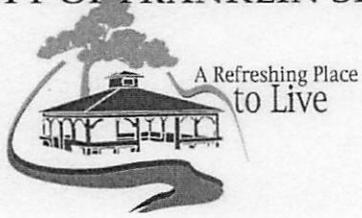


CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS



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Council Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026

5:30 pm

Members Present:

Mayor: Lee Moore

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

City Clerk: Jackie Yearwood

Chief of Police-Kevin Thompson

Operations Manager-Daniel Ankerich

Mayor Moore called the council meeting to order

Mayor Moore gave invocation and pledge followed

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

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

Water/Sewer/Street Report:

Royston Gas is completing the work in the city along Hwy 29. Councilman Wilson asked about the new work order system and Daniel Ankerich explained the new system and saving money for the city by going to this new reporting system. Councilman Walden thanked everyone for the work on the water leak.

Police Dept

Chief Thompson reported to everyone that a new officer has been hired. Sargent Matthew Dutton. Chief Thompson stated he started today and is beginning to start his training. Mayor Moore thanked everyone for the thankless job they do.

Fire Department Report

No one was present, but Mayor Moore stated they have definitely been busy with calls. Mayor Moore thanked all the firefighters in our city and the county and stated we have great first responders.

Mayor Moore stated Marla had been working on comprising a list of utility customers that have left the city with owing money. That amount was \$13,449.29 and 95 % of those are renters.

Councilman Walden made a motion to increase water deposit to \$200.00 for renters. Councilman Pritchett seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to update utility policy to reflect a 30-day cut off. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Moore thanked Marla for her work on this and the other items we will discuss next month regarding utility structure and building permit fees. Mayor Moore stated Chief Thompson does a great job in keeping up with that, but the city should not have to take on the cost of inspection fees when builders are having to get inspection, after inspection when the city is incurring the cost. Mayor Moore thanked Marla and Chief Thompson for their work on this.

DDA met this past Tuesday night and was looking to change the By-Laws and old verbiage. Also, to open the constraints of the DDA for not only residents to be on the Board but include taxpayers, business owners, etc. Franklin Springs has several people interested in serving on the DDA and want to talk about that.

Councilman Bell made a motion to approve the business license of The Cozy Cat Cottage. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Walden made a motion to approve the business license of Saxon Produce. Councilman Wilson seconded. Motion carried. Permission of the property owner has been given to the city.

Councilman Pritchett made a motion to approve Chandler Dental sign permit. Councilman Bell seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve Saxon Produce sign application. Councilman Walden seconded. Motion carried.

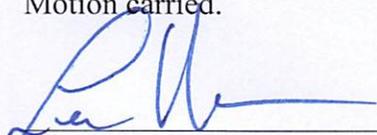
Mayor Moore announced we have a listening session coming up next Thursday at 5:30 pm at City Hall. The same session has happened in Lavonia and Carnesville. This gives our citizens an opportunity to come and answer some questions and is hosted by Carl Vison Institute of Government.

Public Comment: None

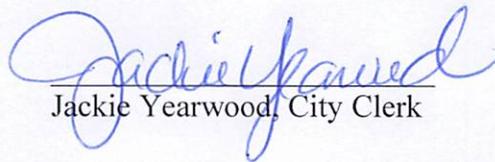
Executive Session: None

Miscellaneous: None

Motion was made by Councilman Pritchett to adjourn. Councilman Wilson seconded.
Motion carried.



Lee Moore, Mayor



Jackie Yearwood, City Clerk