

**November 2, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, November 2, 2009 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 Evans to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2009, October 19, 2009 and October 22, 2009 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public session**

Wendall Busby – I am Donald Williams brother-in-law. Donald had a huge water leak. He has been living there for twenty-eight years. Over that time he has had three problems with his water meter. The Town released \$1,774.80 in sewer charges already. He does not want to pay the remaining balance of the bill. The culvert was washed out. I want to make a couple of motions. I make a motion that Alderman Mashburn go with Jay Gibson and look into the problem. Mayor Collins said the Town treated the water already. He said the sewer portion has already been released. Alderman Evans and Alderman Mashburn agreed to look into the problem.

**Certification of sufficiency for petitions for voluntary annexation**

Janet Anderson certified the sufficiency of the Lawrence A. and Tammy L. Gay petition for voluntary annexation.

Janet Anderson certified the sufficiency of the Benjamin H. Rich petition for voluntary annexation.

**Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Pattillo to accept the certifications of sufficiency from the town clerk and schedule a public hearing on the petition for voluntary annexation from Lawrence A. and Tammy L. Gay for 7:15 P.M. on Monday, December 7, 2009 and to schedule a public hearing on the petition for voluntary annexation from Benjamin H. Rich for 7:30 P.M. on Monday, December 7, 2009. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. Copies of the certifications of sufficiency are attached. Alderman Mashburn was recused from voting at the October 5, 2009 meeting on these annexations.**

**November 2, 2009 meeting continued,**

**Discussion and consideration of draft rules of procedure**

Mayor Collins and the Board's discussion of the proposed rules of procedure are as follows:

Rule 5 – Public Address to the Board – Add enforcement – NCGS 143-318.17

Rule 5(C) – Change shall to may

Rule 5(D) – Change select to request

Rule 18 – Renewal of Motion – Remove

Rule 31 – Committees and Boards – Remove members and add aldermen

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to adopt the rules of procedure as amended, with the rules to take effect at the December 7, 2009 regular meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Consideration of reimbursement resolution for East Main Street Water System Improvements**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to approve the Ordinance Adopting a Capital Project Fund for the Replacement of the Water Lines along East Main Street and to adopt a Resolution Declaring the Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.**

**Other business**

Mike Decker said you have information on setting water rates. Alderman Scott said the change to the water and sewer rates is for industrial? Mike Decker said there can be no declining block rate for residential customers. He said there can be for industrial.

Alderman Scott said has the letter been sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation about the directional signs for the Veterans' Memorial site? Sam Greenwood said yes. He said I also have talked to Phil Haire.

Alderman Handley said we tabled the decision on the donation to the Macon County Public Library. She said we need to reconsider their request. Mayor Collins said we need to put this item back on the agenda.

Sam Greenwood said Randolph Bulgin is working on placing the former board table in the library with a brass plate.

November 2, 2009 meeting continued,

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk