council Meeting; motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor; minutes approved.

School Board Report

School Board Chair Yonaitis advised summer school opened today. There are only a few staff positions left to fill and he stated they are pleased to have a teachers' contract and hope the Council will approve that tonight. The Franklin Middle School Teachers Michelle Davis and Bernice Dunlop will be attending summer institutes that are specific to their teaching fields. There will be two workshops, each being a week long and over 30 teachers have enrolled for the workshops. The workshops are for reading and science.

<u>Approval of School District's Teacher Contract for One Year</u>

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council approves a one-year Teacher Contract at a school budget increase of \$161,294.20; motion seconded by Councilor Trudel.

Copies of the Tentative Agreements concerning the contract were made and distributed to the Council, Mayor and City Manager.

Mayor Merrifield asked Chair Yonaitis if there are any comments he would like to make and Chair Yonaitis stated the State has withdrawn from the No Child Left Behind. A key thing is teacher evaluations and student growth. In New Hampshire it is all under the CBA and each SAU has to decide which way to go. The teachers have accepted the growth of the student to be put into their evaluation which allows Franklin to be exempt from No Child Left Behind. Any other district that has it in their contract can't be exempt. This contract provides a step plus 1% and those at the top of their steps and have no place to go they will receive \$1,000.

Councilor Desrochers commented he spent a few years in the local school and the No Child Left Behind the majority of the teachers found themselves teaching to a test and weren't really teaching the kids, just getting them ready to pass a test for government funding. Franklin doesn't have that system anymore and you will find kids moving ahead.

Councilor Feener asked if the \$161,294.20 just the increase in salaries or does it include benefits. Chair Yonaitis responded that includes the savings from benefits because the additional cost was \$197,592.20 but the teachers accepted to go with a \$20 office co-pay which saved \$36,000. Councilor Feener stated so the net is the \$161,294.20. Councilor Feener asked how this is being funded in the budget. Chair Yonaitis responded this year it will be coming from the Insurance Holiday refund. Councilor Feener stated his concern with the funding is it is going to be funded from a revenue source that won't be there next year. So next year the school will be behind the eight ball in the amount of \$161,294.20 because the funds will not be coming in next year. Councilor Feener asked if they are aware of that and Chair Yonaitis responded they are well aware that we will have to find ways to find more funding. Chair Yonaitis also advised that the Board is recommending this contract and the vote was unanimous. Councilor Desrochers commented pay is only part of the issue, what is being done about teachers being afraid to speak out or talk to anyone because they fear they would lose their job. That issue also needs to be addressed. Chair Yonaitis stated you do hear that

from some teachers and then you hear from other teachers saying they are not working in fear. A few months back there was an article in the paper concerning four of our teachers and three of those teachers were very much against to changes that went into place at the beginning of last year (not the year just ended but the year before). Those three teachers are now the school's biggest cheerleaders on the changes now that they have become more comfortable with them. They have seen how the students are responding and increasing their knowledge and no longer sitting at the bottom of the State.

All in favor, teacher contract is approved.

Resolution #02-14

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves the scheduling of a public hearing for Monday, August 5, 2013 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall concerning Resolution #02-14, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$208,934.00 for the Franklin School District. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Mayor Merrifield read the resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION #02-14

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 has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which began July 1, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes that the school district will receive additional revenues as a result of the 2010 return of surplus from the Local Government Center, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin would like to appropriate that additional revenue for the school district, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 5, 2013, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt Resolution 02-14 and authorize an increase in revenues:

School District Revenues - Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$208,934),

And an increase in expenditure account School District expenditures in the total amount of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$208,934),

By a roll call vote.

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

Resolution #01-14 - FY 14 Budget

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council approves Resolution #01-14 by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener.

Councilor Clarenbach offered an amendment to the motion to remove \$100,000 from the Manager's Contingency Fund and place in Capital Reserve Municipal Buildings and Grounds. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener.

Councilor Feener asked if this is the money received from the Premium Holiday and was informed it is. Councilor Feener stated he would be in favor of doing that. Councilor Starkweather commented nothing has been put in Capital Reserve for a very long time and it is long overdue. Councilor Desrochers thanked

Councilor Clarenbach for remembering to put funds in the Capital Reserve as he had completely forgot.

All in favor; the amendment passes.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd – Yes Councilor Clarenbach – Yes Councilor Cournoyer – Yes Councilor Desrochers – Yes Councilor Dzuina – Yes Councilor Feener – Yes Councilor Giunta – Yes Councilor Starkweather – Yes Councilor Trudel – Yes

Resolution #01-14 (FY14 Budget) passes by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance #01-14 - Chapter 160 Fees

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves Ordinance #01-14 by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Councilor Feener stated he noticed under the non-resident fee for the Summer Program it use to be 8 weeks at \$770 and then it was dropped down to \$530 for 7 weeks. He stated there is a significantly weekly drop in that cost. Manager Dragon stated the \$770 included the trips and what is being done is the trips are being taken out and there is an additional charge for the trips. She stated it has been looked into the cost of running the program, including staff time and these are the numbers we are working towards as gradual increases. Councilor Desrochers commented residents were paying \$325 for 8 weeks with the cost of the trips included, now it goes to \$350 plus the costs of trips. The residents have to pay a \$25.00 increase and non-residents get a \$240 decrease. Manager Dragon stated they are paying \$25.00 more plus the cost of trips. Right now the way the City has been billing all of the trips were included so they paid one fee, the resident paid \$325 and the non-resident paid \$770. We are now moving

towards billing the \$350 for residents plus the cost of the trips and the \$530 plus the costs of trips for the non-residents so we are breaking out those trip costs separately. Before the residents had it all inclusive for \$325 and now it will be \$350 plus cost of trips. Councilor Feener commented we have been needing to raise the resident rate for a number of years to get it closer to actual cost.

Councilor Clarenbach stated with reference to advance life support ambulance billing, advance life support 2 which is now a bundled cost is \$1,700.26 and he asked if we have an idea of what the average ALS2 cost is right now with the individual add-ons. The base rate currently is \$755 and he asked is it a couple hundred dollars more, the fee is going up 25% as it is 25% above Medicare right now and it is going to 50% and we are getting rid of the add-ons and going to a single bundle charge. He further stated \$1,700 seems rather pricey for a ride in the ambulance. Manager Dragon responded that ComStar the City's billing agent is the one that gave us the bundle cost and there are two things happening we are going to bundle costs for services and we are increasing by 25%.

Chief LaChapelle stated over the last six to eight months he has done a great deal of research with ComStar as to where the City of Franklin stands on billing. At the current 25% the City is on the very low side of billing. In New England it ranges all the way from 500% above Medicare and in New Hampshire the average is 50% to 70%. So we are actually only increasing to the 50% and are still on the low side.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd – Yes Councilor Clarenbach – Yes Councilor Cournoyer – Yes Councilor Desrochers – Yes Councilor Dzujna – Yes Councilor Feener – Yes Councilor Giunta – Yes Councilor Starkweather – Yes Councilor Trudel – Yes

Ordinance #01-14 passes by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance #02-14 - Increasing the sewer rate per 100 cubic feet

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council approves Ordinance #02-14 increasing the Sewer Disposal Charger per 100 cubic feet from \$5.84 to \$6.13 by a roll call vote. Motion seconded Councilor Boyd.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd - Yes
Councilor Clarenbach - Yes
Councilor Cournoyer - Yes
Councilor Desrochers - Yes
Councilor Dzujna - Yes

Councilor Feener – Yes Councilor Giunta – Yes Councilor Starkweather – Yes Councilor Trudel – Yes

Ordinance #02-13 passes unanimously.

Purchase of Water Meters

Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council, pursuant to Franklin City Code Article III, Section 4-15, B(3), grant pre-award authorization to the Municipal Services Director for the purchase of water meters and related equipment for Fiscal Year 2014 from E. J. Prescott Company. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

<u>Sanbornton Well Field, Annual Well Development and Replacement Project for</u> <u>Fiscal Year 2014</u>

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council, in accordance with the Franklin City Code Article III Section 4-15, B(3) grant pre-award authorization to the Municipal Services Director for the use of Barrie Miller's Well and Pump Service for the "Sanbornton Well Field Annual Well Development and Replacement Project" and for "Water Department Emergency Pump Repair and Well Repairs/Rehabilitation." Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Petitions to Remove Two Members of the School Board

Councilor Desrochers inquired if a motion to accept the petitions is needed. Mayor Merrifield stated that has already been done and they have been verified by the City Clerk and have a sufficient number of signatures under the ordinance to be considered; however, subsequent action in accordance with the ordinance maybe in order.

Motion made by Councilor Desrochers that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing concerning these petitions on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall. Motion seconded by Councilor Feener.

Mayor Merrifield stated before calling for a second, that that Manager Dragon has some other items for the agenda on July 29, 2013. Manager Dragon stated one of the prime reasons for a meeting on July 29th is a request from Senator Hosmer to meet with the Council concerning legislative issues and requested 30 minutes. She stated there would be some other things she would like to accomplish that evening as well. Councilor Dzujna commented his concern will people have enough time to talk. Councilor Desrochers stated 2 ½ hours should be more than enough time to hear public comment, a lot we have already heard and will hear again but even if it went 3 hours at would be to 10:30 p.m. or he stated public comment could be limited to 2 ½ hours. Mayor Merrifield stated he would schedule the public hearing earlier than 7:30 p.m. because if we hold the public hearing after the time of the public notice then we are meeting a legal requirement even if we start it late.

Motion to amend made by Councilor Feener that the time for the public hearing begin at 7:00 p.m. on July 29, 2013, motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

All in favor, amendment passes.

Councilor Feener commented he feels it is important to hear from these people as they have put a lot of time and effort into these petitions and the public has a right to have a public hearing.

All in favor, public hearing to be scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Other Business

Committee Reports – None

City Manager's Update – Manager Dragon advised under the Contingency Grant Line the City has received \$6,093.36 from the State for fire training; \$500 for a soccer sponsorship from Benson Auto; \$70 from the State for reprogrammable radios; \$1,000 from MetroCast for the summer concert series; \$624 for the State of New Hampshire Police Fish & Game Grant; \$2,008.52 for the State's Police Enforcement Grant; \$1,385.88 for the State's Join the NH Clique Grant; \$103.02 for the NH Operation Safe Commute Grant and \$20,958 for the NH Odell Park Centennial Committee Fishing Pier Grant.

Manager Dragon advised that the Mayor's Drug Task Force was highlighted by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation in their 2012 annual report for the work the Drug Task Force is doing. She also advised a letter was received from the Chief Medical Examiner expressing their thanks for the assistance provided by the Franklin Fire Department and the level of professionalism and dignity that the members of the Department provided.

Manager Dragon advised she would like to schedule a work session for the last Monday of the month (July 29) starting at 6:00 pm and one of the items on the agenda is Senator Hosmer and if there is no objection we will go forth with that. The Fire Department Honor Guard is to carry the colors at this weekend's NASCAR race at Loudon.

Councilor Feener commented that concerning the contingency line there were several grants and scholarships and he expressed thanks to those people who are applying for these grants and thanks to the people that are giving us the grants.

Late Item

8 Rose Lane

Manager Dragon stated the Council had tabled a motion to accept 8 Rose Lane at the June 2013 Council Meeting because it was a mobile home that came up for tax deeding but it is located in a park so on someone's land. She advised she received a phone call from the mobile park owner and he is willing to purchase the mobile home from the City if the City does take it for tax deed.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council take from the table the motion to accept the tax deed on 8 Rose Lane, Map 096 Lot 061-52 (Mobile Home). Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna. All in favor, motion passes.

Original Motion: Franklin City Council to accept the tax deed on 8 Rose Lane, Map 096 Lot 061-52 (Mobile Home).

Councilor Desrochers asked if the City has anything in writing from the park owner that states he will purchase this mobile home. Manager Dragon we don't have anything in writing but the taxes due on this property is around \$2,000 so it is a good deal for them. The mobile home has already been vacated and they have a stake in this because they are due park rent so it is to their benefit to sell it.

All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Non-Public Session

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council enters into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II A the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd — Yes Councilor Feener — Yes Councilor Clarenbach — Yes Councilor Giunta — Yes

Councilor Cournoyer – Yes Councilor Starkweather – Yes

Councilor Desrochers – Yes Councilor Trudel – Yes

Councilor Dzujna – Yes

All in favor, City Council entered into non-public session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Feener and seconded by Councilor Desrochers to seal the minutes of the non-public session because releasing them would make the action taken ineffectual.

Roll Call:

Councilor Boyd – Yes Councilor Feener – Yes Councilor Clarenbach – Yes Councilor Giunta – Yes

Councilor Cournoyer – Yes Councilor Starkweather – Yes

Councilor Desrochers – Yes Councilor Trudel – Yes

Councilor Dzujna – Yes

All in favor; minutes will be sealed.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clarenbach; seconded by Council Dzujna. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sue E. May