

Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen

Agenda

October 5, 2009

7 p.m.

1. Call to order – Mayor Collins
2. Approval of the September 8 and September 21, 2009 minutes
3. Public session
4. Consideration of proclamation for Mental Illness Awareness Week
5. Presentation on the implementation strategies for the Franklin Community Step Forward Program – Paul Combs
6. Consideration of resolution “Opposing Various Electricity Rate Increases For North Carolina”
7. Presentation on suggested Rules of Procedure for the Board of Aldermen
8. Update on Rabun County Wastewater Permit
9. Consideration of tax releases and minimum tax bills released
10. Appropriation of grant funds
11. Adjourn

REMINDER: The joint meeting between Macon County, the Town of Franklin and the Town of Highlands will be held Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Highlands Country Club.

**October 5, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Joyce Handley, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

**Approval of the minutes**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to approve the minutes for the September 8, 2009 and September 21, 2009 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public session**

Narelle Kirkland – Depot Street speed limit on the new section is 45 miles per hour. I am concerned about safety on Green Street. It is wide enough to paint the line in the center. Cars are in the middle of the road.

**Consideration of proclamation for Mental Illness Awareness Week**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to proclaim October 4, 2009 through October 10, 2009 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Franklin. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the proclamation is attached.**

**Presentation on the implementation strategies for the Franklin Community Step Forward Program – Paul Combs**

Michael Grubermann said the NC Step Leadership Team has met numerous times. He said the following persons served on this committee: Trevor Dalton, Barbara McRae, Betty Huffman, Bo Bryant, Bob Scott, Burma Keller, Carol Johnson, Chris Brouwer, Denton Higdon, Donnie Bishop, Edda Bennett, G. G. Puckett, Janet Gillespie, Janet Greene, Joyce Handley, June Hernandez, Linda Harbuck, Michael Grubermann, Paul Combs, Ron Winecoff, Ronnie Haven, Sissy Pattillo, Stephen Baldwin, Vickie Baldwin, Victor Keller and Virginia Cranfield. Paul Combs give a power point relating the team's recommendations. A copy is attached.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to endorse the NC Step Leadership Team's strategies and recommended projects and to implement the plan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Recess**

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

October 5, meeting continued,

**Consideration of resolution “Opposing Various Electricity Rate Increases for North Carolina”**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to adopt the resolution “Opposing Various Electricity Rate Increases for North Carolina”. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copy of the resolution is attached.**

**Petitions for Annexation**

Mayor Collins said we have received two petitions for annexation. He said one is from Lawrence A. and Tammy L. Gay. He said the second one is from Benjamin H. Rich. Copies of the petitions are attached.

Alderman Mashburn said I ask that I be recused from voting on these petitions since I am involved in preparing the petitions. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to recuse Alderman Mashburn from voting on these petitions. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Handley to adopt the resolution directing Janet Anderson to investigate the sufficiency of the petitions received. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Presentation on suggested Rules of Procedure for the Board of Aldermen**

Mike Decker did a power point on the Rules of Procedure for the Board of Aldermen. A copy is attached. Mayor Collins said I suggest we have discussion on this matter. Alderman Handley said I think we need to change our procedures. Alderman Scott said I have questions. Alderman Evans said why do we need it? Sam Greenwood said with established rules in place it would help new members. Mayor Collins said we need to consider having a meeting to discuss these suggested rules.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Mashburn to have a called meeting on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Update on Rabun County Wastewater Permit**

Alderman Scott said the Rabun County Wastewater permit will require ultraviolet disinfection treatment instead of chlorination. He said the Georgia Department of Natural Resources did not address interbasin water transfer. He said Sky Valley Resort is filing bankruptcy.

**Consideration of tax releases and minimum tax bills**

**Motion was made Curtis, seconded by Evans to approve the tax releases and the minimum tax bills as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Information copies are attached.**

**October 5, 2009 meeting continued,**

**Appropriation of grant funds**

Sam Greenwood said the Town received \$60,000.00 from the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund. He said the money will be used to assist Angel Medical Center in creating Angel Physicians Services. He said this will create five new jobs.

**Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Handley to appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 to Angel Medical Center. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Other business**

Alderman Handley said what is the status of the floodplain? Sam Greenwood said it is in the hands of DENR. He said we are still waiting on the validity of our protest.

Alderman Scott said the North Carolina Department of Transportation turned down our request for directional signs for the Veterans' Memorial site.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to send a demand letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for directional signs for the Veterans' Memorial site. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Department reports are attached.

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Mashburn to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

