

Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen

Agenda

January 3, 2011

7 p.m.

1. Call to order – Mayor Collins
2. Approval of the December 6, 2010 minutes
3. Public session
4. Discussion regarding North Carolina Rural Rating System – Pete Haithcock
5. Bidding for Phase 2 of Sidewalk Improvement Plan – Michael Grubermann
6. Revision of fees for Planning Department regarding annexations – Janet Anderson and Michael Grubermann
7. Set public hearing for special use permit for Fitch Development Apartment Complex
8. Voluntary annexation petition for Joe and Emma Jean Taylor
9. Request to have Hays Lane added to the town's street maintenance system
10. Satellite annexation petition for James Greenwood
11. Adjourn

January 3, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Joyce Handley, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

Approval of the minutes

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Mashburn to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public session

Dan Williams – I have the right to speak. You take my money. There was an article about the water meters in Atlanta being faulty. I had a water leak due to a faulty meter. I want a refund. I did not use the water. I am always home. Nothing got fixed. You are stealing money from me.

Major John A. VanHook – I want to present to Mayor Joe Collins and the Town of Franklin a flag that was flown above the 105th Engineer Battalion Compound in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The following certificate was given:

Presented To: Mayor Joe Collins and the Town of Franklin

Presented From: Major John A. VanHook, Commanding Officer A Company, 105th Engineer Battalion

This Certificate of Authenticity is to verify that this flag was flown above the 105th Engineer Battalion Compound in Kandahar, Afghanistan on 10-15 October, 2010 while this command was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The Officers, Noncommissioned Officers, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Civilians of this command appreciate your support and dedication to all members of the Armed Forces deployed in harm's way. Your continued support and generosity will be appreciated by all members of the Armed Forces for many years.

Signed By:

William C. Creech, Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Battalion Command Sergeant Major United States Forces – Afghanistan

Eric S. Kohl, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Battalion Commander, Engineer United States Forces – Afghanistan

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Satellite annexation petition for James Greenwood

Orville Coward, Jr. said you have a petition for satellite annexation from Ridgecrest Gas and Grocery that is located on the Sylva highway. A copy of the annexation petition is attached.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Mashburn to approve the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of the Annexation Petition received from Ridgecrest Gas and Grocery. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Discussion regarding North Carolina Rural Rating System

Pete Haithcock, Fire Chief, gave a Power Point presentation relating information of the upcoming inspection to be done by the North Carolina Department of Insurance for the fire insurance rating of the Franklin Fire Department. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Bidding for Phase 2 of Sidewalk Improvement Plan

Michael Grubermann said we are ready to bid Phase 2 of the Sidewalk Improvement Plan. He said the North Carolina Department of Transportation has agreed to contribute up the \$74,000.00 for this work. He said the work will be along Iotla and Phillips Streets from Church Street to Palmer Street. An information copy is attached.

Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to authorize staff to do the advertising for Phase 2 of the Sidewalk Improvement Plan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Revision of fees for Planning Department regarding annexations

Michael Grubermann said Janet Anderson and I are recommending that the \$500.00 fee for annexations be revised to include all voluntary annexations. Information copy is attached.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to revise the fee structure to apply the \$500.00 fee to all forms of voluntary annexation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Set the public hearing for special use permit for Fitch Development Apartment Complex

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to schedule the public hearing on the special use permit for Fitch Development Apartment Complex for Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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Voluntary annexation petition for Joe and Emma Jean Taylor

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to approve the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of the Annexation Petition received from Joe and Emma Jean Taylor. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.

Request to have Hays Lane added to the town's street maintenance system

Sam Greenwood said there is a request to add Hays Lane to the town's street maintenance system. A copy of the request is attached. He said the requirements for Powell Bill are a minimum of sixteen feet in width. Mr. Greenwood said Hays Lane is only nine feet wide. He said Hays Lane does not meet Powell Bill requirements.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to turn down the request to add Hays Lane to the town's street maintenance system due to the width of the street. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies of letters are attached.

Other business

Mayor Collins said we need to have a retreat in January. Alderman Scott said we need to have the retreat at Town Hall and bring in pizza. The Board agreed to have the retreat on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 8:30 A.M.

Sam Greenwood said we need to look at the possible reduction in employee benefits. He said in the past benefits were given instead of salary increases. He said I have information for you to read and that can be used for future discussion. A copy is attached.

Departmental reports are attached.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Mashburn to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

