

Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen
Meeting Agenda
Monday July 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order- Mayor Bob Scott
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of July 7, 2014 Proposed Agenda
4. Approval of the June 2, 2014 Board Minutes
5. Public Session
6. New Business

Proclamation for Wilderness Act Celebration Day- Mayor Bob Scott

Amendment to the Town of Franklin Nuisance Ordinance- Land Use Administrator Justin Setser and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.

Privilege License Refund- Tax Collector Jessie Wilkins and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.

Western North Carolina Hospice House- Interim Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.

7. Legal

Lazy Hiker Subrogation Agreement- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.

Closed session- Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6), "to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appoint, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee".

8. Announcements

Applications for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Non-Profit Funding Pool are available at Town Hall and online at www.franklinnc.com.

The Town of Franklin will be hosting the joint meeting with Macon County and the Town of Highlands on Thursday July 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

9. Adjourn

July 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, July 7, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Adoption of July 7, 2014 Proposed Agenda

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Abel to approve the July 7, 2014 agenda with the following addition: New Business (E) – 911 address. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Dave Linn – I am involved in the Braveheart 5 K Run. We have around one hundred fifty-five persons per race. It is done on father day weekend. We would like Franklin to become involved in the event in the future.

Mayor Scott – You can do us a proposal.

Summer Woodard – Interim Town Manager – Asking for funds from the Franklin TDA might be a better choice since the organization promotes tourism.

Lisa Leatherman – Rotary Club of Franklin - Daybreak – On August 23, 2014 we will be having the Franklin River Fest. We have sponsorship from both the Franklin TDA and the TDC. We will be advertising the event next week.

Howell Derrick – Wayah Street – The repaving on Wayah Street is a band-aid. They are only doing 1 ½ inch instead of four inches. There is no reshaping of the manholes. The culvert under the sidewalk will not be repaired. They said they have no money at this time. They will come back in four to five years and do the four inches.

Mayor Scott – Our town manager can call about this tomorrow.

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Jim Blyler - Trimont Trail – The sidewalk on Harrison Avenue is not easy to walk on. There are no sidewalks in the commercial parts of town. You need to consider doing improvements on the sidewalks.

New Business – Proclamation for Wilderness Act Celebration Day

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Curtis to proclaim September 3, 2014 as Wilderness Act Celebration Day in Franklin. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

New Business – Amendment to the Town of Franklin Nuisance Ordinance

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Handley to amend the Town of Franklin Nuisance Ordinance and add a new section: 94.07 – Chronic Violators. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the ordinance is attached.

New Business – Privilege License Refund

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to refund privilege license fees in the amount of \$350.00 per the listing given by Jessie Wilkins to the Board because of the recent changes in the privilege license fees passed by the General Assembly. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Information copies are attached.

New Business – Western North Carolina Hospice House

Discussion – The Town would be monitoring the progress of the jobs created. The Town could be financially liable for the \$100,000.00. Construction would be started next year. There is only eighteen months from the time the grant is approved to hire the employees. The timeline of the grant does not match the timeline of the start of the construction.

Motion was made by Joyce, seconded by McRae to adopt the resolution Supporting Submission of an Application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program for the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, Inc. Motion failed. Voting yes: Handley and McRae. Voting no: Abel, Curtis, Jamison and Mashburn. Vote: 2 to 4. Information copies are attached.

New Business – 911 Address

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Abel to name the street between old town hall and the garage buildings as Lazy Hiker Trail as requested by Lazy Hiker, LLC. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Information copy is attached.

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Other Business

Departmental reports are attached.

Legal – Lazy Hiker Subrogation Agreement

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Jamison to approve the Subrogation Agreement and Consent to Lease Assignment with Lazy Hiker, LLC. Motion carried. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the agreement is attached.

Legal – Closed Session

At 8:00 P.M., on motion made by Handley, seconded by Curtis the Board went into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), “to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee”. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:00 P.M., on motion made by Jamison, seconded by McRae. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Open Session

Motion made by Curtis, seconded by Jamison to appoint Summer Woodard as Town Manager and to approve the contract presented to the Board for that purpose. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the contract is attached.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Abel to amend Chapter 31 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances, separating the duties of the offices of Town Clerk and Finance Officer. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the ordinance is attached.

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by McRae to appoint Chad Simons to the office of Town Clerk and Janet Anderson to the office of Finance Officer. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Mashburn to adopt a resolution appointing Jessie Wilkins as Tax Collector for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the resolution is attached.

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Adjournment

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Mashburn to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk