**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING & MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 PM**

**JOEL W. ROGERS MUNICIPAL COURTROOM**

**January 7, 2021**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hayes opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the advertised 2021 budgets. There were no public comments. The public hearing closed at 6:31pm.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, Georgia, met in regular session Thursday, January 7, 2021 at City Hall at 6:31 p.m. All Councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor Hayes began the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. Councilmember Almond gave the invocation and lead the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES OF Council Meeting December 3, 2020**

Councilmember Bradfield made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Putzek. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**AMEND THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Putzek made a motion to amend the order of the agenda to add “Reappointment of Three Rivers Regional Commission Non-Public Member**”, “**Police Department Renovation Budget”, and “Elections Agreement”under New Business, seconded by Councilmember Israel. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Finance –** Finance Officer, Karen Boyd, gave the following report:

1. All accounts have been reconciled to the bank. General fund revenues exceeded expenditures by $36,107 for December. Expenditures exceeded revenues for the year by $71,214 at this point, but keep in mind that we still have 2020 invoices coming in during January so this final number will be higher.
2. Sales tax increased $10,587 from last month and $1,674 from December of last year. SPLOST increased $366 from the previous month and decreased $6,987 from November of last year.

**Police Department** – Chief Hannah was not present due to currently assisting flooring contractors at the police department renovation.

**Street Department –** Street Supervisor Edward Ponder was not in attendance due to social distancing. Mayor Hayes updated the Council that the Street Department was working on taking down the Christmas lights and that the Christmas tree on the square would need to be replaced as there had been many obstacles in maintaining its function during the season.

**City Attorney –** Attorney Mecklin was not present and Mayor Hayes announced that the Mobile Home Park deed had been signed. More details on next steps to clean the property up were to follow.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **2021 General Fund Budget –** Councilmember Putzek made a motion to approve the 2021 General Fund Budget, seconded by Councilmember Almond. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **2021 Drug & Education Fund and Special Events Fund Budgets –** Councilmember Almond made a motion to approve the 2021 Drug & Education Fund and Special Events Fund Budgets, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
3. **2020 Amended Budget –** Councilmember Putzek made a motion to adopt and sign the 2020 Amended Budget, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **GCIC Applicant Privacy Rights Notification Policy –** Councilmember Israel made a motion to adopt the GCIC Applicant Privacy Rights Notification Policy, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **GDOT 2021 LMIG –** Mayor Hayes asked the Council for recommendations on roads to use the LMIG funding towards and that they could email suggestions later as the application is due February 1st.
3. **2021 Millage Rate –** Mayor Hayes addressed the Council on the need to discuss the millage rate earlier this year to allow time for the City to make any changes.
4. **Reappointment of Three Rivers Regional Commission Non-Public Member –** Councilmember Bradfield made a motion to reappoint Kathy Knowles, seconded by Councilmember Putzek. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
5. **Police Department Renovation Budget –** Mayor Hayes updated Council on some of the unforeseen renovation expenses related to the current pandemic. He requested Council increase the Police Department Renovation Budget by $10,000 and a cost break down would be distributed upon project completion. Councilmember Almond made a motion to increase the Police Department Renovation Budget from $300,000 to $310,000, seconded by Councilmember Putzek. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
6. **Elections Agreement –** Councilmember Bradfield made a motion to authorize Mayor Hayes signature of the City/County Elections Agreement upon approval of Attorney Mecklin, seconded by Councilmember Israel. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE**

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** Mayor Hayes informed Council that the Community Center was in need of a deep cleaning, general maintenance, and upgrades this year.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to conduct and Councilmember Almond made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Putzek, to adjourn. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

The meeting closed at 6:57 p.m.

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Kevin Hayes, Mayor

**Members Present: Clerks Present:**

Cyndy Putzek, Post #1 Karen Boyd

Willie Almond, Jr., Post #2

Charles Israel, Post #3

Sara Alane Bradfield, Post #4