

November 5, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, November 5, 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 Curtis, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes for the October 1, 2012 and October 11, 2012 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Martha Holbrooks – I am a native of Franklin. I am the owner of the Rosebud Cottage. Our goal is to shop local. We are trying to bring shoppers to downtown. We have been having Street Fest on one Friday night during the months of July through October. Around six hundred people have attended each time. A movie was shown at the last event in October. There has been an increase of younger shoppers. We need the banner across the street. These events help us economically. We need the help and support of the Board.

Rob Gasbarro - I am co-owner of Outdoors 76. My family has invested everything in the People's store. It is our children future. There will be two new businesses beside our business at this location. Venture Local has helped to get information into the community. I don't know about the banner. There is no communication and no dialogue. I encourage you to set up a meeting for a change.

Cory McCall – I own Outdoors 76 with Mr. Gasbarro. I am a native of Franklin. I had the opportunity to go elsewhere but I chose to stay in Franklin. Communication is the key. We cannot exist without you. Decisions inside town hall affect my business. I am giving you a handout relating the sales during the Street Fest during each month. Copies are attached.

Mayor Collins – All three persons spoke about a need for better communication between the merchants and town hall. We need to get a dialogue started between Main Street, the merchants and town hall. We are not big enough for two groups. We need to try to arrange the proper form for further discussion.

Alderman Scott – I have concerns about the lack of communication. We may need to have mid month meetings to discuss these items.

Alderman Pattillo – We could arrange an initial meeting and get each group's thoughts. The Main Street Program has been formed for the last six years. It is a state program.

Mayor Collins – We will arrange the proper form for a meeting.

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Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Public Session Continued

Larry Davis - I live at 61 Winston Street. My driveway was damaged when the town's contractor put in a sewer line. I want my driveway to be fixed back like it was before the work was done. They have fixed three of the four driveways. Water is going into my garage after the work was done.

Sam Greenwood – The contractor, Jay Gibson and you can meet about this problem.

Larry Davis – I have already met with Jay Gibson and the problem has not been fixed.

Mayor Collins – The Water/Sewer Committee will also meet with the contractor, Jay Gibson and you about this problem.

Administrative Report – Report on Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating

Fire Chief Warren Cabe – We now have the following Classes: Class 3 – Inside town and Class 4 – Rural up to five miles. This is the lowest rate in Macon County. With this change in rating property owners will be receiving a lower insurance premium beginning in 2013. We need to maintain this rating by continuing to do training and maintaining water lines in the system.

New Business – Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to proclaim the month of November 2012 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and November 15, 2012 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day in Franklin, North Carolina. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

New Business – Briefing on Taste of Scotland Festival

Doug Morton – I am planning the Taste of Scotland Festival for 2013. It will be a three day event instead of a one day event. We will be getting clans for 2013. We need advertising help from the town. We are doing sponsorships instead of donations. Sponsorships will be as low as \$50.00.

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New Business – Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Audit

Matt Braswell – Martin-Starnes & Associates – The Town received an unqualified opinion on its financial statements, which is the best opinion that can be given in an independent audit. During the power point presentation, the following items were discussed: property taxes, fund balance and current year revenues and expenditures. A copy of the power point is attached.

New Business – Resolution Directing the Town Attorney to Petition the Superior Court

Derek Roland – Town Planner – On July 12, 2011, a petition was received from six residents about the condition of the property located on 65 Ridgewood Drive. On July 2, 2012, notice was given to the property owner about the hearing to be held on July 27, 2012. On July 31, 2012 a letter was given to the property owner about the violation of the Minimum Housing Standards Code (Exhibit A) to alter and repair the property within 90 days. The 90 days has now elapsed. Copy of Exhibit A is attached.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to adopt the resolution directing the Town Attorney to petition the Superior Court for an order directing the owner of the property to comply with the order of the Town Planner, as authorized by N.C.G.S. 160A-446(g). Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business - Resolution Approving Water Shortage Response Plan

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to adopt the Resolution Approving the Water Shortage Response Plan for the Town of Franklin. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the resolution and Water Shortage Response Plan are attached.

Legal – Junk Car Ordinance

Since Attorney John Henning, Jr. was absent from the meeting, the Board postponed discussion on the proposed Junk Car Ordinance.

Legal – Drug and Alcohol Policy

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Jamison to adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.

Other Business

Departmental reports are attached.

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Adjournment

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk