

**October 6, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, October 6, 2008 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 Scott, seconded by Handley to approve the minutes for the September 2, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**

The public hearing was postponed because the legal advertising was only published once instead of the required two times.

**Public Session**

Mary Ann Widenhouse said I want to thank you for considering the proclamation for mental illness. She said we will have a display at the public library. She said on Saturday the movie Canvas will be shown at the library. Ms. Widenhouse said we did a four hour training class for local law enforcement. She said our goal in the future is to do a forty hour training class for law enforcement.

**Consideration of proclamation for Mental Illness Awareness Week**

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to proclaim October 5, 2008 through October 11, 2008 as MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK in Franklin. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the proclamation is attached.**

**Public Session continued**

Bonnie Peggs said I work at Angel Hospital. She said we are planning to have October 15, 2008 as Think Pink Day for breast cancer awareness. She said all the employees will be wearing pink. **Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Curtis to proclaim October 15, 2008 in Franklin as THINK PINK DAY. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Dan Williams said the state DOT repaved 441 South and redone the sidewalks. He said they did not clean up the mess on my property from this work. He said a lady came out and asked me what I wanted. He said I think \$150.00 would clean up this mess. He said I talked to her fifteen minutes and the problem was solved. He said why does the Town lie to me and not resolve my problem. Mayor Collins said your time is up.

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**Recommendation on award for Sloan Street/Cunningham Road Water System Improvements**

Sam Greenwood said four bids on the Sloan Street/Cunningham Road Water System Improvements were received on September 25, 2008. He said McGill Associates is recommending that we award the bid to Terry Brothers Construction in the amount of \$167,475.00. He said this was the low bid. He said this line is included in our projects. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to award the contract to Terry Brothers Construction in the amount of \$167,475.00 to do the Sloan Street/Cunningham Road Water System Improvements. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Information copies are attached.**

**Presentation on new town hall furnishings – Martha Chapman**

Martha Chapman made a presentation on the finishes and furniture at the new town hall. Alderman Scott said is the dais in the board room at ground level? Ms. Chapman said yes. She said the price of the elevator is for a basic one. She said we need to add a panel to have a hand rail. Mayor Collins said what is the range of cost? Ms. Chapman said in the middle range. Alderman Scott said what is the cost? Ms. Chapman said the furniture is \$125,000.00. She said to upgrade the elevator will be an additional cost of \$4,000.00. She said the flooring is included in the bid price of the contractor. Sam Greenwood said Janet please look at the two bids. Janet Anderson said the bids are \$140,197.00 and \$165,797.00. Mr. Greenwood said we need around \$150,000.00 to do both the furniture and the upgrade on the elevator. Alderman Scott said we have one of the largest wood suppliers located in Franklin. He said we need look at using local suppliers. Ms. Chapman said that will be up to the contractor. Alderman Curtis said mid range is good. He said we do not want to spend any more money than necessary. He said I am not opposed to new furniture. Alderman Pattillo said I feel good about Martha. **Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to approve \$150,000.00 for furniture and the upgrade to the elevator. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 3. Voting yes: Handley, Mashburn, Pattillo and Mayor Collins. Voting no: Curtis, Evans and Scott.**

**Recess**

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

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

**October 6, 2008 meeting continued,**

**Consideration of criteria for non-profit funding pool**

Mayor Collins said we may want to consider \$50,000.00 per year for the pool. Sam Greenwood said \$25,000.00 was put in the budget as a starting point. Alderman Curtis said I think we need to stay within the \$25,000.00. Alderman Scott said I agree. Mr. Greenwood said you need to establish some criteria. Alderman Evans said we need to do it for everybody or nobody. Alderman Scott said we can see what other towns are doing when we attend the North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to postpone the decision on the non-profit funding pool. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Designation of voting delegate for the 2008 annual NCLM business meeting**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to nominate Alderman Joyce Handley as the voting delegate for the 2008 annual NCLM business meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to nominate Alderman Sissy Pattillo as the alternate voting delegate for the 2008 annual NCLM business meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Consideration of UDO text amendments**

No action was taken.

**Schedule public hearing on participation in the National Flood Insurance Program**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to set the public hearing on participation in the National Flood Insurance Program for November 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Forward Special Use Application to the Town's Planning Board**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to forward the Special Use Application from CareNet to the Town Planning Board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Consideration of tax releases and discoveries and release of minimum tax bills**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to approve the tax releases, tax discoveries and the release of minimum tax bills. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.**

**October 6, 2008 meeting continued,**

**Aldermen's discussion time**

Sam Greenwood said we need to set a policy on our fund balance reserve.

Alderman Scott said we met once with the county's animal control committee. He said we have not been invited back. Alderman Curtis said I will be attending the public hearing on October 13, 2008.

Alderman Evans said it is my understanding that political signs have been removed from the street right of way. He said we may want to allow these signs to remain until after the election. After some discussion, the Board agreed to allow Michael Grubermann to do the enforcement of the sign ordinance as necessary.

Department reports are attached.

**Continuation of meeting**

At 8:55 P.M., Mayor Collins continued the meeting until Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.

**Call to order**

The regular October 6, 2008 meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was continued at 6:00 P.M., Monday, October 20, 2008 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.

**Consideration of NC STEP grant contract**

Michael Grubermann said we will have our kick off event on Thursday, October 23, 2008. He said we need to approve the grant contract so we can get the first \$10,000.00 draw. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to approve the NC STEP grant contract. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the proposed text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) at 6:15 P.M. No persons were present to speak at the hearing. Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 6:16 P.M.

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**Consideration of UDO text amendments**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to adopt the proposed text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.**

**Presentation on and consideration of Identity Theft Protection Policy**

Mike Decker briefly explained the proposed Identity Theft Protection Policy. He said we need a policy in place by November 1, 2008. **Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Curtis to adopt the Identity Theft Protection Policy. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Other business**

Sam Greenwood said there is an article in the *Macon County News* about Macon County providing water and sewer to their property in the Iotla community for the new school. He said the commissioners are indicating that the reason they are doing on site water and sewer to the school is due to the inefficiency of the Town's systems. He said there is no comparison. He said initially it would cost more but it would provide for economic development north of town. Mr. Greenwood said there is septic tank failure in the area. He said the engineers are not interpreting the numbers correctly. He said the capacity needed at this time is around 60,000 gallons per day. He said I would like to write a letter to the commissioners about this issue. He said to go on site will be a long term mistake and a waste of resources. Mayor Collins said the town is able and willing to work on this project. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to allow Sam Greenwood to write a letter to the Macon County commissioners about the water and sewer at the proposed school in the Iotla community. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Closed session**

**The Board went into closed session at 6:45 P.M., on motion made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**The Board came out of closed session at 8:05 P.M., on motion made by Handley, seconded by Curtis. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Open session**

The Board took no action.

**October 6, 2008 meeting continued,**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk