

**July 5, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, July 5, 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 Scott, seconded by Handley to approve the minutes for the June 6, 2011 meeting with the following change: the four percent cost of living raise is unfair to the lower paid employees. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public session**

No persons spoke during the public session.

**Changes to the agenda**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Jamison to add the following items to the agenda: (1) discussion of the Duke Energy proposed rate increase, (2) discussion of possible dinner for town's boards and news media, and (3) closed session for the Mayor and Board to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Forward special use permit application from Chuck Holland to the planning board**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to forward the special use application from Chuck Holland to the planning board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Forward petition for rezoning from Chuck Holland to the planning board**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to forward the special use permit application from Chuck Holland to the planning board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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**Discussion on the community pool and establishing funding priorities**

Sam Greenwood said you need to establish funding priorities and set criteria on the community pool. He said you could do a ranking system on requests. Mr. Greenwood said the organizations could all apply at one time. Alderman Jamison said we could use other agencies applications. Mr. Greenwood said you need to set up criteria for the applications. Mayor Collins said the Board needs to do the applications not a committee. Alderman Jamison we need to keep a small amount in reserve for emergencies. John Henning, Jr. said you will still need to have a contract with the organization receiving the funds. Alderman Pattillo said we can compare our application, Main Street application and Macon County's application.

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to set September 1, 2011 as the deadline for organizations applying for funding, to set October 3, 2011 as the deadline for a decision of the funding requests and to set July 1, 2012 as the deadline for organizations applying for funds for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Discussion on the proposed Duke Energy rate increase**

Alderman Scott explained the draft resolution that he is asking the Board to approve.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to approve the Resolution opposing Duke Energy's proposed rate increase. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

Alderman Curtis said the Town needs to have a representative at the meetings discussing the proposed rate increases. He said I would ask Alderman Scott to serve as our representative. Mayor Collins said we need to delay this appointment until we determine who has the authority to appoint a representative.

**Discussion of possible dinner**

Alderman Scott said we need to have a dinner to show our appreciation to the ABC Board, TDA Board, the Planning Board and the news media. Mayor Collins said we will need a list of the persons on these boards. Alderman Scott and Alderman Handley agreed to work together to gather the necessary information.

**Other business**

Mayor Collins said the mural that the Macon County Art Association has on display at the Macon County Library has been offered to the Town. He said we can put the mural at Town Hall.

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Mayor Collins said the Indian Mound Committee has had several productive meetings. He said the next step is to do a survey of the property. He said then we could try to get grant money.

Mayor Collins said the Folk Festival committee has asked about the trash pickup. He said is it the committee members' responsibility to do the trash? Sam Greenwood said the town crew is not tasked to do these events. He said it would be an additional cost to the Town. Alderman Mashburn said we cannot use taxpayer's money to do trash for these events. He said we already do the town's events.

Departmental reports are attached.

**Closed session**

**At 8:12 P.M., motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to go into closed session with the mayor and board to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**At 8:35 P.M., motion was made by Handley, seconded by Mashburn to come out of closed session. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Open Session**

The Board took no further action and no other matters came before the Board.

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk