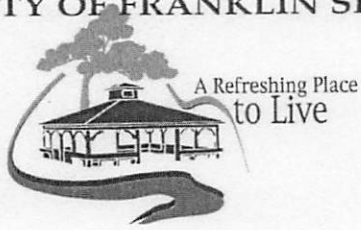


CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS



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Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 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 Wilson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Bill Bell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Water/Sewer/Street Report:

Nothing to report other than roads being fixed with asphalt and working on repairing water lines.

Police Dept

The contract with Mountain Ed has ended as they are moving to the high school location. Officer McKinney is now full time on the road. Mayor Moore congratulated Chief Thompson on his Best Police Officer for Franklin County award. The Mayor thanked him for what he does for the city

Fire Department Report

No one was present

The 2025 financial audit was presented by Justin Burruss with Rushton & Company. Mr. Burruss provided copies of the financial audit report and slide show to Mayor, Council and attendees present.

A motion was made by Councilman Walden to approve a business license revision of AC Counts. This will add a U-Haul rental and thrift shop. Councilman Prichett seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Lynn Briley

Mrs. Briley asked the following questions. After the conclusion of her questions, the Mayor answered and ones that he could and the ones he could not answer, the Mayor said he would find out.

The questions are as follows:

1-by what date can they see an updated wastewater treatment application filed at the EPD? *Mayor response: The Mayor was under the impression it had already been updated but will check with the engineers on that.*

2-yes / or no supporting a data center to Franklin Springs? *Mayor response: We are working with no one on a data center and working with zero industries. Data centers are needed but not in Franklin Springs, there's no land in Franklin Springs for a data center.*

3-yes / or no to support crypto mining to Franklin Springs? *Mayor response: I have no clue what that is there are no plans for that....*

4- will you pledge a moratorium on rendering plants? *Mayor response (continued): And no plans for any kind of rendering. They will not do a moratorium, but there are no plans and do not anticipate one ever coming. We are working with zero industries.*

5-will the minutes and participates from the scheduled June 23 meeting to discuss the regional wastewater meeting be available to the public? *Mayor response: It's just a meeting with multiple city leaders and County Manager maybe a Commissioner or BJ their water sewer guy, myself and our Operations Manager, City or Royston Mayor and City Manager, Mayor of Carnesville and City Manager, Mayor of Canon to meet on a potential regional wastewater treatment. This will be upgrading our municipal wastewater into one. I'm hoping everyone will work together and if we do proceed, there will be meetings throughout all the cities and county updating information.*

Mrs. Briley asked how many people it takes to be a quorum and why this would not be considered an IBA meeting with the mayors? Mayor response: It's not technically an IBA matter and has nothing to do with IBA. Tonya Powers, the IBA Director, will not be

present and neither will the other IBA board members. It's a matter of the representation of the cities and not IBA.

6-what specific public notice and comment period will be given to the public regarding detailed plans for regional wastewater treatment plant? (See response above)

7-will the plant use enhanced nutrient removal in order to address heavy spikes of nitrogen and phosphorus? *Mayor response: Everything in the plant will be the best of the best but will find out more specifics.*

8-will the gold standard membrane bio reactors technology be used in the proposed wastewater treatment plant? *Mayor response: I will get you an answer on that.*

Bruce Scranton

Mr. Scranton spoke on items to make sure Franklin Springs keeps moving forward in a way that is positive and sustainable. When talking about protecting the people of Franklin Springs, naturally we talk about fire or police departments but there's more to it than that and that's what he wanted to talk about this evening. It was said earlier about the regional wastewater and regular sewage, but he says that would still allow for some industrial and pretreated to residential standards. When it gets outside Franklin Springs, what gives us the process and legal requirements to enforce the quality and if something is violated, how to trace back and make sure they don't do it again. Concerning that whatever we have here is enforceable and protecting ourselves. We need to see legal and technical changes that will have to be put in place and that will work responsibly. We also need other things in place to protect the people from forever chemicals; class action lawsuits as we do not want any of that nonsense down here. We need to make sure those things are outlawed in our system. We need to have processes to enforce them and clearly outlined in our ordinances. Also, concerned about water shortages. Mr. Scranton time was up, and he ended with he looks forward to putting these things in law.

Executive Session:

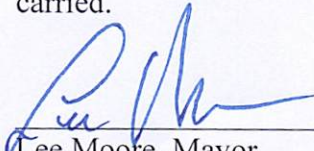
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Miscellaneous:

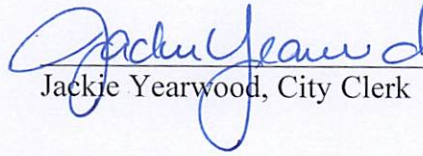
Councilman Walden made motion to approve the Paparonni's Pizza Sign application. Councilman Wilson seconded., Motion carried.

Councilman Walden made a motion to move forward on LHOST (if approved by legislation at session). Councilman Bell seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Moore stated that as we get more information, we will pass along.

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

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Lee Moore, Mayor

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Jackie Yearwood, City Clerk