**MINUTES**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 4, 2017**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, Georgia, met in regular session Thursday, May 4, 2017 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. All councilmembers were in attendance.

Mayor Rogers began the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. City Attorney Mecklin gave the invocation. Councilmember Almond lead the pledge to the flag.

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

**APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Rogers requested to amend the order of the agenda by adding Bank Transfer of Funds to Unfinished Business. Councilmember Hayes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jiles to approve the addition to the order of the agenda. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Finance –** Finance Officer, Karen Boyd, reported the following:

1. All accounts have been reconciled to the bank. General fund expenditures exceeded revenues by $16,259 in April. Revenues exceeded expenditures by $72,411 for the year.
2. Sales tax increased $2,484 from last month and $15,719 more than last year (April 2016). Although SPLOST decreased $7,386 from last month it was $9,029 more than last year.
3. Property tax payments continue to slowly come in. Penalties and interest are accruing for overdue accounts. There is approximately $13,000 outstanding in past due property taxes.

Council discussion followed about next steps in collecting overdue property taxes.

**Police Department** – Chief Hannah had nothing to report.

**Street Department –** Street Supervisor, Alan Holcomb, had nothing to report.

**City Attorney -** David Mecklin, reported the following:

1. **Peddlers Ordinance** – This updated ordinance addresses temporary merchants, a more accurate name for the seasonal stands in the area, who need to pack up by sundown and leave the parking lot where they are selling goods. Councilmember Jiles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield to adopt the ordinance and make it effective Friday, May 12th to give merchants notice and time to make other arrangements. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **Energy Excise Tax** – Council was presented the proposed tax and explained the procedure to adopt. The Council tabled it to the next meeting.
3. **Mobile Park Update** – Council was updated that the mobile park owner is within a 30-day period of receiving written notice from the City. If no action is taken on the owner’s part, legal procedure will begin.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Riverside & Mary Johnson Paving** – Whitaker Paving will correct their paving job and pave to new specifications of a higher quality than originally contracted for an additional $42,800. Councilmember Hayes made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield to approve the expense. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **JAC Products Gate** – Mayor Rogers gave an update that he met with JAC Products and Terry Harper will also meet next week with the business to discuss a solution for truck parking at Gate 3.
3. **Bank Transfer of Funds –** Mayor Rogers requested the Council vote to transfer funds from Regions to Bank of the Ozarks. He explained the Council previously agreed to save money in bank fees by switching banks but there hadn’t been a formal vote for the council minutes. Councilmember Jiles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hayes to transfer funds from Regions to Bank of the Ozarks and to grant the Mayor authority to sign documents. Councilmember Bradfield approved the motion. Councilmember Putzek abstained due to a conflict of interest being President of the Franklin Bank of the Ozarks. Councilmember Almond abstained because he felt the motion was a conflict of interest for the City with Councilmember Putzek on the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Street Dept. ATV –** Street Department Supervisor, Alan Holcomb, presented two bids for a new replacement ATV. He recommended the purchase of the less expensive ATV from Deer Farm for $12,470. Councilmember Jiles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Almond to purchase the $12,470 ATV. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. **District Attorney Office Space –** Mayor Rogers spoke to the Council about interest from the District Attorney’s office to rent out the three unused offices in City Hall while the Heard County Courthouse is remodeled. Councilmember Almond made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield to rent out the office space. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**MAYOR COMMENTS: NONE**

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to conduct and Councilmember Jiles made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradfield, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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Joel Rogers, Mayor

**Members Present: Clerks Present:**

Cynthia Putzek, Post #1 Karen Boyd

Willie Almond, Jr., Post #2

Kevin Hayes, Post #3

Sara Alane Bradfield #4

Cliff Jiles, Post #5