

August 1, 2006

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo, Charles Roper and Bob Scott were present.

Approval of the minutes

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes for the July 6, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Persons to be heard

Nobody was present to speak at the meeting.

Departmental reports

Fire Chief Pete Haithcock gave the fire department report. A copy of the report is attached. He said the department is looking at buying some air packs.

Public Works Director Jay Gibson said Jim Zilbauer has received his Grade 2 Collections License. He said I am recommending that he receive a \$1.00 per hour raise. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to give Jim Zilbauer a \$1.00 per hour raise. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.** Mr. Gibson said we need to hire an ORC. He said the money is in the budget under contracted services. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Gibson to contract out this position. He said we have been doing work on Tennessee View Street. He said we are buying some pumps to help put the chemicals in the sewer line due to the odor problem. Mr. Gibson said the odor has gotten better.

Police Chief Terry Bradley gave the police department report. A copy of the report is attached. He said I have met with Fred Alexander with Duke Energy about homeless persons staying on Duke Energy property. He said I need authority from the Board to act on their behalf within town limits. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to give the police department the authority to police Duke Energy's property within the town limits. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Town Planner Rebecca Crawford said in July I had a total of one hundred ten walk-in visits or phone calls. A copy of the report is attached. She said I attended several meetings this month. She said Egan and Briggs have completed the Land Use Inventory and I am reviewing the report and map. She said I have enclosed a proposed timeline for the junked vehicle ordinance revision. A copy is attached.

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Request for water allocation – Al Ledford

Al Ledford said I am requesting a water allocation for property located on Blaine Branch Road. He said the plans are to do thirty-six single family home sites. He said it is one mile from Elkhorn. He said everything will be done by Town's specifications. Mr. Ledford said we will hook on at Elkhorn. A copy of the request is attached. Alderman Scott said the Cartoogechaye Creek is low. Jay Gibson said there has been no problem with the flow. **Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Mashburn to give a water allocation of 14,400 gallons per day to the development on Blaine Branch Road subject to plans being submitted and the developer following the line extension policies. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Alderman Scott said I would like us to look for an alternate water supply in the near future. Mayor Collins said a stream flow study has been done on the Cartoogechaye Creek. He said it indicated that there is enough flow. Alderman Scott said what about drought conditions? Jeff Bishop said drought conditions were considered in the study.

Update on Macon Middle School sewer line project – Jeff Bishop, McGill Associates

Jeff Bishop with McGill Associates said we have two contractors working on doing the new pump station for the Macon Middle School. He said it should be finished two weeks prior to school starting back. He said the only delay would be delivery of the pump station. Mr. Bishop said the prices came in too high on the Raw Water Intake Project. He said we may be able to get the structure in place and wait on the pumps until later. Alderman Mashburn said we are waiting to rebid the Water Raw Intake Project when the contractors are less busy with the hope of getting a lower price. Alderman Scott said what do you think about another water treatment plant on the Little Tennessee River? Mr. Bishop said you would have the expenses of maintaining two treatment plants.

Change in use application – Pam Baker, Family Mental Health

Rebecca Crawford said Pam Baker is asking for a change of use classification at 843 East Main Street from single-family residence to medical office. Information copies are attached. **Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Pattillo to change the use classification to medical office at 843 East Main Street. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Consideration of preliminary subdivision plat approval for Harrison Oaks – Reggie Holland

Rebecca Crawford said Reggie Holland wants to do seven lots on 2.9 acres on Harrison Avenue. Information copy attached. Mr. Holland said I am planning to do early 1900s style houses. Mrs. Crawford said the street will be a dead end. Alderman Mashburn said I am not interested in the Town taking over the street.

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Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Scott to approve the preliminary subdivision plat for Harrison Oaks. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Sale of property to G. L. Sprinkle

Mayor Collins said G. L. Sprinkle is interested in buying two parcels of property from the Town on Jones Ridge Road. A copy of the letter is attached. He said we had brought this property for a water tank. He said Mr. Sprinkle has made an offer of \$3,500.00 for these two pieces. Mayor Collins said we need to look and see if this property is surplus. Alderman Scott said we need to let everybody have a chance. John Henning, Jr. said when you do an upset bid procedure you do legal advertisements. The Board asked Mike Decker to bring a report to the next meeting.

Budget amendment for Green and Maple street improvement projects

Mike Decker said we have to amend the budget to include the money from the state for the Green and Maple Street improvement projects so that the agreement can be signed. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to do a budget amendment. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the amendment is attached.**

Land Use Inventory Analysis

Mike Decker said Egan and Briggs have completed the Land Use Inventory Analysis. A copy is attached. He said please look it over and Mr. Briggs will be at the September meeting to explain the report.

Update on Riverview Street widening project

Mike Decker said Frank Dills with the North Carolina Department of Transportation has contacted me regarding purchasing .314 of an acre and .058 of an acre for a temporary construction easement off Riverview Street. He said we can make the state an offer or wait on their appraiser to make an offer. Alderman Evans said we need to try to get some sidewalks along this street. The Board agreed to let the DOT make the Town an offer.

Consideration of change order on West Main Street water line project

Mike Decker said we have a change order from Carolina Specialties in the amount of \$5,025.80 on the West Main Street water line. He said this is a decrease in the project from \$288,165.00 to \$283,139.20. He said they are asking for an extension of time from 90 days to 262 days. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to approve the change order in the amount of \$5,025.80 and to give a time extension from 90 days to 262 days. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.**

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Consideration of new banners

Mike Decker said Mayor Collins asked Rose West to get some prices on new banners. An information copy is attached. He said there is no money in the budget for banners. Alderman Pattillo said we need to have the Main Street group give us some input. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to table this item until the Main Street group meets and get their ideas for this project. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Information on upcoming NCLM Annual Conference

Mike Decker said the North Carolina League of Municipalities annual conference will be held in Greensboro on October 15 – 17, 2006. He said we need to know who is going so that we can do the registration.

Reminder of change in September regular meeting date

Mike Decker said the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. due to the Labor Day holiday.

Additional departmental and committee reports

John Henning, Jr. said I have met with Bud Siler about the Wilkie Street property. He said Susie Prince is asking for an additional one thousand dollars for expenses. **Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to authorize Mr. Henning to offer up to \$27,500.00 for the Wilkie Street property. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Alderman Pattillo said I have a bid to do Stonewall Jackson Road for \$29,600.00. Alderman Evans said why are we doing this street. He said when did we change our policy? Alderman Pattillo said this street is not a private street. She said it is inside town and they pay town taxes. Mayor Collins said they were annexed inside town. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to accept the bid for \$29,600.00 for Stonewall Jackson Road contingent on getting the formal documents deeding the street over to the Town. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 2. Voting yes: Curtis, Pattillo, Roper and Scott. Voting no: Evans and Mashburn.**

Alderman Pattillo said I am working on getting bids for the sidewalk in front of Drake Properties.

Alderman Pattillo said we have \$115,000.00 of state money for the Maple Street project. She said the total project will cost \$346,264.00. She said that would include the curb, sidewalks and the paving. She said we have \$77,000.00 in state money for the sidewalks on Green Street. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Roper to get bids on Maple Street for the entire project. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Alderman Pattillo said Claire Suminski has reported that the Taste of Scotland is in the black in the amount of \$764.77. A copy of the report is attached.

Alderman Evans said we need to get guard rails for Gaston Street and above the Jaycee Building. The Board asked Jay Gibson to talk to the North Carolina Department of Transportation about getting guard rails.

Alderman Evans said I need to be taken off the Macon Program for Progress Board. He said I cannot attend the meetings due to work conflicts. Alderman Verlin Curtis agreed to serve on this board.

Alderman Scott said we need to send a letter to our senators about the rising gas prices. Mayor Collins asked Alderman Scott to write the appropriate letters and to get back with the Board.

Mike Decker said the Taste of Scotland Group has asked that they be able to use the \$764.77 to buy tables. He said they are also asking for an additional \$5,000.00 for next year. The Board did not take any action.

Mayor Collins said I have asked some consultants to look at the Burrell Building. He said we should have a report in mid September.

Water adjustments, tax releases and payment of the bills

Water adjustments for July, tax releases and payment of the bills were approved on motion made by Evans, seconded by Scott. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk