

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM I

**City Council Meeting
December 1, 2014**

Call to Order

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

In Attendance

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

Comments from the Public

Mrs. Tam Feener, Resident, Ward II stated she lives on Evergreen Avenue and they constantly lose power practically every time the wind blows. She has contacted the Public Utilities Commission concerning this problem as well as PSNH. She stated this has been going on for years and still nothing is being done. Mrs. Feener commented there needs to be an emergency shelter. Councilor Feener commented a complaint was filed and there was a lack of empathy and it was commented get a generator but the truth of the matter not everyone can afford a generator.

Mrs. Janet Desrochers, Resident, Ward II inquired about Ordinance #08-15, 284-24 E. Reserved and limited parking. She inquired whether the 16 overnight parking spaces that are proposed for the City side of the Courthouse/Police Station Parking Lot on Hancock Terrace, Northeast side, adjacent to the Baptist Church will carry a fee to use them and if not, why not as the City charges \$160/6 months for parking in the lot located on Franklin Street. She was informed there currently is no charge. Manager Dragon commented that people have been using those spaces for overnight parking for several years and we are just formalizing it into an ordinance and the spaces are for anyone, first come, first serve and we are trying to meet a need.

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Mrs. Desrochers commented on the lack of snow removal on the sidewalks on Franklin Street and Elkins Street. On Franklin Street the sidewalks are only plowed to the Post Office and Elkins Street the sidewalks are not done at all.

Director Sullivan advised that sidewalks are secondary when it comes to snow removal. It has been observed on Franklin Street that snow is being pushed to the sidewalks and streets and when the sidewalk plows attempts to get through the piled up snow it can't be done. Director Sullivan further stated it is not an easy situation as he has a crew of 14 that are responsible for 62 miles of roadway for snow removal and then the sidewalks. Director Sullivan also advised that with regard to loss of power on Evergreen Avenue, he has some connections at Public Service and will talk with them to see what might be done to improve the situation. Councilor Desrochers commented with reference to people pushing snow into the street, there is an RSA about that and the City needs to enforce it.

Councilor Elect Wells, Ward II addressed the Mayor and Council stating the TRIP Center will be moving to the Bessie Rowell Community Center soon and he suggested the road known as Rowell Drive which is currently one-way be changed to two-way. Councilor Starkweather commented that the Rowell Auction House has caved in and that situation should be addressed.

City Council Acknowledgements

Councilor Dzujna thanked both Chief Goldstein and Chief LaChapelle for talking with the downtown business concerning safety issues at the meeting held at the Library.

Choose Franklin

Mrs. Annette Andreozzi, Co-Chair of Choose Franklin invited everyone to First Day, January 1, 2015. She advised they will have a new heated tent which has been made possible through a grant from FBIDC. They plan to donate the old tent to the Parks and Recreation Department. Colby Sawyer will make their

presentation on the Downtown Revitalization Program they have been working on Monday, December 8, 2014. Choose Franklin will have the Principal from the High School as the guest speaker at the December meeting and he will discuss different programs at the high school. Choose Franklin will not have a meeting in January.

Mayor's Update

Mayor Merrifield called for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Sheldon Morrill who recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves the minutes of the November 3, 2014 City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor; minutes approved.

School Board Report

Mrs. Tam Feener, School Board Chair gave the School Board report, copy is attached to these minutes.

Ordinance #08-15 – concerning Chapter 284, Vehicles and Traffic

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing on Ordinance #08-15 for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall. Motion seconded by Councilor Cournoyer.

Amendment to the motion was made by Councilor Desrochers that Rowell Drive should be added to the ordinance, changing from a one-way to a two-way street; motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.

Councilor Clarenbach commented that the Rowell Drive issue should be looked at first by the Highway Safety Committee.

Councilor Desrochers withdrew his amendment and Councilor Dzujna withdrew his second.

Councilor Desrochers questioned whether it is fair to charge for other parking spaces and not the 16 that would be added if this ordinance were passed.

Amendment was made by Councilor Desrochers that the subject of adding the 16 parking spaces be removed from the ordinance and sent to the Highway Safety Committee for review. Amendment failed as there was no second.

Motion passes to set public hearing on Ordinance #08-15.

Mayor Merrifield read the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE #08-15

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL CODE:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Franklin that the following additions will be made to Chapter 284, Vehicles and Traffic, Article I Traffic Signs and Controls, and Article II 284-20 Fines and 284-24 Limited Parking; No Parking Areas.

Note: *All additions are underlined and in italic.*

284-20 Fines

Fines shall be as follows:

| Offense | Fine |
|---|-----------------------|
| <u>18. Dead end streets that are designated as limited or no parking</u> | <u>\$50.00</u> |

284-24 Limited parking; no-parking areas

B. Fifteen-minute parking. Fifteen-minute parking areas are designed as follows:

| Street | Section | Side |
|-----------------|---|------------------|
| Memorial Street | 336 Central Street North to <u>Memorial parking lot entrance</u> <u>(1 space)</u> | <u>Northeast</u> |

284-24 continued:

D. No overnight parking. No overnight parking areas are designed as follows:

| Street | Section | Side |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| City side of Courthouse/ Police Station Parking Lot on Hancock Terrace <u>except as noted in 284-24 E</u> | Municipal Parking Lot | <u>Entire</u> |

E. Reserved and limited parking. Reserved and limited parking areas are designated as follows:

| Street | Number of Spaces | Purpose |
|---|------------------|---|
| <u>Memorial Street north from Central Street to Municipal parking lot entrance</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>Bus Stop (reserved)</u> |
| <u>City side of Courthouse/ Police Station Parking Lot on Hancock Terrace, Northeast side, adjacent to Baptist Church</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>Overnight Parking 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM</u> |

Disposition of Tax Acquired Property located at 13 Trail Street (Mobile Home)

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council authorizes the City Manager to dispose of Tax Map 078-06-07, 13 Trail Street (Mobile Home) to the Mobile Home Park Owner, Mr. James Ringwood. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Other Business

Committee Report – None

City Manager's Update – City Manager Dragon advised with reference to the Contingency Grant Line \$367.50 has been received from Odell After Dark and \$250.00 for Lions Book Club. On November 18th she advised that she and Director Alpers attended the monthly meeting between the School Superintendent and the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Chris Edmond, Mr. Bob Carter and Mr. Tom Charbona represented the Boys and Girls Club. It had been hoped there would be

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a discussion on how to structure the 21st Century Grant with the school's grant writer, however, Superintendent McKenney learned that an application is a year away so the group will meet after the holidays on that matter. The next meeting of the Citizens Institute on Rural Design grant update will be held December 18. A downtown safety meeting for the business owners was held at the library on November 18. Councilor Dzujna, Chief Goldstein and Chief LaChapelle hosted the meeting on tips to keep businesses save. The businesses who attended the meeting decided they will form their own email list to share information and FBIDC is looking in to see if there is a possibility of grant funding for security cameras along Central Street. Manager Dragon advised that she, Mayor Merrifield and Planner Dick Lewis attended a Strategic Planning Session with Lakes Region General Hospital.

Late Items

Reappointments to Joint Board of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council reappoints George Turcotte, Jr. to the Joint Board of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative. Term of Service to December 31, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council reappoints Brian J. Sullivan as an Alternate to the Joint Board of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative. Term of Service to December 31, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes.

Community Development Block Grant with reference to progress at the Bessie Rowell Community Center for the Twin River Intergenerational Program (TRIP)

Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council will hold a public hearing on January 5, 2015 at 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City

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Hall, 316 Central Street, Franklin, New Hampshire concerning Community Development Block Grant funds that are available to municipalities through the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers. All in favor, motion passes to schedule a public hearing.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Feener, seconded by Councilor Starkweather. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7::05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue E. May

Attachment-School Board Report

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Franklin School Board Report

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." John F. Kennedy

- December 15th our guest speaker is Dr. Scott Kalicki of the Lakes Region Community College. This speaker comes to us at the request of Superintendent Mr. McKenney.
- We will not have any speakers during the months of January and February.
- Superintendent McKenney has informed the SAU18 Board that June 30, 2015 will be his last day. Therefore, tonight we have re-opened the superintendent search committee.
- We will be working on our Strategic Plan January 23 & 24, 2015 at the SAU18 Office Professional Development Center.
- On Thursday, December 4th SAU18 will have Public Hearing and Meeting 7:00pm in Hill.

Attached for your reading enjoyment:

- November 17, 2014 Franklin School Board Agenda
- Student Representative Report by Aimee Gargano
- Principal Reports of Franklin High, Middle and Paul Smith
- Dr. Joseph Miller's BIO – speaker back on November 17 – presentation was Strategic Planning
- Our present Strategic Plan

Wishing you, your family and friends - Happy Holidays!