

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM I



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting of May, 2016

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Motion: "I move that the Franklin City Council approve the minutes of the April 4th, 2016 City Council Meeting."

Mayor calls for a second, discussion and the vote.

City Council Meeting April 4, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Councilor Clarenbach, Councilor Starkweather, Councilor Barton, Councilor Giunta, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Wells, Councilor Zink, Councilor Dzujna, City Manager Dragon and Mayor Merrifield.

Absent

Councilor Boyd.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Barton.

Public Hearings

Resolution #09-16: A Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$159,162 from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) for Roadway Reconstruction and Repairs. No Comments.

Ordinance #08-16: Changes to Chapter 368 Welfare Standards, 368.5 E Determination of Eligibility sections 6a) Medical expenses subsection and Chapter 368.7 Burials.

Sara Tracy, Welfare Director got up and stated that the last line on the first page of the Ordinance "Local welfare will contribute a maximum of \$750 for burial" should be deleted. No other comments.

Comments from the Public

Persons wishing to address the Council may speak for a maximum of three minutes. No more than thirty minutes will be devoted to public commentary.

Bill Grimm spoke about having a fire in his home 2 weeks or so ago. He stated the Franklin Fire Dept. did a spectacular job getting to his home in a short time which was less than 5 minutes and they were ready to go. If it had been another 5 or 10 minutes the result would have been much different.

Annette Andreozzi spoke about Agenda Item IV which she is very much in favor of. She did state that she has some challenges that it is being limited to one person. She felt that if the City is going to give land that the taxpayers own to someone to display their wares, either they should be paying for the privilege or it should be open to a vast diversity of people to put their sculptures there as well. She feels the City should think this over and decide how many spots/places there are and then make a concerted effort to invite a wide diversity of people to do the same. Depending on the number of

people per spots then that is how much work is displayed by that person or people. She believes that since it is a public park and we are not charging for its use we need to make it something bigger.

Sara Stanley got up and spoke in support of Agenda Item 3. With a lot going on in town and the gentlemen named in Agenda 3 and the concerted effort with the creative packaging, working with financing, permitting a lot of different hurdles need to be jumped to work through the gray areas and she hopes those hurdles can be worked through. As a community member, a Choose Franklin member, business/professional women member and as a person who works for an entity in town really appreciate all that is happening in town. With regards to Agenda Item 4, when she first heard about it she felt it was a great idea and she envisioned the Meredith Sculpture Walk. Her office is right next door to Toad Hall and she sees so many people stopping at Toad Hall admiring the sculptures in the windows and outside. Sara feels that Joe's sculptures bring many into the community who would not have come to the community or have stopped in our community. She firmly supports his creativity in Marceau Park.

David Meeola from Colby Sawyer College spoke about Catch Neighborhood Housing project renovating the Riverbend Mill building. The students at the college are conducting a survey about what should be built and appropriate pricing strategy. They are working with Todd Workman as well as Kate Foley. The survey is quick and will take 5-10 minutes. It will take place at FSB on April 15, from 1:00-2:30 pm and 3:30-5:00 pm.

Jim Aberg stated that he ditto's everything Sara said because he seconds the thoughts she stated. As they go down this journey working with private developers and initiatives, it is going to be very important that we have a private/public partnerships be formed. The City may not have a lot of funds to help with these projects but they have a lot of political will, land and some other concessions to help all of us to be successful.

Jo Brown, another business owner in town, stated that she also ditto's both Sara and Jim's statements. She states she has grown steadily over the past 3 months and of the people who have come in and are surprised about what Franklin is doing and is willing to do what Todd and all his people are talking about. We are at a good point right now and things are really starting to happen. Whatever the Council can do to facilitate Franklin's growth is just good business.

Legislative Comments – Representative Horn addressed the Council. He extended congratulations to Councilor Zink on winning the election and apologized that he hadn't had time to offer that earlier. The Mayor brought up with him that he was concerned that there weren't any legislators coming to Council Meetings to give legislative updates. He is the only legislator since he was elected, since 2014, attending these meetings on a regular basis. Councilor Starkweather asked him about state funding coming to Franklin so he took some time to get educated on the subject. There are two distinct sources of funding that goes to the City itself and funding that goes to the school and he can answer questions on either. Rep. Horn is gratified to be able to report back to Councilor Starkweather that Franklin hasn't seen a decrease in the funding rather they have seen either level funding or increases in funding for the last 3 years and that was the source of Councilor

Starkweather's question. Mayor Merrifield stated if he remembers the exchange exactly this would have been Councilor Starkweather's recollection of the Mayor's Inaugural from 2 years ago when the Mayor cited the fact that since the beginning of the great recession the City of Franklin was short \$830,000 a year from historic levels of State support not the last three years. Representative Horn brought information from only the last three years. Mayor thanked him for the information. Rep. Horn asked if there are questions on any items coming before the legislature on any House bills that are now in the Senate or on any Senate bills that are before the House. Councilor Desrochers stated Rep. Horn got all his questions the other day. Rep. Horn did state that he has been contacted by Councilors outside of Council Meetings. Councilor Dzujna asked about Asset Forfeiture and City's being sued and Rep. Horn stated both bills were defeated. Three Rivers Republican Committee will be meeting the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Pizza Chef. This month they will have Congressional Candidate Jack Flanagan and next month Jim Rubens.

City Council Acknowledgements – Councilor Dzujna wanted to recognize Dan Case over at the Rec. Dept. Recently Head Start had a federal audit and Dan went above and beyond the call of duty sometimes coming in at 3:00 am to make sure things went smoothly.

Mayor's Update - None

Agenda Item I.

City Council to consider the minutes of the April 4th, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Motion: Councilor Dzujna moved that the Franklin City Council consider the minutes of the March 7, 2016 City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item II.

School Board Report – None

Agenda Item III.

Todd Workman, Jeffrey Sercel, and Outdoor New England to address the Council.

Todd Workman spoke on behalf of Permacity Life. Permacity Life is a State of NH non-profit organization that has partnered with the FBIDC as our fiscal sponsor type 501-C3 status. Permacity Life's status exists for a singular purpose only and that is to work with the stakeholders in this community and beyond to implement the revitalization plan for the downtown. This is something that has been in the works for several years and has gained a lot of traction in the last 6-12 months. They currently own 7 prominent buildings on Central St. and have recently transferred ownership of Riverbend Mill to Catch Housing. Still working on the Armory and the Stanley Mill buildings as those 2

buildings play an important role in the plan for redevelopment in the Mill District on the river but they have a fair amount of prior environmental contamination that has to be addressed first before they can go further. They are working with the FBIDC with the Gateway Project to address the issues and concerns that exist on the buildings between Packers Market and the high school on both sides of the roads. Their largest project right now is a redevelopment plan for 20 Canal St, which is the Stevens Mill building complex, probably the largest piece of real estate in Franklin square footage standpoint. They have gained a lot of progress, made some great partners with the City, Colby Sawyer College and many others and are starting to attract the attention of many viable businesses that want to be part of this. They want to relocate to Franklin and open up new businesses and bring jobs and growth. These folks have put effort in, want to sign lease agreements and open up their businesses. As they are matched up with an appropriate building some of the challenges or limiting factors to make these spaces conducive to their needs we are asking tonight a preliminary discussion with each of you and to continue that beyond this meeting to find creative ways that make economic sense without burdening the City at all economically over the hump and get these businesses to come to Franklin.

Shepherd Block is located at 361 Central St the former Nelson and Holmes Department Store. This has been identified to house on the street floor a well thought out restaurant with a 3 barrel microbrewery in the lower level. The upper level of this building is being renovated in tandem with the building next door, Auerback Block, to become a fairly large size co working center with a predominant anchor base IT and web base applications. Oscar of Take Root Co Working, he came here from the Netherlands, would like to open his co working space. He works predominantly for IKEA and insurance companies in the Netherlands. He has already invested in \$8,000 of Highspeed internet upgrades and his anchor tenant is Previdary Software. The Penthouse space would be for High End Residential, so it would balance out and have the right blend of affordable housing, middle housing and high end housing. This would require a fair amount of parking. The concern is that they keep the close convenient parking spaces available for short term parking and they would like to do a bulk lease of a good chunk of parking spaces on the lot owned by the City at market rate for a long period of time for the longer term parking.

Buell Block and Marceau Park should blend together with harmony. Marty from Outdoor New England has his views for a sporting and out goods store. He also has a master lease to bring in, at the rear of the building, another form of an eatery that would offer indoor and outdoor on both sides. If we start to use the park for festivals or other uses it starts to function like a town square.

Everyone agrees we need to do things to further improve Marceau Park. First would be connectivity as our largest parking lot is directly behind Buell Block. To connect to Central Street you have to walk through the parking lot of the insurance company with no designated walkway or most folks walk up against the Oddfellow building, which isn't very aesthetically pleasing or safe. The City did a good job prepping Marceau Park. We would like to work with the City to have a walkway go through there and then expand Buell Block onto Marceau Park with a large covered portion $\frac{3}{4}$ length of the building flanked by patios on both sides connected to the walkway. It would be used for public and private benefit. It would be handicap accessible and it would also allow handicap accessibly into Buell Block.

Doing these types of renovations isn't cheap but the market rates are significantly lower in Franklin. Because of this they are going to be asking the City of Franklin to work with us to exercise RSA 79E as we put the buildings back together so their property taxes will stay at the preapproval value for the first five years.

Marty from Outdoor New England spoke and is the master tenant in Buell Block and they will be opening in June and their website is live. They currently have gear for whitewater enthusiasts and have 12 suppliers that will fill the rest of the store in June. Marty has been working with DES for over a year to look at water management about water release. DES currently turns the water on and that is it due to the 5 dams. Marty has worked up a different plan and presented to DES to turn on the water on weekends for 24 hours. He also feels working on Marceau Park would be very important to the City of Franklin and would show that things are happening here. The T.I.F. Fund will not increase in the near future but we should develop a committee with appropriate representation and vet projects and determine their priority and applicability to the City of Franklin. It is important to have those piece in places ahead of time so we are not rushed. Councilor Giunta asked about his conversations with DES and are they considering them. Marty replied yes as they have done two flow studies for him already. Lake Winnepesaukee is off limits to them so they had to scale it back and look at Lake Winnisquam. If worst case scenario the river is at 235 cfs, which is the minimum it can go in the summer, will Lake Winnisquam have enough water to up the flow to a raftable level for the community. They proved analytically and through the tests that it is possible. They proved it through 2 studies but we do need a 3rd study as there are still 3 other dams in the chain and Silver Lake which acts as a dam. To dial all the dams in the chain is very precise so that is where we are now.

Anthony Dolan who will be running Toad Hall Tavern spoke next. He works with 2 business partners Anthony Gain and Ronald Begos. One has a microbiology degree from UMass and the other has extensive brewing experience with big breweries such as Rod Todd and Smuttynose. Anthony has worked in Boston for the past 10 years at places like Atlantic Fish, Paparazzi Restaurant and Joes American Bar & Grill and has a lot of experience running restaurants and running teams. Craft breweries definitely support local business. Their goal is to come to Franklin and really build similar to what Dog Fish had done back then. He began with 1 barrel system and he is now up to 100 barrel system and brings 25,000 people to the area every year. His design team has come in and they need additional space out back for the kitchen space. The design team has designed the Foundry in Manchester and all the Fratello's Restaurants. They also need some idea what is going to happen with the T.I.F money in the future and as their business grows how they can help Franklin and use the monies to support their space and other businesses in the area. Their goal is to help transform Franklin. Councilor Dzujna has been watching the brewery in New London, The Flying Goose, started out small. They grow their own hops; do you plan on doing that as well? They would love to do that and have their own green house and also buy their food locally. Dave Yarrington is going to advise us through the whole process to make sure everything in line. Councilor Dzujna then asked do they have enough space. Anthony stated initially they could produce 1000 barrels a year with the initial space. From that point he would have to look to expand and Permacity Life does have a lot of space.

Councilor Barton asked how many jobs they could develop. Anthony stated with the restaurant and brewery initially 35-40 and breweries they pay higher wages than regular restaurants.

Jeff Sercel addressed the Council. He gave background information on himself. After getting involved with Todd and 20 Canal St he began to look how that can be transformed into something very useful. It has a lot of history, it needs a lot of work but it has a lot of potential. The upside is it can bring a lot of jobs and economic benefit to this area. Todd convinced him to bring his agricultural center downtown and making it an urban agricultural facility. What that means is aquaponics', hydroponics, greenhouses, organic food that can be produced for a long cycle and high efficiency and working with Colby Sawyer College and some other entrepreneurs and how you can bring agriculture to the mill building. One thing they are looking to do is to put green houses on the roof that are feed by fish that are housed in the basement and could put Franklin on the map in a big way. He is looking to see if this can be a sustainable business that can survive. One thing he didn't realize is this whitewater is a natural resource that will attract a lot of people to the area.

Agenda Item IV.

Franklin City Council to consider license agreement for Art Display at Marceau Park.

When Joe started it was just Todd and Tim Morrill. Todd asked if he could bring some stuff down and it was placed in Toad Hall. The exclusivity that was mentioned but in reality do you know how long it will take to do a call for artists, vet the artists, etc. It will take a good year before anything would be in the park.

Motion: ***Councilor Giunta moved that the City of Franklin authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed lease agreement for Marceau Park with Joseph Kildune. Motion seconded by everyone on the Council.***

Councilor Barton asked that under the guidelines it states something the Council could decide when something is not appropriate he is assuming it is the consensus of the Council not just one member. Mayor Merrifield believes it was probably the City Corporately. Councilor Zink stated the Chamber of Commerce owns the building in the park and in one of the drawings you have sculpture in the little house and she thinks it is owned by the Chamber and you would need permission by the Chamber. City Manager Dragon stated the agreement does not include use of the building. Councilor Dzujna stated he spoke with Carmen and she is in total agreement in signing the building over to the City if the City wants it. The City wouldn't even need an MOU. Councilor Desrochers asked why art work couldn't be put up at the extra mart where the ice cream truck was on that green space. Joe Kildune stated he could accommodate that. Mayor Merrifield stated that he would personally encourage that and Joe and City Manager Dragon could talk about that. Councilor Wells stated he would rather see the whole operation up at the gas station rather than at Marceau Park. Because it is a green space and it is used by others in the City and what if other businesses would want to use the park to display their items. Joe Kildune did state he would accommodate and move the items if and when needed. Councilor Dzujna asked Park and Rec Director Alpers if there was anything that needed to be

change in the agreement due to when she rents out the park. City Manager Dragon stated if you are looking to include the park where the ice cream truck was to include an amendment to include Keegan Block.

Amendment: *Councilor Desrochers moved that the City of Franklin include Keegan Block in the lease agreement with Joe Kildune. Motion seconded by Councilor Giunta.*

All in favor; motion passes.

Councilor Zink asked if the address needed to be filled in and City Manager Dragon stated that would be done when the lease agreement is finalized.

Councilor Wells opposed, All others in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item V.

Franklin City Council to consider approval of Resolution #09-16. A Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$159,162 from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) for Roadway Reconstruction and Repairs.

Motion: *Councilor Clarenbach moved that the City of Franklin approve Resolution #09-16. A Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$159,162 from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (MTIF) for Roadway Reconstruction and Repairs. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.*

Roll Call:

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| Councilor Clarenbach | <u> X </u> | Councilor Dzujna | <u> X </u> | Councilor Barton | <u> X </u> |
| Councilor Starkweather | <u> X </u> | Councilor Wells | <u> X </u> | Councilor Boyd | <u> abs </u> |
| Councilor Desrochers | <u> X </u> | Councilor Giunta | <u> X </u> | Councilor Zink | <u> X </u> |

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VI.

Franklin City Council to consider approval of Ordinance #08-16, changes to Chapter 3368 Welfare Standards, 368.5 E Determination of Eligibility sections 6a) Medical expenses subsection and Chapter 368.7 Burials.

Motion: *Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council approve Ordinance #08-16, changes to Chapter 3368 Welfare Standards, 368.5 E Determination of Eligibility*

sections 6a) Medical expenses subsection and Chapter 368.7 Burials. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Amendment: Councilor Clarenbach would like to make an Amendment to Ordinance #08-16 under section 368.7 Burials remove last line, Local welfare will contribute a maximum of \$750 for burial. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

All in favor; amendment passes.

Roll Call:

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| Councilor Clarenbach | <u> X </u> | Councilor Dzujna | <u> X </u> | Councilor Barton | <u> X </u> |
| Councilor Starkweather | <u> X </u> | Councilor Wells | <u> X </u> | Councilor Boyd | <u> abs </u> |
| Councilor Desrochers | <u> X </u> | Councilor Giunta | <u> X </u> | Councilor Zink | <u> X </u> |

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VII.

Recommended position change from Part time Inspector to Full Time Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

City Manager Dragon explained that for the past several years there have been several discussions about code enforcement in the community. In December Jim Curran retired and he was filling the part time code enforcement position. He worked most of his hours in the spring and summer time and did a lot of work on junk cars, rubbish removal and things of that nature. It was very busy during that period of time but then several months would go by and no one was really performing that position. This position would not only do what Jim was doing but it would also pick up some of the code enforcement responsibilities. With the anticipated retirement of Chuck Bodien in the next year or so, we are trying to prepare the department with a good qualified candidate who might be able to step into Chuck's position when he retires or maybe we hire someone else for Chuck's position for when that happens. Regardless additional code enforcement services are something that is definitely needed and something that we hear about a lot. It goes directly to the issue of quality of life. This is seen as the opportunity to do this with the retirement of Jim and the upcoming retirement of Chuck. The financial impact due to the position being empty for a while now and see under fiscal impact (on the CAR) there is no overage for FY16. However going from PT to FT in FY17 with anticipated most expensive scenario it is a difference of \$59,900. Additional fire inspections are another area that we need to pay attention too so that is another area that we are looking to increase with this position as well.

Councilor Starkweather stated we have talking about this for a long time and support this 100%. It goes along with the City going in many different ways and also goes with enforcing City codes but also State codes. This person actually performs something like six different functions. We have a large influx of absentee landlords that we have to keep on as there are codes in the State of NH and in the City of Franklin and we are going to enforce them as you can ride up and down and see violation after violation.

Motion: *Councilor Starkweather moves that Franklin City Council approve the change in position from Part time Inspector to Full Time Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.*

Councilor Barton asked about the high school diploma as the minimum qualification. City Manager Dragon stated that they are looking more for the certifications rather than an advanced degree. Councilor Barton then asked that they have a year to move to the city. City Manager Dragon stated that they have to move within 30 minutes of the fire station and that is typical of a position within the fire department.

Councilor Desrochers stated that the codes need to be enforced that the time is way past due and the time has come.

Councilor Clarenbach would agree but the problem is last month's meeting there they were debating over \$5k for roads and now we are going to approve \$60K in the new budget when staffing is an issue on the EMS/Suppression side. He understands if this was to go full time to replace Chuck's position and then have a part time but to have two full time employees in code enforcement/fire inspection when you have a 32 hr Assistant Director in MSD who no longer has benefits who is near retirement, what are you going to do with that person, are we really going to set ourselves up and this is outside of the budget discussions of changing a position. What is the business plan that we are going to get out of this other ½ time inspector for \$60K a year, what are we going to see? Chief LaChapelle responded by stating the position has about 7 different jobs that they do. They are the Code Enforcement Officer/City Building Official/Health Officer/City Codes/Fire Investigations and that is one area we struggle with as we are the 2nd busiest fire department in the Lakes Region. We have developed a great relationship with the State Fire Marshal's office and every time there is a fire they send 5-6 investigators and are amazed that we don't have someone who is designated as the Fire Investigator. It is one of those jobs that hasn't been able to be done with all the jobs that have to be done at the fire dept, currently Chief LaChapelle performs the fire investigations. Chuck Bodien has the credentials to do it but has never been officially assigned to do that. They would like to strengthen that mostly but there is plenty of work. Many communities around us have multiple people who perform several of these functions.

Councilor Desrochers asked the Chief if his budget can take this. Chief stated it can. Councilor Desrochers asked how does this effect future fire purchases. Chief stated that as a team we can do it and if he didn't think it could be done he wouldn't be standing in front of you tonight. Councilor Wells stated he was a Code Enforcement Officer in the past and there is ton of work to do he just

hopes the work gets done and not just a body stating yes. Chief Lachapelle stated a lot of leg work was done 6 months prior of the job market. He is confident that they will find the right person.

Councilor Starkweather to get someone with these credentials will have some fire experience and when we get 2nd and 3rd calls a backup crew should be something that is considered. Councilor Giunta stated that this is a big number but the SAU withdrawal committee voted to withdraw and have you factored that in. City Manager stated that they have spent a long time prioritizing everything to bring it in under the tax cap and she focused on the City and School's budget. There are a lot of balls up in the air in terms of if there will be financial consolidation, joint purchasing and ways of saving money for both organizations. Not depending on that and looking at the departments that are managed daily there are staffing challenges with retirements, the police and fire are definitely busier but we as a team are brainstorming how we are going to address those items. We are looking at grants to help supplement a lot of these things. We strategize all of these things so when it comes time to replace we have a good plan in place. Each year I need to bring you a budget that is under the tax cap.

Councilor Clarenbach opposed, all others in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item VIII.

Franklin City Council to consider allowing the City Manager to sign all documents associated with processing and receiving NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Performance Grants that funds the two associated grants submitted by Chief LaChapelle with the Council Agenda Report.

Motion: Councilor Desrochers moves that the Franklin City Council authorize the City Manager to sign all documents needed to process the two most recent applications submitted to NH HSEM for Emergency Management Performance Grants. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Councilor Starkweather asked if the sign boards can be used for other than emergencies. Chief LaChapelle stated that yes it can be used for other uses as stated by Emergency Management as long as their primary use is for emergency use. Councilor Clarenbach had a question about the soft match portion. It states the boards are \$61,200 and we are soft matching of \$30,600 from the Fire Alarm/Traffic Control Bucket truck, how are we using the truck to do the soft match? The Fire Alarm/Traffic Control Bucket truck is also assigned to traffic lighting so in the grant language it allows you to use something from traffic signaling that can tow the trailers. We have been granted the funds and are awaiting Governor and Council and it has met Emergency Management's criteria. Councilor Clarenbach's question is where does the other \$30,600 come from? Soft matches are usually in kind not hard dollars, which the bucket truck would apply for a soft match but the problem is the boards cost \$61,200 and the grant is only \$30,600 so we are on the hook for the other \$30,600 in cash, which I am certain we wouldn't agree too. So where does the other \$30,600 come from unless they are paying the full \$61,200. Chief LaChapelle states that is correct that is how the funds

for the local emergency operations plan has worked in the past. Councilor Clarenbach states then this should state the grant would fund \$61,200 with a soft match of \$30,600, which would mean it is a 2 to 1 one match. Chief LaChapelle states that is correct that is how this was explained to him from Emergency Management. Councilor Clarenbach doesn't want to expend \$30,600 of City's money to purchase \$61,200 sign boards but if they will use what we have already paid out for the truck then I am fine with it. City Manager stated that is her understanding also but will double check. Chief LaChapelle stated that he made it very clear to Emergency Management we are not interested in spending a penny of City funds. If that is the case then we will not accept the grant. They are using what we have already spent for the soft match.

On the second grant for \$12,000 for the trailer and barricades they are using newly constructed storage barn as our soft match and this will work the same as the sign boards. Councilor Desrochers asked that they are allowing us to use the bucket truck that we purchased a few months back as a soft match, correct. Chief LaChapelle and City Manager Dragon stated that was correct.

City Manager Dragon will check the grants before signing them. Chief LaChapelle stated we have had 3 Emergency Management representatives and it has taken 2 hours to clarify this.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item IX.

City Council to consider the approval of Resolution #10-16, increasing revenue and expenditure accounts based on the awarding of grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety for the Franklin Police Department in the amount of \$8,748.00.

Motion: Councilor Dzujna moves that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing on Resolution #10-16, on Monday May 2, 2016 at 6:05 pm in Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding a supplemental appropriation in the amount of Eight Thousand seven hundred and forty eight dollars (\$8,748.00). Motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

RESOLUTION #10-16

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2016.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which began July 1, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands the Police Department sought and received a federal grant from the Office of Highway Safety for the purpose of purchasing a speed trailer and radars, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that the grant requires 100% match, totaling \$8,748, from the municipality and that \$7,300 of this match was appropriated as part of the original budget resolution 01-16, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that City staff will find the remaining \$1,448 required match in the current unexpended appropriations of the FY2016 budget, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to accept the federal grant totaling \$17,496 and appropriate the federal grant portion totaling \$8,748, Now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, May 2, 2016 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 10-16 accepting the grant from the Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$17,496 for the purpose of purchasing a speed trailer and radars, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary paperwork and authorizing an increase in FY16 revenues:

Grant Revenue - Police Acct. No. 01-2-103-33111-000 – Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$8,748),

And an increase in expenditure account,

Machinery & Equipment – Patrol Acct. No. 01-2-103-40740-000 – Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$8,748),

By a roll call vote.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item X.

City Council to consider setting a public hearing for Monday, May 2, at 6:08 pm to accept approximately \$867 in donations for the purpose of starting a scholarship called “Margaret Evans Edgcomb” placing the monies in an expendable scholarship fund with the City’s Trustees of Trust Funds.

Motion: *Councilor Clarenbach moves that the Franklin City Council schedule a public hearing on Monday May 2, 2016 at 6:08 pm in Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding to accept approximately \$867 in donations for the purpose of starting a scholarship*

called "Margaret Evans Edgecomb" placing the monies in an expendable scholarship fund with the City's Trustees of Trust Funds. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

All in favor; motion passes.

Agenda Item XI.

City Council to consider the acceptance of Land at the Former Ash Landfill Site.

Motion: Councilor Clarenbach moves that the Franklin City Council authorize the City Manager and the Mayor to execute and approve all documents and deeds necessary to finalize the transfer of land from the CRSWRRC to the City of Franklin, subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.

Councilor Clarenbach stated he read and couldn't understand where the land is. Director Sullivan stated it is 78 acres, everything NW of the existing building and along Salisbury Rd. There is no liability for this. We have to walk the property as there is a lot of loam on the property that has to be moved to accommodate the solar arrays project. Councilor Clarenbach stated it is outside of the buffers. There is a plan and deed being recorded by Paul Fitzgerald. Councilor Desrochers asked if these include the ash fill and Director Sullivan clearly stated they do not. Councilor Desrochers then asked how long we have to maintain the ash fill and again we are not. Leigh Webb from the public asked what is the advantage from taking this property. The large amount of material on the property, solar arrays project, potentially buildable lots along Salisbury Rd, otherwise it would lie vacant, it was actually City property that was purchased by the COOP and is being given back to the City at no cost. Councilor Wells asked if it was clean land with no pollution. Director Sullivan stated that is correct no pollution at this time.

Councilor Starkweather asked if we are going to be stuck monitoring wells and the bill. Director Sullivan stated not quite. This is ash that was put in 27 communities that was created by the legislature.

Councilor Zink asked if the City is currently collecting taxes on this land. Director Sullivan stated they were giving us \$8,000 a year.

All in favor; motion passes.

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Other Business

1. **Committee Report** – Councilor Clarenbach stated that he read Town & City this month and we are following current legal guidance with reference to non-meetings and non-public sessions in our meetings. We are not to go into a non-public for union negotiations as that is a non-meeting item. Councilor Starkweather would like to schedule a fire committee meeting in May.
2. **City Manager's Update**
City Manager Dragon advised that the City received the following contingent grant line amount: \$25 Book Club Donation.

The SAU Withdrawal Committee has drafted a plan to withdraw and scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm at the Middle School.

There is a joint City Council & School Board Meeting on April 11, 2016 to discuss financial consolidation. There has been some facebook posts and confusion about the withdrawal and consolidation so she thinks that might be a challenge at either one of the meetings. The school board is the one who makes the decisions on how the money is spent for payroll and accounts payable.

Budget timeline is usually done at this time and we schedule 5 to 6 workshops and 1 public hearing. The public hearing is usually the first meeting in July but that is the 4th and we have to put the notice in 2 weeks prior so we need to know that. Based on the scheduling of the Council Chambers we have May 9, 16, 18, 23 June 13, 14, 20. Without objection, Council chose all May dates and June 13 & 14 at 6:00 pm.

Motion: Councilor Clarenbach moves that the Franklin City Council's July monthly meeting be held on Tuesday July 5, 2016. Motion seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

All in favor; motion passes.

Last month Niel Cannon, Downtown Coordinator made it to the next round of review for the tax credit in the amount of \$400,000 and the formal application is due May 6.

Franklin for a Lifetime would like a follow up to their 3 day event that was held last year about all the things that are going on here in Franklin. City Manager Dragon feels if done and promoted properly it could have a great turnout. City Manager Dragon and Melissa Lee presented on panel in Concord on the Tri-State Aging Summit and we were invited because of our initiate thru Franklin for a Lifetime Project. It was wonderful positive press about things happening in the community.

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This month on April 22 is the deadline to submit Legislative Policy proposals to NHMA for consideration. That process is done every 2 years and it is a very powerful process when the groups votes as a whole and there are 232 towns/cities that vote. When you put it in you just need to have the concept of the problem that you put in and what you like to see changed. You then get the support of the NHMA staff at the legislature.

Chief Goldstein stated Councilor Boyd is in Vietnam, one of ten Purple Heart veterans asked to return.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Desrochers and seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauraine G. Paquin