

**August 1, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

**Approval of the minutes**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2011 and July 21, 2011 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public session**

Karen Flowers – This is the third event of bikers in Franklin. It is held at the Macon County fairgrounds. We give the profit to REACH. We have twenty-five vendors so far. These vendors also donate some of their earnings. We are a charity. The community needs this event. August 27, 2011 is the day of the event.

Clarence Jones – I want to introduce the officers of the Student Government Association at the LBJ Center. The officers are: Shanta Knowles, Benager Douglas, Ian Rhodes, Carolyn DeHart, Andrew Griffith and Benjamin Ferguson.

**Set public hearing for Chuck Holland rezoning request**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Mashburn to set the public hearing on Chuck Holland's rezoning request for September 6, 2011 at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Fish and Wildlife contract regarding Duke Power settlement**

John Henning, Jr. explained that Fish and Wildlife Associates, Inc. will assist the Town in the review of the Federal Energy Commission license. He said the cost will not exceed \$5,000.00. A copy of the contract is attached.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Jamison to accept the contract with Fish and Wildlife Associates to assist the Town in the review of the Federal Energy Commission license not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Street closing request**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to close Iotla Street from Main Street to Church Street on September 2, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm for the Vintage Rock Concert that will be sponsored by The Arts Council. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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**Presentation on Macon County, Franklin and Highlands Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Ryan Sherby with Region A did a power point of the proposed comprehensive transportation plan. An information copy is attached. He said the public hearing on the plan will be held by Macon County. Mr. Sherby said at a later time the Town Board would be adopting a set of maps.

**Presentation from the Fire Equipment Committee**

Warren Cabe – Franklin Fire Equipment Committee consists of the following persons: Warren Cabe, Todd Seagle, Ryan Hursey, Alan McWilliams and Tim Chavis. After reviewing the needs of the fire department we are recommending purchasing the following pieces of equipment: (1) 75 foot ladder mounted on a Class A custom chassis engine and (2) 1250 gallon/1250 GPM pumper. By bundling the two pieces of equipment we should be able to get a better price. Information copy is attached.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Jamison to authorize bids on the recommended equipment from the Franklin Fire Equipment Committee and bundle the bids. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Discussion of Samsung tablets**

Alderman Scott said since I did not have any response about the tablets I withdraw this item from discussion.

**Recess**

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

**Flood Plain Discussion**

Michael Grubermann - Letters were mailed to the property owners in the flood plain area.

Roy McClure - I am with FEMA. I have fifteen years of experience. FEMA is a volunteer program. It does not prohibit building in the zone.

Ken Ashe – I am with the North Carolina Mapping Program in North Carolina. The Town questioned the maps. Minor changes were made to the maps. Crawford Branch has too small culverts. Also, Crawford Branch has been built over. The Porter Street culvert belongs to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

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Jim Conley – Last time a presentation was done, they said debris would be a factor.

Ken Ashe – Debris is not considered.

G. L. Sprinkle – The map shows flooding on Porter Street to be nine feet higher in a twenty feet span.

James Conley – There has been no flooding on Crawford Branch.

Mayor Collins – Can we get a better map?

Ken Ashe – You could do a more extensive study.

Alderman Curtis – In a one hundred feet span part of my building is out of the flood plain.

Ken Ashe – That would be a function of the terrain. The map is updated every three to five years. The next map will be done in 2013.

Doyle Clark – The flood gates in East Franklin had to be opened during the 1964 flood.

Karl Gillespie – My family has owned property in this area since 1940. To date there has been no flooding.

**Other business**

Departmental reports are attached.

**Closed session**

**At 9:17 P.M., motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**At 9:43 P.M., motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to come out of closed session. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Open Session**

The Board took no further action and no other matters came before the Board.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 P.M.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk