

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM VI



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of February 1st, 2016

Subject: Other Business

1. Committee Reports

2. City Manager's Update

3. City Council Appointments

Finance Committee Member to SAU Withdrawal Committee
Moderator, Ward I

4. Late Items



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Date: January 13, 2016
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:

\$250 from Lions for book club
\$500 from HealthTrust for wellness
\$500 from HealthTrust for Safety Coordinator (Fire)

Fire Department Statistics: Call volumes continue to rise. Chief LaChapelle has provided a break down for total calls for 2015 (attached) broken down by time of call, location, and day/time. We analyze the data in this fashion to look for trends and demands on personnel. As you can see calls are pretty evenly spread across every day of the week and only slightly lower between 1am and 6am. Depends on personnel continue to increase.

Haynes Brook Culvert- Project update. US Route 3 and NH 11 (aka Central Street and Daniel Webster Highway) are the primary east-west corridor between the Tilton/Laconia region and the western side of the state. This is a heavily travelled roadway with no readily accessible detour route. NHDOT reports traffic counts reaching 15,000 in 2008. This is the only access to the only large grocery store/supermarket (Franklin Hannaford) in the area. The culvert in place at this intersection was constructed in 1931 and has been deteriorating. As you know, the city applied for and was awarded FEMA funds to help with the replacement of this culvert. In order to minimize construction time, which will also minimize interruption of traffic flow and maintain access by fire and other emergency response vehicles to and from Tilton and Franklin the proposed culvert replacement is designed with a precast concrete box set between cast in place reinforced concrete end walls. The design life of the new structure is specified as seventy-five (75) years per NHDOT specifications. If all permits and bids are acquired in a timely fashion, the construction is expected to occur during the lowest water flow (July-October 2016).

****Recent press releases attached (Fire & Police & LED Streetlight project)**

MONTHLY ACTIVITY TRACKING		
EMERGENCY INCIDENTS		
2015		
TOTAL CALLS		1765
EMS		1200
FIRE		315
RESCUE		89
HAZARDOUS CONDITION		96
SERVICE CALLS		65
LOCATION BY WARD		
WARD 1		480
WARD 2		523
WARD 3		592
MUTUAL AID		170
CONCURRENT CALLS		197
TIME OF DAY		
0001-0600		223
0601-1200		440
1201-1800		616
1801-2400		486
DAY OF WEEK		
SUNDAY		214
MONDAY		243
TUESDAY		284
WEDNESDAY		274
THURSDAY		248
FRIDAY		262
SATURDAY		240
FIRE LOSS/DAMAGES		459,172.00

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	
MANAGER REPORT	
2015	
INSPECTIONS	
FIRE/LIFE	328
CONSTRUCTION	315
HEALTH	10
PROPERTY MAINT.	93
	2
ASSIST TO THE PUBLIC	
COMMUNITY SERVICE	87
FIRE DRILLS	54
FIRE PREVENTION	30
OTHER CITY DEPTS	46
CAR SEAT INSPECTION/INQUIRIES	22
STATION/MUSEUM TOURS	8
HYDRANT SHOVELING	1260
TRAINING HOURS FOR STAFF	1884.4
FIRE PERMITS	
SEASONAL	437
DAILY - BRUSH	421



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Kevin LaChapelle, Fire Chief

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MEDIA RELEASE:

DATE/TIME: January 24, 2016

INCIDENT # 16-113

INCIDENT LOCATION: 42 Nelson Street

TONED: 2130

ON SCENE: 2135

U/C: 2324

IN SERVICE: 0100

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Building Fire

FROM: Chief Kevin LaChapelle

CONTACT: Officer of the Day
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NARRATIVE:

At 2130 hrs, the Franklin Fire Department along with Tilton/Northfield Fire & EMS was toned to the area of 38 Nelson Street for a building fire. Franklin Police arrived on scene first and confirmed a building fire. Upon the arrival of the first Franklin Engine, Captain Hicks reported a building "well involved" at 42 Nelson Street. Captain Hicks requested the 1st alarm at that time. One elderly male occupant was able to escape the building prior to the Fire Department arrival. The initial fire crew was able to make a quick knockdown of the fire on the exterior of the building. However, the fire had extended to the interior of the building. A 2nd alarm was requested for additional personnel. Interior crews encountered a live electrical panel that was arcing in the main entry way of the residence. This hampered suppression efforts until the power company was able to disconnect the electrical service to the building. This single family residence is considered a total loss. The elderly male, sole occupant was evaluated by EMS personnel at the scene. He had no injuries and was released at the scene.

A total of 30 firefighters responded to this fire. Crews from Tilton/Northfield, Belmont, Sanbornton, Boscawen, Bristol, Gilford, New Hampton and Concord responded to the scene while an Engine from Laconia and Penacook Rescue covered the Franklin Station. The Lakes Region CERT Team also provided rehab at the scene. The Franklin Police and Highway Departments also assisted at the scene. There were no firefighter injuries. The American Red Cross will be assisting the resident with his personal needs.

The Franklin Fire Department conducted the on scene investigation. This fire is believed to be caused by hot ashes from a wood stove that were discarded on the exterior of the building and were in close proximity to combustible material. The neighbor was the first to recognize the fire and alert 911 after her power dimmed intermittently.

Chief LaChapelle states "It is imperative to those who burn wood; you must ALWAYS discard ashes at a safe distance away from any and all combustible material."

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New Hampshire Residents Plead Guilty to Armed Bank Robbery Charges

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Thomas E. Delahanty II announced that **Crystal Dufault**, 33, and **Joseph Richards**, 46, both of Manchester, New Hampshire, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court to armed bank robbery and conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery. The charges arise from the August 3, 2015 armed bank robbery of Norway Savings Bank, in Freeport, Maine by Richards; the August 14, 2015 armed bank robbery of Franklin Savings Bank, in Franklin, New Hampshire by Dufault and Richards; the September 4, 2015 armed bank robbery of University Credit Union in Portland by Dufault and Richards; and the September 12, 2015 armed bank robbery of TD Bank in Lewiston, Maine by Richards.

According to court documents, a pellet gun was brandished during each of the robberies and the robber(s) absconded with \$5,854 from Norway Savings Bank; \$9,887 from Franklin Savings Bank; \$12,308 from University Credit Union; and \$9,888 from TD Bank.

The defendants face up to 25 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each charge. They will be sentenced after completion of a presentence investigation report prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

The joint investigation was conducted by the Franklin and Manchester, New Hampshire Police Departments; the Freeport, Portland, Lewiston, Old Orchard Beach and Saco Police Departments; the Maine State Police; and the Southern Maine Gang Task Force comprised of agents and officers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; and the Portland, South Portland, Lewiston and Biddeford Police Departments. U.S. Attorney Delahanty praised the cooperation among these law enforcement agencies noting that "these armed bank robberies were quickly solved because local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies across two states worked closely together."

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For Immediate Release

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City of Franklin, NH Goes Green with LED Streetlight project.

The City of Franklin has recently completed the second municipal streetlight conversion project in NH and expects to cut their streetlight bill in half. The City has replaced their nearly 500 streetlights, and they have already noticed vast improvement in lighting quality. When asked about the feedback from the community, Franklin's Finance Director, Judie Milner said, "we have received nothing but positive comments on the new streetlights – definitely a worthwhile project!" Manchester was the first City in NH to convert to LED's back in 2015 when they replaced nearly 9,000 streetlights with efficient LED fixtures.

The Franklin project is part of the City's "Franklin Goes Green" initiative which prioritizes energy efficiency projects that save the City money. Partnering with Energy Efficient Investments (EEI) and the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA), the City is replacing old inefficient streetlights with LED technology. This change will not only give residents a more focused light which reduces light pollution, but it will also save the City \$31,000 per year in electric bills. The cost of the project is \$165,200 after utility rebates, so the project has a simple payback period of less than 6 years. The City has financed the project through a low-interest loan from CDFA's Clean Energy Fund. The financing was structured so that the annual savings are greater than the annual loan payments, ensuring that the project is cash flow positive from the onset and until the loan is paid off.

CDFA's Clean Energy Fund is a combination of various state and federal resources, including technical assistance that are overseen by the Director of Clean Energy Finance. The Clean Energy Fund is currently capitalized at more than \$9 million and has been in existence since 2009. The basis for CDFA's Clean Energy Fund is to provide our partners with technical and financial resources to make sound, economically-based decisions about how they acquire and use their energy. Financing is available for businesses, non-profits and municipalities, and applicants are able to fill out a common application using CDFA's online Grants Management System. Eligible technologies include audited energy efficiency work and renewable energy projects including biomass, thermal and solar PV. For more information visit <http://www.nhcdfa.org/energy>.

Merrimack, NH-based EEI was hired to design the project, complete the conversion and to guarantee the energy savings. EEI was founded in 2007 and specializes in performance contracting in NH. The new LED fixtures have an expected life of at least 20 years, and the City plans to divert the energy savings into other much needed projects.



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