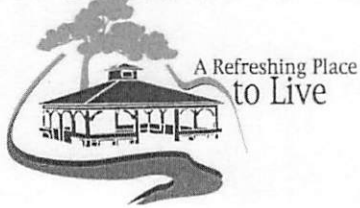


CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS



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Council Meeting Minutes

July 22nd, 2024

(the exact chartered date celebrating 100 years)

5:30 pm

Members Present:

Mayor Lee Moore

Council Members: Tom Wilson, Bill Bell, Tommy Pritchett, Josh Walden

City Clerk: Jackie Yearwood

Operation Manager-Daniel Ankerich

Police Chief-Kevin Thompson

Mayor Moore called the council meeting to order.

Mr. Jim Ganey in attendance gave an invocation and pledge followed.

Bill Bell made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Wilson made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Tommy Pritchett seconded. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer/Street

Franklin Heights project has been completed. It has been widened and paved and was paid by D.O.T. LMIG grant money.

Police Dept Report

Chief Thompson reported that the department has received new equipment for Taser.

Fire Dept Report

Chief Hearn reported emergency driver training has been completed through the Georgia Highway Patrol.

Justin Burress with Rushton and Company presented the 2023 financial audit for the city. A favorable and clean opinion was given. Also to note, a recommended timeframe if no revenue was to come into the city is 3-6 months for Unrestricted Fund Balance, the city is currently estimated to have around 11 months, so this is well above the average. In closing, Mayor Moore thanked Justin and Ruston for their thoroughness and appreciated all the work they did.

Bill Bell made a motion to approve the millage from 5.0 mils to 4.7 mils. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Moore stated this is three straight years the millage has been lowered and thanked the Council and employees for everything they do.

Tom Wilson made a motion to set Industrial water and sewer rates to \$7.50 per 1000 gallons. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Fortmann, owner of Paladin Wireless, spoke to the Mayor and Council about getting a resolve on the letter sent Paladin requesting their equipment on the Franklin Springs water tower be removed. The letter stated to remove Paladin equipment as soon as possible and that decision stood after the conclusion of Mr. Fortmann speaking to the Mayor and Council.

Next, the meeting celebrated 100 years of Franklin Springs with introductions of guests. Each was presented with a commemorative coin and updated history book of Franklin Springs.

Emily Phillips-oldest living resident
Jim Ganey- past Councilman for 32 years
Joe Bryant-past Councilman
Clyde Nichols-longest employee for 24 years
Alan Powell-Representative
A letter from Governor Kemp was read by Councilman Wilson
Councilman Bill Bell
Councilman Tom Wilson
Councilman Tommy Pritchett
Councilman Josh Walden
Operation Manager, Daniel Ankerich
City Clerk, Jackie Yearwood
Deputy Clerk, Marla Brawner
Fire Chief, Greg Hearn
Asst Fire Chief, David Phillips
Police Chief Kevin Thomspen
DDA member Cathie Wilson
DDA member Candy Smith
Citizen Bruce Scranton

Under public comment:

Greg Hearn shared his time with Franklin Springs started in 1978 and first job was with Ed Smith and he stated his was proud to serve in Franklin Springs all the years.

Joe Braynt stated he valued his time as a councilman and is thankful for the leadership in Franklin Springs.

Bruce Scranton stated all do a great job of running the city and very fiscally responsible and is very thankful that the millage was lowered and wanted to thank everyone for what they do.


Courtney Long, future Madam Chair of Franklin County, introduced herself and thanked Franklin Springs for the invitation to attend and is looking forward to working with Franklin Springs.

Mayor Moore closed out the meeting by saying thank you to this great city, its citizens and employees and all that came before us. He also gave reminder of the event Saturday, July 27th for the celebration behind city hall.

Bill Bell made a motion to adjourn. Tom Wilson seconded. Motion carried.



Lee Moore, Mayor



Jackie Yearwood, City Clerk