

January 5, 2009

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 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 Handley, seconded by Pattillo to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2008 and December 15, 2008 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Alderman Scott questioned approval of the closed session minutes. The Board asked John Henning, Jr. to review the law concerning approval of closed session minutes before the next meeting.

Public session

Nobody spoke during the public session.

Consideration of audit proposal from Martin Starnes & Associates

Sam Greenwood said we have an audit proposal from Martin Starnes & Associates. He said they do Macon County's audit. Chris Costner with Martin Starnes & Associates said audits are our bread and butter. **Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Curtis to accept the audit proposal from Martin Starnes & Associates in the amount of \$28,000.00. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the proposal is attached.**

Consideration of Macon County Animal Control Ordinance

Sam Greenwood said there are issues with the animal control ordinance. He said the county attorney is reviewing it for changes. John Henning, Jr. said the ordinance was passed in October 2008. He said this copy may not be the final one. He said I suggest that we wait until the February meeting. Alderman Curtis said it was passed on October 5, 2008. Alderman Scott said I have questions about several sections. The Board accepted the ordinance as information.

Consideration of renewal of contract with the town attorney

Mayor Collins said John Henning, Jr. has gained more knowledge and I would like to see us keep the relationship. Alderman Curtis said my one compliant is that some items are on the backburner. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to renew the three-year contract with Henning & Henning, P.A. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

January 5, 2009 meeting continued,

Petition for voluntary annexation – Gary and Edith Holland

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to adopt the Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate an Annexation Petition received from Gary and Edith Holland. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.

Schedule public hearing on special use application for Grandview Manor Care Center for Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7 P.M.

Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Mashburn to schedule the public hearing on the special use application for Grandview Manor Care Center for Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Other Discussion

Alderman Scott said can the proposed annexations be discussed individually? Sam Greenwood said no we have to treat them as one mass. Alderman Scott said can they come to the public hearing and protest? Mr. Greenwood said yes. He said the properties will not be inside for over one year.

Alderman Scott said I would like to receive a weekly summary of events happening inside Town by Email.

Mayor Collins said we need to have a retreat in January or February. Sam Greenwood said we are looking at the last two weeks in February and the first week in March. The Board agreed on February 21, 2009 as a possible date for the retreat.

Alderman Scott said we are looking at doing an L-shape building instead of a long building for the new police station.

Department reports are attached.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

