

**June 6, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, June 6, 2011 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 Mashburn to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Swearing in of Farrell Jamison**

Vic Perry, Clerk of Superior Court, swore in Farrell Jamison as alderman. A copy of the oath is attached.

**Public hearing on Minimum Housing Standards**

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the Minimum Housing Standards at 7:05 P.M. The following person spoke at the hearing.

Heather Shields – It seems to be a good document.

Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:06 P.M.

**Consider adoption of Minimum Housing Standards**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to approve the Minimum Housing Standards. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Public session**

Karen Wallace – I am asking for \$12,000.00 to be put in next year's budget for the Reading Rover that Macon County Public Library does in the area. This past year this program served over 1,800 persons. It is a good service. The Board did not take any action.

Don Swanson – I am asking for approval to close Iotla Street on July 2, 2011 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm for a patriotic event.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Mashburn to approve closing Iotla Street on July 2, 2011 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**June 6, 2011 meeting continued,**

**Budget amendments**

Janet Anderson presented budget amendments.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Recommendation by Town Attorney to change sign ordinance provision**

John Henning, Jr. explained the purpose of the amendments to the sign ordinance. Information copies are attached.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to adopt the amendments to the Town of Franklin sign ordinance. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Consideration of award for Dowdle Mountain Road sewer line extension**

Sam Greenwood said we opened the bids on the Dowdle Mountain Road sewer line extension on May 24, 2011. He said the low bidder was Iron Mountain Construction Company in the amount of \$333,089.68. Copies of the bids are attached. Mr. Greenwood said the project will cost more due to having to bore under the 4-lane highway. He said the additional cost will be around \$130,000.00. He said this extension will increase the service area and also service the new Super Wal-Mart. He said the extension will stop at the edge of the North Carolina Department of Transportation right of way. Mr. Greenwood said the developer for Wal-Mart will be paying \$160,000.00 of the cost. He said the contract will be signed after July 1 and the completion time will be five months.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Mashburn to award the bid in the amount of \$333,089.68 to Iron Mountain Construction Company for the Dowdle Mountain Road sewer line extension. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Street closing request**

Summer Woodard said Bobbie Contino has requested that Iotla Street be closed on Friday, July 1, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for the Freedom Rocks concert.

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Curtis to close Iotla Street on Friday, July 1, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for the Freedom Rocks concert. Motion carried.**

**June 6, 2011 meeting continued,**

**Flood plain ordinance**

Mayor Collins said the FEMA representatives cannot come to our July meetings due to the disasters. He said we plan to schedule them for the August meeting.

**Public hearing on the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget**

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget at 7:30 p.m.

No persons were present to speak at the public hearing

Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

**Consider adoption of the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget**

Sam Greenwood said Bob Poindexter has requested that \$7,500.00 be added to next year's budget for capital expenditures to the Macon County Historical Society building. He said this money was not spent in the current year's budget. He said the fund balance would be increased by this amount.

Alderman Scott said I still think that the four percent cost of living raise hurts the lower paid employees.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to adopt the proposed FY 2011-2012 budget with the addition of the \$7,500.00 contribution to the Macon County Historical Society. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the approved budget is attached.**

**Other business**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Mashburn to appoint Farrell Jamison to the Fire Department Committee and to remove Alderman Curtis. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Janet Anderson said the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July luncheon will be on July 1, 2011 at Fat Buddies at noon.

Departmental reports are attached.

**June 6, 2011 meeting continued,**

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk