

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM XI



CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT
City Council Meeting July 2014

Date: June 30, 2014
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:

\$447.70 Hannaford Kiosk
\$180.74 Operation Safe Commute Grant
\$494.47 DWI/DUI Grant
\$150 Laptop Donation from Pizza Chef

Boys & Girls club of Franklin: In March I had reported to the City Council challenges that we have encountered while attempting to better coordinate programs between the Boys & Girls club and the City's after school and summer programming. At a meeting on March 28th with Chris Emonds (Boys & Girls club director), Bob Carter (site director Concord) and Tom Charbono (site director Franklin) and Krystal Alpers-I stressed the importance of better communication between the two organizations. Instead of reading about their program changes in the Three Rivers Newsletter- if we had direct communication between organizations about program changes/offerings it would allow each organization to adjust programming & staffing when necessary. It seemed that everyone left the meeting in agreement. However, sadly this has not occurred.

This month we heard from School board members & Councilor Dzujna that the Boys and Girls club presented a MOU to run their programs at the Paul Smith School at no charge to the club. Luckily, the school board requested additional follow up information before making any decisions. Including, a meeting between the City Recreation dept and Boys and Girls club to make sure there is coordination between programming. This issue was also discussed by the City's recreation committee on June 17th. At this point we have not been contacted by the Boys & Girls club and there has been no collaboration. This is concerning if we are to begin working together for a joint grant application for after school programming (21st century grant).

In preparation for our meeting back in March-Director Alpers had met with representatives from the school to create a list of what the Park & Recreation Department provides, what the school provides, and what the boys & girls club was providing. She also asked for input from the schools in regards to needs that they felt weren't currently being met. One of the big needs identified was a teen center. Clearly creating a teen center is a challenge for any of the organizations to provide on their own... but together and with the potential of help from future 21st century grant funds it could be possible.

I still feel that creating a program to just create a program does not make sense. Creating value added is what we need to strive to achieve. When organizations and programs can coordinate the scarce available dollars are better utilized. I feel the Boys & Girls club think that there is capacity to run both programs independently. I disagree. I have also had concerns about

the sustainability of the Boys & Girls program here in Franklin. They have stated it will be crucial for Tom Charbono to fundraise about \$25,000 each year. To me that is worrisome. Casey Family Services were only able to provide afterschool programming while they received the 21st century grant (5yr grant). Once they no longer received those grant funds the city stepped up to the plate to create an afterschool program that is low cost and self funded. The Boys & Girls program has a great deal to offer. I feel if we could find a way to synchronize programming in a way that works for everyone we could accomplish so much more together. I am very grateful to the school board for recognizing this potential and requesting coordination between programs.

Motion: "I MOVE THAT THE FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION UNDER RSA 91-A:3 II a, THE DISMISSAL, PROMOTION OR COMPENSATION OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE."

Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Boyd	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Cournoyer	_____
Councilor Barton	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____	Councilor Giunta	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____		

WHEN NON-PUBLIC SESSION IS COMPLETE, MOTION IS MADE TO COME OUT OF NON-PUBLIC.

THEN MOTION IS MADE TO SEAL THE MINUTES: "I MOVE THAT THE FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION BY A ROLL CALL VOTE, BECAUSE RELEASING THEM WOULD MAKE THE ACTION TAKEN INEFFECTUAL.

Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Boyd	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____	Councilor Cournoyer	_____
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