

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 2, 2015**

**Call to Order**

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

**In Attendance**

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

**Absent**

Councilor Boyd and Councilor Giunta.

**Salute to the Flag**

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Wells.

**Comments from the Public**

Director Aberg of Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBIDC) informed the Mayor, Council and audience about a documentary Mr. Chris Kontoes will be doing about the City of Franklin. Mr. Aberg stated that Mr. Chris Kontoes is the son of John and Joan Kontoes that ran KC Phipps Jewelry on Central Street for thirty years. Mr. Aberg stated Mr. Kontoes approached FBIDC about doing a documentary about not only Franklin's assets of mountains, trees, and our buildings but more importantly looking at the people of Franklin. The families that have been in Franklin for a long time like the Grevior family and the Benson family as well as the new comers to Franklin and get the story of the people of Franklin, why they like it here, and what draws them here. If you are interested please contact Mr. Kontoes as he will be around for the next three months. Mr. Aberg stated Mr. Kontoes has no point of view but wants others point of view.

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### **Legislative Comments**

Senator Hosmer serving his second term in the Senate advised he has been appointed to the Finance Committee. The Governor has proposed a budget that has now gone to the House and within the next 30 days will come over to the Senate. If everything works the way it is supposed to the State should have a budget July 1, 2015. Senator Hosmer stated one of his concerns is the down shifting of expenses to the municipalities has placed quite a burden on the towns and cities and the taxpayers and it seems the State has walked away from any responsibility. He is also concerned about dedicated funds being taken and put in the General Fund. He thanked Manager Dragon for coming down and testifying on the bill concerning synthetic drugs which passed. Senator Hosmer further stated he is in support of the Northern Pass Project for Franklin and having the converter station built in Franklin.

Representative Horn who is on the Transportation Committee stated he is happy to assist or research anything the Council might need.

### **Choose Franklin**

Co-Chair of Choose Franklin Annette Andreozzi are looking forward to receiving the final report from Colby Sawyer students and will report their findings at the April 6<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. At the May meeting Choose Franklin will have the Police and the Fire Chiefs to continue speaking on safety.

### **City Council Acknowledgements**

Councilor Barton recognized the Parks and Rec Department for their preparation on the Father/Daughter Dance. There were 55 parents that showed up with their daughters.

Councilor Dzujna congratulated Mike and Gloria Caponera on their Hero Award which is award by the American Red Cross to people that demonstrate courage, acts of heroism, kindness, or unselfish character in their service to others.

Councilor Feener recognized the Municipal Services and Water Department stating it has been a hard winter for them, they have kept the roads clear and they have been dealing with frozen water lines and have done a great job.

### **School Board Report**

Report will be attached to the approved minutes.

### **Eversource Presentation**

Ms. Donna Keeley, Relations Specialist with Eversource (formerly PSNH) handed out a copy of the presentation members would be giving. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the approved minutes.

### **Waiving of Vendor Permits for Community Day, 2015**

***Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council approves the waiving on vendor permits for Community Day, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna. All in favor; motion passes.***

**Resolution #08-15** – this resolution concerns updating the authorized agents for the City's cash accounts at Franklin Savings Bank.

***Motion made by Councilor Clarenbach that the Franklin City Council adopts Resolution #08-15 updating the authorized agents and powers for the City cash accounts at Franklin Savings Bank to the current Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers by a roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.***

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Councilor Clarenbach – Yes**

**Councilor Barton – Yes**

**Councilor Desrochers – Yes**

**Councilor Dzujna – Yes**

**Councilor Starkweather – Yes**

**Councilor Feener – Yes**

**Councilor Wells – Yes**

**All in favor, Resolution #08-15 is approved.**

**Motion made by Councilor Feener to read Resolution #08-15 in title only, seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor; motion passes.**

Mayor Merrifield read into the record Resolution #08-15 regarding the updating of the authorized agents for the City's cash accounts at Franklin Savings Bank.

**Renewal of a Two-Year Assessing Contract with Corcoran Consulting Associates**

**Motion made by Councilor Feener that the Franklin City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the two-year assessing services agreement between the City of Franklin and Corcoran Consulting Associates, Inc. not to exceed \$80,000 for FY15 and \$83,500 for FY16. Motion seconded by Councilor Barton. All in favor; motion passes.**

**Resolution #04-15**- this resolution concerns a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 for the funding of a new chair lift for City Hall.

**Motion made by Councilor Dzujna that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing on April 6, 2015 at 6:05 p.m. regarding Resolution #04-15 a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 for the purpose of funding a new chair lift at City Hall. Motion seconded by Councilor Starkweather.**

Mayor Merrifield read Resolution #04-15 into the record:

**RESOLUTION #04-15**

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**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2015.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen,**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2015 which began July 1, 2014, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the need to upgrade handicap accessibility in City Hall to meet current American with Disabilities Act guidelines, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire appropriated \$104,508 one- time revenue funding to the municipal buildings capital reserve fund for fiscal year 2015, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to appropriate a portion of the municipal buildings capital reserve fund to pay for the upgrades for handicap accessibility in City Hall, Now**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 6, 2015 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby approve the handicap accessibility upgrades to City Hall and adopt resolution 04-15 authorizing an increase in FY15 revenues:**

**Transfer in from capital reserve fund Acct No. 01-0-000-39150-000 – Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000),**

**And an increase in expenditure account,**

**Capital Improvements – Buildings Acct. No. 01-9-012-40720-000 – Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000),**

**By a roll call vote.**

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***All in favor; motion passes to schedule a public hearing on Resolution #04-15 for April 6, 2015***

### **Other Business**

**Committee Reports** – Councilor Dzujna advised there is a scheduled Parks and Rec Committee Meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Bessie Rowell Community Center. Councilor Feener advised a Legislative Committee Meeting will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**City Manager Update** – Manager Dragon advised the Citizen’s Institute for Rural Design Project “Franklin for a Lifetime” grant is a plan for the aging population. The goal is to find ways so the aging population in Franklin can remain in Franklin for their entire lifetime. Workshop Dates: April 9<sup>th</sup> will be the community dinner, April 10<sup>th</sup> National and State speakers and April 11<sup>th</sup> design teams will do their work. Work session was scheduled for Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The mapping project is close to completion; differences in acreage were reviewed and 215 letters were sent out to owners advising them of these changes. The next step will be for the City Council to officially adopt the maps. The TRIP Center has moved into the Bessie Rowell Community Center so now the building is completely occupied. Manager Dragon thanked Director Alpers for all her help with the Center.

Community Day is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> and Paul Smith PTO Playground Committee is planning a 5K Road Race/Fun Run that day on River Road to raise money for new playground equipment. The Committee has been writing grants and doing fund raising activities and the total they hope to raise is \$75,000.

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Manager Dragon gave an update on Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation stating over the past two years the relationship between the City staff and FBIDC has continued to be strong. They now have their office in the lower level of the Proulx Center which has enhanced the relationship/communication between Planning and Zoning.

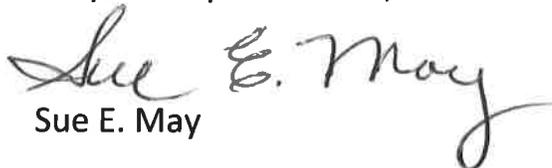
The Drug Task Force Annual Meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall and she invited everyone to attend. The accomplishments of the Task Force will be celebrated and also LRGHealthcare will be sponsoring the refreshments and they have a panel coming in and they will show a film the Hungry Heart and then there will be a discussion about substance abuse.

Manager Dragon advised the World Affairs Council was at City Hall on February 26<sup>th</sup>, there were visitors from Israel. She thanked the Mayor and those Department Heads that were able to come and participate.

Manager Dragon recognized the Municipal Services Department and all the hardships they have endured for the last few weeks as well as Jeremy Cornell who heard over the scanner of a medical call and their had just been large amount of snow so he plowed from the Fire Station to the location of the call and then on to the hospital.

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Feener and seconded by Councilor Clarenbach. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sue E. May