

April 2, 2007

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, April 2, 2007 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 March 12, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public hearing on petition for voluntary annexation by Dennis and Terry Stamey

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the petition for voluntary annexation by Dennis and Terry Stamey at 7:02 P.M. Mike Decker said the property is located at the entrance of the Industrial Park. No other persons spoke at the hearing. Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:04 P.M.

Consideration of annexation request

Alderman Scott said I have concerns about annexations not being contiguous. He said we are growing. He said we need to set some standards for annexation requests.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Scott to annex the Dennis and Terry Stamey property and to set the zoning as Business. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.

Persons to be heard

Howell Derrick said I thought you were going to finalize a decision on the Burrell Building move tonight. Mayor Collins said no we are waiting on an inspection report.

Gino Deneef said you have problems with parking on Main Street. He said employees of the businesses are parking in front of the businesses. He said that should not be allowed. He said some solutions to the parking problems are: (1) to regulate parking more strictly, (2) to allow employees to park only in certain areas, (3) to have short term parking spaces, (4) to limit parking space size, (5) to have areas of long term parking and (7) to require each business to have a certain number of parking spaces. Mayor Collins said thank you for your comments. He said parking is a situation where we continue to consider various solutions.

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Departmental reports

Fire Chief Pete Haithcock gave the fire department report. A copy of the report is attached. He said ten firemen graduated from the McDowell fire school. He said I have given you a copy of the fire department proposed budget. A copy is attached. After some discussion, the Board instructed Fire Chief Haithcock to show his capital outlay in the budget. Fire Chief Haithcock said we plan to do the building expansion with a design/build bid. Mike Decker said I do not think you can do a design/build bid in North Carolina. Fire Chief Haithcock said Raleigh says we can if the cost is less then \$300,000.00. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Roper to show \$101,000.00 of fund balance in the fire department budget. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Public Works Director Jay Gibson said the inmates have been doing sidewalk work. He said we have being working on Tennessee View Street. Mr. Gibson said I need to get with the Water/Sewer Committee about the Tim Ryan project.

Request for sidewalk near Frog Quarters – Alderman Scott/Kay Coriell

Alderman Scott said Kay Coriell has asked the Town to do a sidewalk near the Frog Quarters. Jay Gibson said we are planning to replace this sidewalk. A copy of the request is attached.

Departmental reports continued

Police Chief Terry Bradley gave the police department report. A copy of the report is attached. He said everything is going well. He said I am working on my budget.

Update on local legislation regarding ATV use in town

Alderman Scott said the legislation has been introduced on using ATVs inside Town. A copy is attached. Police Chief Bradley said when the legislation is passed we can use the ATV for all emergency services.

Departmental reports continued

Michael Grubermann said I have done three zoning permits and two sign permits in March. He said I am continuing to work on the ordinance for abandoned cars.

Requests for water/sewer allocations – Larry Lackey

Lamar Sprinkle said I have two and a half acres on Jones Ridge Road that I am developing. He said the plans are to do two commercial buildings and four to five modular homes. He said I will need a pump station that I plan to maintain. He said I will need a water and sewer allocation. Mayor Collins said we will take this request under advisement. He said we need reports.

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Sonny Burrell said I have property for sale that I need to get a water and sewer allocation on. He did not indicate the location of the property. Henry Te said I need to get water and sewer to my property on Lowery Lane across from Monte Alban. The Board agreed to take these requests under advisement.

Consideration of subdivision final plat approval – Matrukrupa, Inc.

Mike Decker said the subdivision where the new McDonald's is going needs final approval. Alderman Scott said what are the pros and cons? Mayor Collins said we met with their representatives. He said they agreed to move the parking over eighteen feet from the river, to use native plants and to put the sign at twenty eight feet maximum. He said they did not agree to use porous asphalt. Information copies are attached. **Motion was made by Roper, seconded by Curtis to approve the Matrukrupa, Inc. subdivision final plat. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Presentation regarding Franklin Main Street Program Visioning Process – Tony Angel

Tony Angel gave a brief power point about the Franklin Main Street Program Visioning Process. Copies are attached. He introduced Linda Schlott as the new Main Street Coordinator.

Update on Civil War Trails signs dedication – Tony Angel

Tony Angel said the dedication on the Civil War Trails signs will be on May 12, 2007 between 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. He said we need to close the streets around the courthouse during this dedication.

Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Planning board recommendation

Mike Decker said the Planning Board recommended that the Della Sue Chandler and Karin N. Gorbhoff rezoning request be approved. He said they are asking their property at 661 Harrison Avenue be rezoned from Residential to Business. Mike Grubermann said they are trying to sell their property and there is no definition for boarding house in our ordinance. Alderman Mashburn said I think this would be spot zoning. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to set the public hearing on this rezoning request for May 7, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Evans, Pattillo, Roper and Scott. Voting no: Mashburn.**

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Municipal Election Agreement with Macon County

Mike Decker said John Henning, Jr. cleaned up some of the language in the municipal election agreement with Macon County. He said I don't have the changes. **Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Pattillo to approve the Municipal Election Agreement with Macon County with the changes recommended by John Henning, Jr. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the agreement is attached.**

Update on Capital Improvement Plan financing

Mike Decker said the lending institutions have agreed to change some of the projects and to increase the funding if necessary. Copies are attached. Mr. Decker said Tim Romocki with the Local Government Commission has given me information on the loan process. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to go with RBC Centura for the loan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Mediacom rate increase

Mike Decker said Mediacom is planning to increase their rates for Broadcast Basic up to \$2.00 per month effective on April 20, 2007. He said there will be a higher price for Total Family cable to \$51.95 per month. A copy of the letter is attached. Alderman Evans said you need to get somebody from Mediacom to come to a board meeting.

Consideration of extension of sewer allocation, release of water allocation for Jarvis project

Mike Decker said Jim Jarvis is requesting an extension of the sewer allocation granted him of 2,250 gallons per day for a commercial project located off US 23/441 South near Morrison Church Road. He said Mr. Jarvis is releasing the water allocation of 2,250 gallons per day. A copy of the letter is attached. The Board tabled this request until the next meeting.

Discussion regarding Pickin' on the Square issues – Mayor Collins

Mayor Collins said we need to start passing the hat at the Pickin' on the Square. He said we may need to charge the vendors. Alderman Evans said passing the bucket is okay but I have a problem with charging the vendors. Donnie Clay said the regular vendors could be charged an annual fee with the other vendors being charged a nightly fee. He said Bobby Key always questioned the legality of charging the vendors. **Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to do donation boxes. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Consideration of streetlight requests

Alderman Pattillo said we have received requests for street lights on the Highlands Road at the entrance of C. J. Ramey's office complex and one on East Dogwood. **Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Roper to do both street lights. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.** Alderman Pattillo said we have a new request for a street light at the Church of God parsonage on Baird Cove Road. Mayor Collins said let us take this request under advisement.

Additional departmental and committee reports

Mike Decker said Barbara White has resigned as executive director of the Volunteer Council and has returned the key for the Burrell Building. He said she is asking one of the board members be given the key to use. A copy of the letter is attached. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to allow the Volunteer Council to continue to use the Burrell Building. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Water adjustments – payment of bills

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to approve the water adjustments for March and to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk