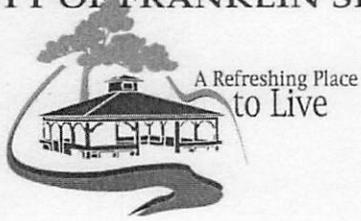


CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS



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Council Meeting Minutes

January 15th, 2026

5:30 pm

Members Present:

Mayor: Lee Moore

Council Members: Tommy Pritchett, Josh Walden, Tom Wilson-telephone

City Clerk: Jackie Yearwood

Chief of Police-Kevin Thompson

Operations Manager-Daniel Ankerich

Mayor Moore called the council meeting to order

Tommy Pritchett gave invocation and pledge followed

Tommy Pritchett made a motion to adopt the agenda. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chief of Operation Report:

The work order system the city was using is now eliminated because of the cost and decided to use something the city already had. That is the reason we cannot show a December report, but by next month the new workorder system will be reporting.

Police Dept

Chief Thompson reported on the shooting at the Vape Store. Chief Thompson went on to tell the outstanding job the officers, not only in Franklin Springs but also from the City of Royston, Franklin County, and first responders. Chief Thompson went on to commend the work of those officers and all involved and thanked everyone for their support. The Mayor commended everyone to them as well.

Fire Department Report

No one present

Tommy Prithcwet made a motion to approve the 2026 Beer & Wine License to A&A Royston, LLC/Dixie Dale. Josh Walden second. Motion carried.

The owners of Paisley's Place introduced themselves and the history of their restaurant. Tommy Prichett made motion to approve the business license for Paisley's Place. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried.

Josh Walden made a motion to approve the following appointments. Tommy Prichett seconded. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Judge – Chad A. Hunt
Solicitor-Kevin McFarlin
Attorney-Sanders, Ranck & Skilling
Engineer-John Phillips
Auditor-Rushton & Company
Mayor Pro-Tem – Tommy Pritchett

Employees:

Daniel Ankerich
Marla Brawner
Jackie Yearwood
Kelly Estep
Nathan Mayo
Clyde Nichols
Brandon Fitzgerald
Kevin Thompson
Paul Agnew
Eric Mckinney
Eric Cutshall

Public Comment:

Bruce Scranton

-follow up on a request made to have any changes in meeting or called meeting to be put on the Facebook page and has not heard anything on that. Since November, the Facebook page has been used to make announcements for tree lighting, fireworks, even fancy pictures, and asking for a simple event announcement for city business.

-Reporting for the budget. Did not find anything on the new wastewater treatment. Where in the budget do we find what we will spend on the wastewater treatment plant? Same question is true about the park?

-Back in November a citizen asked about the antidegradation report. Pilgrim's Pride said we need to have a million gallons for service. Mr. Scranton stated this is the active report still on the EPDs desk for the State of Georgia. It's been ¾ of a year since Pilgrims said they are not coming, but this report is still on record with the State. Wondering when it's going to change.

Executive Session: None

Miscellaneous:

Josh Walden made a motion to approve the sign permit for Paisley's Place. Tommy Ptichett seconded. Motion carried. The sign permit application was not on the agenda as it was received after the business license application, so the city is able to expedite under Miscellaneous as to not hinder the new business starting.

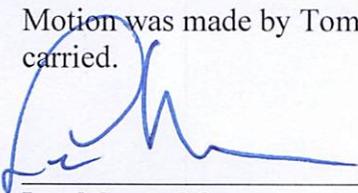
Two different polls were conducted on Sunday alcohol sales and alcohol by the drink. The response was low for both days; one day with a Verizon service interruption. A total of 92 customers responded.

The total votes were: 52 no and 40 yes.
That is 56 % to 44 % **not in favor**.

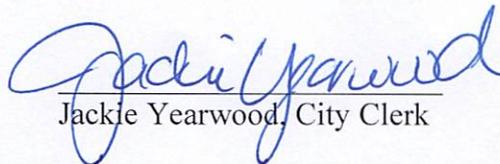
Mayor Moore went on to say unless another business approaches us, we will not spend taxpayers dollars on a referendum. Mayor Moore went on to say the reason this was done is because one of our local businesses that sells alcohol requested the possibility of Sunday as well as a possible restaurant. Instead of the city spending money on a ballot, this gives us a feel of what are citizens are saying.

Mayor Moore thanked everyone for coming and looking forward to 2026.

Motion was made by Tommy Pritchett to adjourn. Josh Walden seconded. Motion carried.



Lee Moore, Mayor



Jackie Yearwood, City Clerk