

October 1, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes for the September 4, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Briefing on Whitmire Property

Alderman Jamison – The asbestos removal has been completed. There are twenty-seven skids of native stone. My suggestion is that we offer the stone to the public for \$100.00 per skid. We would need to establish dates and times for pickup.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to this suggestion for disposing of the stone.

New Business – Re-appointment of Deb Heatherly to the Tourism Authority Board

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to reappoint Deb Heatherly to the Tourism Authority Board for a three year term from December 2012 until December 2015. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Discussion on Speed Limit Policy for the Town

Town Manager Sam Greenwood said I am suggesting that you set a speed limit policy for inside town. He said the entrances into town would be posted with speed limit signs. Alderman Scott said I am not sure that the speed limit could be enforced unless each street is marked. Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. said the speed limit should be able to be enforced with only entrance signs. Mayor Collins asked the Police Committee and Street Committee to look at this idea. Mr. Greenwood said also we need to get with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and look at doing a traffic circle at the Chamber of Commerce. He said also planning needs to be done for the feeder streets on the Georgia highway starting with Maple Street.

New Business – Advocacy Items from the North Carolina League of Municipalities

Sam Greenwood said the League wants to start a group to advocate before the North Carolina Utilities Commission as it reviews and approves rate cases from electric providers. He said this would include Duke Energy. He said the cost is unknown at this time.

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Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to authorize the Town of Franklin's interest of being a member of the North Carolina League of Municipalities Utilities Commission Advocacy Group. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal – Draft of Drug and Alcohol Policy

John Henning, Jr. said we are developing a Drug and Alcohol Policy for the town. He said we need a policy for the personnel policy. He said the scope of the policy is as follows: (1) suspicion-based testing, (2) pre-employment testing, (3) safety-sensitive positions, (4) post-accident testing and (5) return to Work testing. Alderman Scott said I have a problem with the suspicion-based testing. Mr. Henning, Jr. said a standard of reasonableness would be used. Alderman Scott said what about the employee's 4th Amendment rights? Mayor Collins said .02 positive alcohol test seems too low. Mr. Henning, Jr. said the policy needs to be passed by resolution. Mayor Collins said each board member can get with Mr. Henning, Jr. or Ashley Hyder with any questions about the proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy. The Board took no action. A copy of the proposed policy is attached.

Other Business

Alderman Handley said we need to help our residents with cleaning up their yards. Alderman Mashburn said we pick up one load of brush for residents now.

Departmental reports are attached.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Mashburn to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

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October 11, 2012 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special called meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the Highlands Country Club, Highlands, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to have a joint meeting with Macon County and the Town of Highlands.

The following Town of Franklin Board members were present: Mayor Joe Collins, Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison and Carolyn Pattillo. Aldermen Billy Mashburn and Bob Scott were absent.

The Board took no action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk