

November 8, 2004 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Monday, November 8, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following items: (1) hear a presentation regarding a conceptual plan for a new municipal complex, (2) property acquisition, (3) receive an update on the Macon Middle School sewer line bid award, (4) proposals for widening Panorama Drive, (5) adding a portion of Tennessee View Street to the town system (6) to receive an update on a new vehicle for administration. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Edwin Hall, Billy Mashburn, Charles Roper, Bob Scott and Jim Williamson were present.

Presentation regarding conceptual plan for new municipal complex – Dale Pennell, McGill Associates

Dale Pennell with McGill Associates said I met with Mayor Collins, Alderman Curtis and Mike Decker to get their input on the new municipal complex. He said it was agreed I would do a conceptual plan for the Whitmire's property. He said I used topographical and boundary maps of the property to come up with this conceptual plan. Mr. Pennell said the plans are to have a new town hall, a new police department, a new public works building and a small satellite fire department located on the property. He said the fire department would be forty feet by eighty feet. He said the public works building would be nine thousand square feet. He said the town hall and the police department would be six thousand square feet each with the town hall on top. Mr. Pennell said the building would be two stories with a full basement. He said the parking would be on different levels for this building. He said building plans goes through four steps: (1) conceptual, (2) preliminary, (3) final and (4) construction. Mr. Pennell said there may be one out parcel. He said the property would be easy to build on and would not take a lot of grading. He said for the green areas we will use the existing vegetation. Alderman Curtis said none of my vision for the property is on this plan. He said after several visits to the property, I would like to save the house. Mr. Pennell said this plan fits into the neighborhood. He said site preparation would be minimal. Mayor Collins said can we put the driveway in the buffer area? Bobby Key said I would need to look at the agreement. Alderman Williamson said we need to look at other town halls. Mayor Collins said we have an option on the property to purchase the property for \$1,575,000.00 which expires on November 12, 2004. Janet Anderson explained about how much fund balance is available for the purchase of the property. A copy is attached. Alderman Scott said have we tried to negotiate the asking price of \$1,575,000.00? Mayor Collins said yes. Alderman Scott said I think we need to keep every inch of it if we purchase the property. Alderman Roper said I would like to buy it if we can afford it. Alderman Hall said I would like to purchase the property. Alderman Curtis said I am in favor of purchasing the property. Alderman Williamson said it is a prize piece of property. Alderman Mashburn said I like this piece of property. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Williamson to purchase the Whitmire's property for \$1,575,000.00 from Joe Wright. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Update on Macon Middle School sewer line bid award

Mike Decker said Joel Storrow with McGill Associates is not ready to make a recommendation on the bids received on the Macon Middle School sewer line. He said Vann Waters is working with the low bidder to try to bridge the difference between the money budgeted and the amount of the bid. He said they should have a recommendation at the December 7, 2004 board meeting. Alderman Curtis said I have been working on getting more money for this project. He said I have talked to Sam Greenwood and Dr. Rodney Shotwell.

Consideration of proposals for widening Panorama Drive

Jay Gibson said I have asked for more bids on widening Panorama Drive and I have not received any additional bids. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Hall to give the bid to Denny's Backhoe for \$1,300.00 per day at an estimate of ten days. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the bid is attached.**

Consideration of adding a portion of Tennessee View Street to the town system

Alderman Williamson said the street committee has nothing to report at this time.

Update on new vehicle for administration

Alderman Williamson said Alderman Curtis and I have quotes for three vehicles. He said one vehicle is available now and the other two vehicles would have to be ordered. He said the bids are as follows:

Franklin Ford	2005 Ford Explorer	\$22,299.00	Need to be ordered
Smoky Mountain Chevrolet	2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer	\$23,914.25	Need to be ordered
Smoky Mountain Chevrolet	2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer	\$24,378.35	Available now

Copies of the bids are attached. Alderman Mashburn said is there anything in the budget? Janet Anderson said no, the budget would need to be amended. Alderman Roper said a Trailblazer is a good vehicle. Alderman Curtis said the Trailblazer that is available now has over \$2,000.00 of extras. **Motion was made by Williamson, seconded by Hall to purchase the available Trailblazer from Smoky Mountain Chevrolet for \$24, 378.35. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Trash containers on Main Street

Alderman Scott said the Arts Association wants to replace the drawings on the trash containers. He said the cost of supplies would be around \$700.00 and I would recommend that the Town give \$500.00 for these supplies. He said the sign at the Burrell Building needs to be repainted. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Roper to donate \$500.00 to the Arts Association for the supplies. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Miscellaneous reports

Mayor Collins said Josh Ward with Macon County will be coming in January to give us a report about the sedimentation ordinance. He said I told him that the public works department and the police department will make a note about any activity involving sedimentation inside town and report to him about it.

Mayor Collins said Larry White with the American Legion told me that they are ready to do what needs to be done with the tile in Crawford Branch.

Mayor Collins said we may need to put a sawed off utility pole at the entrance of Grandview Manor to keep vehicles out of the hole.

Mayor Collins said Frank Fields said older persons are having trouble getting up to the sidewalk on Main Street. He said we may want to consider putting up hand rails along the steps. Alderman Williamson said the street committee will look into this request.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk