

## **December 3, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 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 Curtis to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2012 and the November 27, 2012 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Handley, Jamison, Mashburn and Pattillo. Voting no: Scott.**

**Motion was made by Scott, with no second to attach newspaper articles to the November 27, 2012 minutes due to the lack of detail in the minutes. Motion failed. Vote: 1 to 5. Voting yes: Scott. Voting no: Curtis, Handley, Jamison, Mashburn and Pattillo.**

### **Public Session**

Matt Bateman – I am a native of Franklin. Venture Local was started in Franklin to help the local economy and to promote local businesses. Macon County News partnered with us to promote the businesses. We had Street Fest for four months. Our future plans are to include all of town. We want to have positive growth. I was at the November 27, 2012 meeting but I did not speak. I was involved in a lot of the planning of Street Fest. We did every step we knew about. For the first three events the banner was done. For the last event in October we could not do a banner. It would be a great idea to do a banner in the future. It helps the attendance of the events.

Betsy Gooder - I am the owner of Macon County News. We do 13,000 issues per week. There is a rift between the town and the businesses in town. I asked Linda Schlott about placing an ad in the Macon County News. She said no. She said advertising would be done in other areas. I think that the ad should have been divided between Macon County News and The Franklin Press. Ms. Schlott said there would be no advertising because of the negative articles in your paper. It is not her money. Alderman Pattillo and Alderman Handley came to my office to discuss this advertising. They were not very cooperative with me. Alderman Pattillo said hurtful comments to my reporter Brittany Parker about her actions during board meetings. Brittany was paralyzed during her senior year of high school. Sitting in a chair causes her pain. Brittany left the room crying. Ms. Schlott and I had an argument at the gazebo last summer. The aldermen should look into this situation.

## **December 3, 2012 meeting continued,**

Brittany Parker – I a reporter at the Macon County News. I received an apology from Alderman Pattillo this morning for her remarks during the meeting. She said I play with my hair and cross my legs in my chair. I cannot help these actions. I have a disability. These chairs are uncomfortable. The meeting is usually one to three hours long. I lose the feeling in my legs due to the injury I received during high school. I have numbness in my legs. I am not being disrespectful during the meeting. I have been covering these meetings for 1 ½ years. I feel like that there has been gossiping behind my back.

Larry Davis - I live at 61 Winston Street. Nobody has talked to me about water going into my garage. I have a speed bump in my driveway.

Alderman Curtis – We will be looking into this problem.

Sam Greenwood – We are gathering statements from various persons. These statements will be given to our attorney. Our attorney will be meeting with you about this manner.

Dan Williams – You bought a piece of land for a town center. It is a weed patch. You need to put a hunting camp on the property and turn it into a money maker.

### **New Business – Adoption of the 2013 Town Board Regular Meeting Schedule**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to adopt the 2013 Town Board Regular Meeting Schedule. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the schedule is attached.**

### **New Business – Adoption of the 2013 Holiday Schedule**

**Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Curtis to adopt the 2013 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the schedule is attached.**

### **New Business – Rezoning Petition for Todd Duvall**

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to send the rezoning petition for Todd Duvall to the Planning Board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **New Business – Picking on the Square**

Sam Greenwood – Town Manager – We need to improve the gazebo square for Picking on the Square. My suggestion is to use the parking lot at town hall while these improvements are completed. We would need to do some improvements in the parking lot.

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to do the improvements in the parking lot at town hall up to the amount in the budget. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**December 3, 2012 meeting continued,**

**Legal – Junk Car Ordinance**

John Henning, Jr. – Town Attorney – I recommend that the ordinance for junked and abandoned vehicles be adopted tonight with an effective date of February 1, 2013.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to adopt an Ordinance Regulating Junked and Abandoned Vehicles. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copy of ordinance is attached.**

**Other Business**

Alderman Scott – Every public meeting needs to have full minutes. The minutes for the November 27, 2012 meeting did not have enough details.

Alderman Scott – We cannot withhold advertising to control stories.

Sam Greenwood – I am giving you a Town Manager Transition Report. A copy is attached.

Departmental reports are attached.

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Jamison to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk