

**August 3, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, August 3, 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 Pattillo, seconded by Handley to approve the minutes for the July 6, 2009 and July 23, 2009 meetings as presented with the following change: “to table the Macon County Public Library request.” Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Public session**

Gary Bray said the Rotary Club is asking that you help fund veterans in the Honor Air Program going to Washington, D.C. He said the flight will be on October 31, 2009. He said the cost to send three veterans and one rotary member is \$1,800.00. Mayor Collins said we did not receive anything in the agenda package. Mr. Bray said we need the money by August 31, 2009 so that we can purchase the tickets. John Henning, Jr. said this would be a public purpose. Sam Greenwood said you will need to waive the application process due to the time constraints.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to waive the application process for this request. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to fund three veterans and one guardian out of the funding pool in the amount of \$1,800.00. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Request from non-profit funding – Macon County Care Network**

Vanessa Bailey said Macon County Care Network is requesting \$5,000.00 to be used as follows: (1) \$4,000.00 – food, (2) \$500.00 – awning and (3) \$500.00 – water bills. Information copies are attached. Alderman Evans said have you asked Macon County for money? Ms. Bailey said no. Alderman Curtis said a lot of persons are out of jobs.

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Curtis to give \$5,000.00 to Macon County Care Network out of the non-profit funding. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**August 3, 2009 meeting continued,**

**Discussion/consideration of revision to the longevity policy**

Sam Greenwood said my suggestion is to put a cap of ten years on the amount of time that the Town will recognize from another employer for longevity service.

**Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Mashburn to approve the following change to the longevity policy: “recognize a maximum of seven years of other service within the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System”. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Revised copy is attached.**

**Authorization to purchase generator for the police department/fire and rescue**

Sam Greenwood said we have a proposal from Bumgarner Electric Company for a new generator to be shared by the new police building and the fire station. He said the quote is for \$47,775.00. Copies are attached. Mayor Collins said we need to get other competitive bids. Alderman Scott said we need to look into using propane gas instead of natural gas due to a possible break in the line. Mr. Greenwood said we can get informal bids locally.

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to authorize Sam Greenwood to get informal bids on the generator. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Little Tennessee River/Cartoogechaye Creek Trunk Sewer Line**

Sam Greenwood said Macon County has revised the budget on the Little Tennessee River/Cartoogechaye Creek Trunk Sewer Line. Information copies are attached. He said the Town’s portion is \$471,000.00. He said the Town may want to borrow this money.

**Riverbend Estates Water System Improvements**

Sam Greenwood said Macon County is putting water to Riverbend Estates. He said the Town may want to upgrade the eight inch water line to a twelve inch water line. He said I am getting an estimate from the engineers of the difference in cost.

**Mill Creek**

Sam Greenwood said Mill Creek will be master metered in the future. He said there will be a separate license in the future.

**Update on contested case with Duke Energy – Alderman Curtis**

Alderman Curtis said we will be meeting later this week with our attorney about the Duke Energy case.

**August 3, 2009 meeting continued,**

**Consideration of revision of fees for the planning department – Michael Grubermann**

Michael Grubermann explained the proposed revision of fees for the planning department. Detailed copies are attached.

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Evans to approve the revision of fees for the planning department. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Reminder of change in September regular meeting date**

Sam Greenwood said the September regular meeting would be Tuesday, September 8, 2009 due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Other business**

Mayor Collins said I am proud of the town hall project. He said I have no regrets.

Alderman Scott said what is the status of the no smoking policy. Sam Greenwood said signs need to be posted and we need regulations.

Alderman Scott said there are ten parking spaces in front of town hall. He said we do not need that many spaces. Sam Greenwood said there are five spaces plus one handicap space.

Department reports are attached.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

