

January 8, 2007 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special called meeting on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to present the following items: (1) public hearing on the proposed Principles of Growth, (2) consideration of adoption of Principles of Growth, (3) recommendation from interview committee regarding the town planner position, (4) discussion regarding funding for wastewater and water projects, (5) discussion regarding recruiter for engineering position, (6) departmental and committee reports as needed and (7) reminder that the town offices will be closed on January 15, 2007. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo, Charles Roper and Bob Scott were present.

Mike Decker briefly explained the process used to develop the proposed Principles of Growth. He said there are ten principles. He said we are now ready to have a public hearing for comment on the proposed Principles of Growth.

Public hearing on the proposed Principles of Growth

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the proposed Principles of Growth at 7:05 P.M. The following persons spoke at the hearing.

Fred Alexander – I want to commend the Mayor and Board for starting the process.

Narelle Kirkland – I want to congratulate you. This is the place for me. As you expand please remember the small town atmosphere.

Barbara McRae – Thank you for your thoughtful approach. I am impressed with the Principles of Growth. Maple Street is very nice with all the sidewalks.

Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Consideration of adoption of Principles of Growth

Alderman Pattillo said I want to commend the group for their work. She said we need to move forward and pass the principles tonight and move on to the next step. Alderman Scott said it was a great job by the group. Alderman Curtis said I sat through all the meetings with a lot of different points of view at the beginning. He said I think we have what we need for Franklin. Alderman Roper said I agree. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to adopt the Principles of Growth. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

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Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Rezoning code rewrite

Mike Decker said we need to move on in the process of developing a new code. He said I am suggesting the following five things be done first: (1) establish a housing committee, (2) develop gateway corridor plans, (3) develop a collaborative strategy for the greenway, (4) requiring an analysis of traffic impacts as part of the development review process and (5) develop a more consistent dialogue with Macon County.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to set up a meeting with Macon County before the end of February. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Discussion regarding funding for wastewater and water projects

Mayor Collins said Mike Decker and I met with Pam Hysong today about potential funding sources. He said we need between four to six million dollars for our projects. He said I talked to Bill Gibson today and he indicated that there is no grant money available at this time. He said I suggest that we borrow the money. He said we have a loan payment of \$110,000.00 every six months that will be paid off in about two years. He said if we borrow four million at four percent for fifteen years the payment would be \$180,000.00 every six months. Mayor Collins said the raw water intake is not part of the four million dollar package. Alderman Evans said I think we need to go ahead and do it. He said doing these projects should extend the life of the wastewater treatment plant. Alderman Pattillo said we need to act. Alderman Scott said we need to go ahead. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to apply at the local banks and get a rate for the loan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Discussion regarding “recruiter” for engineering position

Mike Decker said you have information from Michael S. Norton concerning his services for finding an engineer for the Town. A copy is attached. He said the fee is around thirty percent of the first year’s salary. Mayor Collins said we need to explore the community. He said this position may not need to be full time. Alderman Scott said we can run an ad asking for semi-retired and retired applicants. The Board agreed to run an ad locally and in surrounding counties.

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Departmental and committee reports as needed

Mike Decker said Tim Ryan has submitted a petition for rezoning. **Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Scott to pass on the petition for rezoning on to the Planning Board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Mike Decker said Alderman Scott has asked that the March meeting be moved to the second Monday of the month . He said we can decide at the February meeting.

Alderman Evans said the Burrell Building is leaking. He said we need a new roof. The Board instructed Jay Gibson to get bids on replacing the roof.

Alderman Curtis said I want to recommend that Jay Gibson get a raise of \$2,500.00 per year. Alderman Evans said we need to go ahead with it. Mayor Collins said this is unusual. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to give Jay Gibson a raise of \$2,500.00 per year. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Town offices closed on January 15

Mike Decker said the town offices will be closed on January 15, 2007 for Martin Luther King's Day.

Closed session

The Board went into closed session at 7:45 P.M., on motion by Evans, seconded by Curtis to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:25 P.M., on motion by Evans, seconded by Roper. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Recommendation from interview committee regarding town planner position

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to hire Mike Grubermann as Planner/Enforcement Person for \$32,400 per year and to hire Angela Moore as GIS Analyst and other planning department duties as directed for \$25,400.00 per year. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk