

## **January 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Aldermen Patti Abel, Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn and Barbara McRae were present.

### **Adoption of January 6, 2014 Proposed Agenda**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by McRae to amend the agenda as follows: to remove (1) Presentation on Nikwasi Mound, (2) Presentation by Venture Local of Franklin and to add one announcement. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Jamison to approve the minutes for the December 2, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Public Session**

Dan Williams – The Town was not right. The problem is still here. It has not been solved. I am an unhappy customer. Mayor Scott said I will meet with you.

Ben Brown – Opt-In has been working with Region A on a regional vision. We are doing priorities for the area.

### **New Business – Presentation of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine**

Mayor Scott presented former Mayor Joe Collins with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine on behalf of the Board of Alderman.

### **New Business – Presentation on Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Audit**

Matt Braswell with Martin Starnes did a power point presentation on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Audit. A copy of the power point presentation is attached.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Jamison to accept the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Audit. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **New Business – Appointment to the Economic Development Commission**

**Motion was made by Jamison, seconded Curtis to appoint Barbara McRae to the Economic Development Commission for a three year term. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**January 6, 2014 meeting continued,**

**New Business – Appointment to the Macon Program for Progress Board**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by McRae to appoint Mayor Scott to the Macon Program for Progress Board for a three year term. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business – Liaisons/Committee Assignments**

Mayor Scott said one person has been assigned to a committee and one alternate. John Henning, Jr. said Main Street is working on their By-Laws. Alderman Mashburn said we do not have any authority to deal with schools. Alderman Mashburn said does Mayor Scott have the authority to create committees? Mr. Henning said he has the authority according to Rule 30 of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen Rules of Procedure. Alderman Mashburn said what is the purpose of the School Committee? Mayor Collins said public relations only to East Franklin School. Mr. Henning said this would need to be well defined.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to do away with the School Committee. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 2. Voting yes: Curtis, Handley, Jamison and Mashburn. Voting no: Abel and McRae.**

**New Business – Mayors Town Hall Meetings**

Mayor Scott said want to have town hall meetings to give the public a voice. He said there would be no official business. He said I would only be listening. John Henning, Jr. said if you have a period of time of deliberation of public business it is a public meeting. He said it would be a called meeting. He said it would need to be advertised as such. Alderman Curtis said the public can go to the town manager with ideas and views. He said as mayor you cannot take action.

**New Business – Road Name Request**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by McRae to name the new street off Carolina Drive as Technology Drive. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business – Annexation Request for Macon Program for Progress**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by McRae to adopt the resolutions requesting Town Clerk Janet Anderson check the sufficiency of the two petitions from Macon Program for Progress. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies of the resolutions are attached.**

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**New Business – Fire Protection Contract between Macon County and the Town of Franklin**

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Handley to approve the fire protection contract between Macon County and the Town of Franklin as presented and to authorize Town Manager Warren Cabe and Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. to do any minor corrections. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the contract is attached.

**Legal – Application to Amend Text Only of the Unified Development Ordinance to add Additional Permitted Uses in Commercial (C-2) Zones**

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Abel to pass the application to amend text only of the Unified Development Ordinance to add additional permitted uses in Commercial (C-2) Zones to the Planning Board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

**Legal – Application to Amend Text Only of the Unified Development Ordinance for the Board of Adjustment**

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by McRae to set a public hearing for the application to amend text only of the Unified Development Ordinance for the Board of Adjustment at the February 3, 2014 Town Board meeting at 7:05 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

**Announcements**

- (1) Town Board Retreat will be on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Board Room.
- (2) Town Hall Offices will be closed Monday, January 20, 2014 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- (3) Town Manager Warren Cabe welcomed Justin Setser as the new Town Planner.

**Other Business**

Departmental reports are attached.

**Closed Session**

At 8:15 P.M., motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to go into closed session per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3): 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 8:55 P.M., on motion made by Handley, seconded by Jamison. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

**January 6, 2014 meeting continued,**

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk