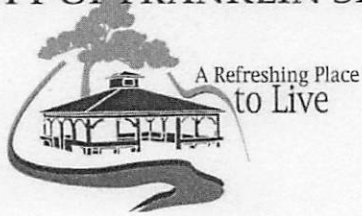


CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS



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Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2026

5:30 pm

Members Present:

Mayor: Lee Moore

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

City Clerk: Jackie Yearwood

Chief of Police-Kevin Thompson

Operations Manager-Daniel Ankerich

Mayor Moore called the council meeting to order

Councilman Pritchett gave invocation and pledge followed

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

Councilman Pritchett made a motion for consent agenda approval. Councilman Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer/Street Report:

Working on equipment, bucket truck fixed. Getting limbs trimmed. The 6" line up at the highway is complete and being tested. It was asked where that was and it was stated it was at the easement near Neighbors Market.

Police Dept

Chief Thompson reported the students are back and getting acclimated. There has been an uptick in accidents. When asked about the accident at double bridges, Chief Thompson reported it was attributed to speed, and load was too heavy and the truck tipped over when turning.

Fire Department Report

No one was present

Under 2026 Millage, Mayor Moore read data from the 2021 digest versus the 2026 digest. The net digest had increased from 19,443,749 to 42,009,937 in just 5 years. The city continues to show responsible spending with tax dollars and have lowered the millage each year to not have an increase to Franklin Springs residents. Listing below is the millage in years past

2021 – 7 mil

2022 -6 mil

2023-5 mil

2024 -4.7 mil

2025-3.5 mil

2026 3.2 mil (proposed tonight)

In 2021, the city collected taxes in the amount of 136,106 and this year it is projected to be a collection of 134,432. The tax collection is down but the digest increased 22 million.

Councilman Bell made a motion to approve the millage at 3.2 mil. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried

The Mayor then stated in November, the 65 & older city tax exemption will be on the ballot. If passed, it will exempt city taxes and lessen the burden for our 65 & older community.

Public Comment:

Bruce Scranton:

Mr. Scranton thanked the mayor and council for their work with the budget.

Mr. Scranton also stated to ensure no rendering in Franklin Springs there needs to be ordinances in place to be effective long after this council is gone and to continue no rendering. This needs to include biomass and data centers or at the least a moratorium.

Also, with the wastewater treatment plant and it being the biggest investment to avoid risk of processing, making sure people don't cause trouble and protect the environment and people. Also, properly maintaining it to ensure things don't happen.

Mr. Scranton asked, how much has been spent? It's not in the budget. How is it being funded, where can we see?

With park development, where is that in the budget? There was an article in the paper about the development, but what has been accomplished or developed?

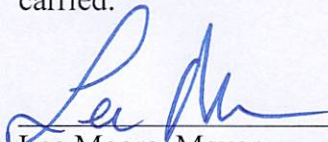
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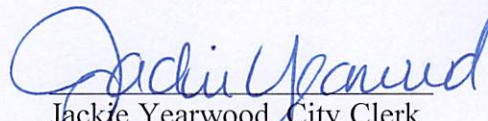
None

Miscellaneous:

None

Motion was made by Councilman Walden to adjourn. Councilman Bell seconded. Motion carried.



Lee Moore, Mayor

Jackie Yearwood, City Clerk