

**September 7, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 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 Mashburn, seconded by Evans to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Change to agenda**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to add to the agenda the following: Vanessa Bailey with CareNet. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public session**

Dan Williams – I got a water bill for \$190.00. The bill is too high. I have lived there for twenty-two years. I have no grass or flowers. I have nothing to water. I have not had a broken toilet. I do not trust the meter. It is electronic. I did not fix a leak.

Sam Greenwood - The meter was checked and it tested okay. It is the Town's policy if the water goes through the meter the bill is the homeowner's responsibility.

Mayor Collins – When the water goes through the meter our policy is that you pay.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to take Mr. Williams' request under advisement. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Consideration of request to close portions of Iotla and Phillips streets for Pumpkinfest**

Linda Schlott said Franklin Main Street is requesting that Iotla and Phillips streets be closed for Pumpkinfest from Friday, October 22, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. until Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to close the streets as requested. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

June Hernandez - The Main Street Association is requesting that you reconsider closing Main Street for Pumpkinfest. We are asking that the street be closed from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

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Ben Utley - I encourage you to close Main Street for Pumpkinfest. The business owners need help. The stores can do outside sales.

Rob Gasbarro - I am the president of the Streets of Franklin. It would be a wise decision to reconsider the closing of Main Street.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to reconsider last month's decision on closing Main Street for Pumpkinfest. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Alderman Evans said the streets being used for the detour are not wide enough for the traffic. Alderman Scott said parking can be taken off Main Street instead of closing it. Alderman Pattillo said we can give it a try. Alderman Mashburn said they want to do it for all of the festivals. Alderman Evans said we would be putting the vendors in front of the stores. Mayor Collins said it would be safer for the children. He said we can close it only for this one event. Alderman Handley said it would be only for twelve hours. Alderman Mashburn said it will require signs. John Henning, Jr. said we will need the proper signage for the closing. Linda Schlott said the total bill for signs would be \$800.00. Mr. Henning, Jr. said they will need to be approved North Carolina Department of Transportation signs. Alderman Mashburn said I ask that part of the motion would include the cooperation of the police department and that Police Chief Bradley approve the signs. Alderman Scott said we need to look at the safety of the children.

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to close Main Street for Pumpkinfest from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Saturday, October 23, 2010 with the proper signage and with Police Chief Bradley's approval of the route. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 3. Voting yes: Curtis, Handley, Pattillo and Collins. Voting no: Evans, Mashburn and Scott.**

**Consideration of request for release of allocated funds for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for Macon County Public Library**

Karen Wallace said the Reading Rover Bookmobile serves day cares within the Town of Franklin. Information copies are attached.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to release the funds of \$10,000.00 to the Macon County Public Library from the non-profit funding pool. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Consideration of request for non-profit funding from NAMI Appalachian South**

Ann Nandrea said the National Alliance on Mental Illness is requesting \$500.00 to support crisis intervention team training for local law enforcement officers. Information copies are attached.

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**Motion was made Scott, seconded by Curtis to give \$500.00 from the non-profit funding to National Alliance on Mental Illness. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Vanessa Bailey - CareNet**

Vanessa Bailey said I am requesting \$5,000.00 from the non-profit funding pool for CareNet. She said \$4,500.00 of the money will be used for food and \$500.00 for water bills.

**Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Mashburn to put the request on the October agenda. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Vanessa Bailey said I am requesting that Bidwell Street be made one way on Halloween night from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The Board took no action.

**Discussion regarding extension of the town's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)**

Michael Grubermann said we need to look at expanding the existing ETJ. He said we can go one mile in distance from the town limits. He said the Planning Board is recommending that we extend the ETJ through the corridor plan. Information copies are attached.

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo for Michael Grubermann to start with the ETJ expansion process. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Ratification of resolution for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application**

Sam Greenwood said I was previously authorized to apply for funding for projects included in the resolution for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application. He said this resolution was necessary to meet the application deadline of September 1, 2010. He said I need the Board to ratify this resolution.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to ratify the resolution for the Clean Water Revolving Fund Application. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Authorization regarding NC Rural Center funds for Angel Medical Center projects**

Sam Greenwood said there are two grants for Angel Medical Center that will be a pass through of funds. He said the hospital staff has done the work on these grants. He said when the Town receives the funds we will need to pass the money on to Angel Medical Center.

**Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Curtis to authorize the appropriation of the two grant funds from the NC Rural Center to the town to Angel Medical Center. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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**Consideration of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board appointment**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to reappoint Russell Bowling to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a three year term. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to advertise the vacancy on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board created by Bob Moore's death on the Town's web site. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Other business**

Departmental reports are attached.

Alderman Scott said we are not getting information in a timely matter.

Alderman Evans said when a former employee dies, Town employees should be allowed to go to the funeral with pay. The Board agreed to allow the town manager the authority to decide on these situations.

Alderman Handley said I have been receiving complaints about speeding on Main Street.

Sam Greenwood said we meet with Macon County today about the water situation for the residents on Windy Gap Road. He said there is some contamination of the wells. He said Macon County is trying to get grant funds to help the residents install an eight inch water line.

Alderman Scott said Macon Avenue needs to be used for festival parking. He said the county vehicles could park in the parking lot behind the annex. Sam Greenwood said the purpose for allowing the parking was to allow emergency vehicles to be able to get out quickly.

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

