

April 13, 2013 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special called meeting on Saturday, April 24, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a retreat. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

The following persons were also present: Town Manager Warren Cabe, Town Clerk Janet Anderson, Land Administrator Derek Roland, Assistant to the Town Manager and media representatives.

Town Manager Warren Cabe talked briefly about the following items:

Budget Considerations

(A) Fund Balance - My recommendation is for the Board to adopt a policy on the fund balance of at least 50 percent.

(B) Future Revaluation – The valuation may go down some.

Capital Projects

(A) Sewer Plant Expansion – Sewer Plant renovation should be completed in September 2013. The expansion will give us 1.65 gallons per day.

(B) Water Treatment Plan Renovation/Expansion – The W.K. Dickson draft report should be ready by the June meeting. We will need to look at growth when deciding what is needed at the water treatment plant.

Properties

(A) Old Town Hall – There are three parcels. The tax valuation is 1.2 million. This building could be sold and the money used to rebuild the fund balance.

(B) Whitmire Property – Tax valuation is 1.9 million. There are three options (1) sell it, (2) use it for something to benefit Franklin or (3) do a public private partnership.

Personnel

I will be meeting with the staff. I will be looking at job descriptions.

Ordinances

We need to clean up the application for events. We need to look at the ordinance on banners.

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Miscellaneous Town Projects

(A) Gazebo – We are doing lights and switches. We need to look at doing an upgrade at the gazebo.

(B) Streets – We have begun mowing. We will be looking at what is the best solution for the Indian Mound.

(C) Other – Mayor Collins – I have a quotation for blackening and restriping Main Street. Perhaps we can do parallel parking. Derek Roland will look for the previous study done on changing the parking on Main Street.

Other Considerations/Discussions

Alderman Pattillo – I would like to make Community Care Clinic a line item in the budget.

Mayor Collins – What is the status of the West 64 Moratorium? Town Manager Cabe said I am checking with the state on this matter.

Mayor Collins – We need to look at the zoning from the old Franklin Motel west to the Slagle Memorial Building.

The Board did not take any action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk