

June 13, 2005 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Monday, June 13, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following items: (1) the public hearing on the proposed 2005-06 Town budget, (2) discussion and consideration of adoption of the 2005-06 budget, (3) petition for rezoning – McCoy heirs, (4) departmental and committee reports. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Edwin Hall, Billy Mashburn, Charles Roper, Bob Scott and Jim Williamson were present.

Public hearing on the proposed 2005-06 budget

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the proposed 2005-06 budget at 7:01 P.M. No persons were present to speak on the budget. Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:02 P.M.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to come back into open session. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Discussion and consideration of adoption of the 2005-06 budget

Alderman Scott said I would like to give a flat amount raise instead of a four percent raise. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Roper to give a same amount of raise to each employee and look at giving individual performance raises at a later time. Motion failed. Vote 2 to 4. Voting yes: Roper and Scott. Voting no: Curtis, Hall, Mashburn and Williamson.** Mayor Collins said there is no setup at this time to give a merit raise. Alderman Williamson said the Budget Committee put together a good budget in good faith. **Motion was made by Scott to give Pete Haithcock and Tim Chavis each a four percent raise and give an additional \$3,000.00 to Pete Haithcock and an additional \$2,000.00 to Tim Chavis. The motion failed for a lack of a second. Motion was made by Williamson, seconded by Mashburn to adopt the 2005-06 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 2. Voting yes: Curtis, Hall, Mashburn and Williamson. Voting no: Roper and Scott. A copy of the budget is attached.**

Petition for rezoning – McCoy heirs

Motion was made by Williamson, seconded by Curtis to refer the rezoning petitions on to the Planning Board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Departmental and committee reports

Mike Decker said the Dan Williams' case is scheduled for jury trial during the week of September 26, 2005.

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Mike Decker said a portion of the new sewer line being installed to serve Macon Middle School was washed away. He said Joel Storrow with McGill Associates said they are assessing the situation.

Mike Decker said we are withdrawing the Town's 201 Facilities Plan for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. He said by doing this it should move the Trunk Sewer Line along.

Mike Decker said Jeff Bishop with McGill Associates has asked the Town to guarantee the first payment to the contractor on the West Main Street Water Line Project so it can get started. He said we have received an e-mail from Vince Tomaino with the state that the loan status will not be jeopardized by paying for the project up front and seeking reimbursement later. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Mashburn to go ahead with the project and guarantee the first payment to the contractor. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Mike Decker said we are still waiting on a quote for our property/liability insurance. He said we may need to have a brief meeting later in the month.

Mike Decker said the annual Consumer Confidence Report is available. A copy is attached.

Mike Decker said Cindy Jarvis has asked for 3,000 gallons per day allocation of water and sewer to her property on Morrison Church Road. Alderman Curtis said this is a private line beyond the Welcome Center. He said she should make arrangement with the owner of the system. Mayor Collins said we need Rebecca Crawford to check on this project to see if it is appealing and upscale. Alderman Curtis said can we regulate this? Mayor Collins said yes by controlling the water and sewer allocations. Alderman Scott said if we have no plan in place, how are we going to handle this development? Mayor Collins said we can let Mrs. Crawford look at their plans. Alderman Williamson said we need a copy of a letter from Dean Durm that they have allowed her to hook on to their system. Mayor Collins asked the Water/Sewer Committee to look at the line.

Mike Decker said Bobby Key received a fax regarding Mediacom's petition to the FCC from R. F. Sepe asking the Town to let him intervene on our behalf. Alderman Scott said it seems to me he is soliciting for services. Alderman Williamson said Mr. Decker can talk to the League staff.

Janet Anderson presented some budget amendments. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Williamson to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Copies are attached.**

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Adjournment

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

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk