

# CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS



City of Franklin Springs

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

August 14th, 2025

5:30 pm

### Members Present:

Mayor Lee Moore

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

City Clerk: Jackie Yearwood

Chief of Police-Kevin Thompson

Operations Manager-Daniel Ankerich

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order

Invocation and Pledge carried over from Public Meeting.

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

Bill Bell made a motion for consent agenda approval. Tom Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

### Chief of Operation Report:

Nothing to report and stated the city has received close to 10 inches of rain.

### Police Dept

Chief Thompson reported that the Police Department is good. The city had its first court with the new Municipal Judge, Judge Hunt and went well. Chief Thompson stated he appreciated all the help

### Fire Dept

No report. No one was present

Mayor Moore stated the next order of business, is the millage rate. The millage is currently set at 4.7 mil. Bill Bell made a motion to rollback the millage to 3.5 mil. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried. The record will show that this is the 5th time the millage rate has been lowered, which in turn is lowering taxes for the citizens of Franklin Springs. Mayor Moore then provided an update for the 65 and older tax exemption. It is now in the hands of the legislation and if everything goes to plan, the property owners 65 and older will not have to pay property taxes in Franklin Springs beginning in 2026.

Josh Walden made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution for Franklin County. Tommy Ptichett seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Bell made a motion to approve the business license application for Neighbors Market. Tom Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Wilson made a motion to approve the beer & wine license for Neighbors Market. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Tommy Pritchett at 5:35 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Tom Wilson seconded. Motion carried.



Tom Wilson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:51 pm. Bill Bell seconded. Motion carried. No action or vote was taken.

Miscellaneous:

Based on the recommendation of the Franklin Springs Building Inspector, Bill Bell made a motion to approve Chapter 1 of the current International Residential Code (IRC). Josh Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Moore announced August 18th -20th is qualifying period for Mayor and two Council seats for election in November. City Clerk announced the qualifying fee amounts of \$360.00 for Mayor and \$86.40 for Council and the times for qualifying at City Hall.

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

  
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Lee Moore, Mayor  
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Jackie Yearwood, City Clerk



# CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN  
CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS

## AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Levy D. Moore, Mayor of the City of Franklin Springs, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The Franklin Springs Mayor and Council met in a duly advertised meeting on August 14, 2025.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

       Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

       Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2)

X Discussion of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);

       Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);

5.

During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt was made.

       The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss same ceased immediately.

       The attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non-exempt topic.

Levy D. Moore  
Mayor of Franklin Springs

Sworn to and subscribed

Before me this 18th day of September

Jackie Yearwood  
Notary Public

My commission expires: May 23, 2028

