

February 6, 2006

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo, Charles Roper and Bob Scott were present.

Approval of the minutes

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to approve the minutes for the January 2, 2006, January 14, 2006 and January 31, 2006 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Persons to be heard

June Hernandez said I am representing the Streets of Franklin. She said we are requesting that you find a new location for the sixteen paper bins on Main Street. She said our suggestion is to put all the bins together at (1) the alley near Wachovia Bank, (2) in front of the Burrell Building or (3) along side People's across from the courthouse. Alderman Evans said do the owners of the bins have permission from the business owners to put these bins in front of their businesses? Beth Seay with *Macon News* said we have permission before we put out our papers. Alderman Scott said I agree with the Streets of Franklin there is a problem. Alderman Pattillo said we need to talk to the realty group first. Alderman Scott said if we move them to one location it would improve the appearance of Main Street. Alderman Pattillo said we need to talk to them first. Mayor Collins said we could mail a letter to the owners. Alderman Curtis said we could contact the owners and allow them to have some input. John Henning, Jr. said we may need to look at creating an ordinance. Alderman Curtis, Alderman Pattillo and Alderman Scott agreed to work with the Streets of Franklin on this request.

Dan Williams said I came to the November meeting when the December meeting was changed to Tuesday. He said you did not notify me when the meeting was changed again. Mayor Collins said we went through the proper channels.

Departmental reports

Fire Chief Pete Haithcock gave the fire department report. A copy of the report is attached. He said the fire department wants to purchase a vehicle from Macon County for \$1,850.00 to be used for a command post. He said we need give our budget to the county by April. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to purchase the vehicle from Macon County for \$1,850.00. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

Alderman Mashburn joined the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

February 6, 2006 meeting continued,

Public Works Director Jay Gibson said the bid opening on the raw water intake for the water treatment plant will be on February 14, 2006. He said the cost for repairing part of the broken windows at the Jaycee Park will be around \$450.00. Alderman Pattillo said we may need to get prices on new windows that are more rock proof. Police Chief Terry Bradley said we need some hours of operation for the park. Alderman Scott said we need to put up more lights. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to replace the windows with the lowest bid. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.** Alderman Roper, Alderman Scott, Police Chief Bradley and Jay Gibson will come back with a recommendation on hours of operation for the Jaycee Park.

Police Chief Terry Bradley gave the police department report. A copy of the report is attached.

Town Planner Rebecca Crawford said in January I had a total of ninety-five walk-in visits or phone calls. A copy of the report is attached. She said I attended a Main Street Program Conference in Salisbury. She said the Main Street application was submitted at the end of January.

Discussion regarding water service to the new Crystal Falls Specialty Shops – Dorothy Dinnes

Dorothy Dinnes said I need water service to my new shops on the Georgia Road. Jay Gibson said the water line is to the intersection. He said they need to extend the line to their property around Terrell Road. She said I have a two inch water tap at the Mexican restaurant now. She said I need to get temporary water to the doctor's office that is opening next month. Al Slagle with the state said her current well is contaminated. He said it would be better if she could get on town water. Alderman Mashburn said she needs to have a separate tap for each piece of property. Mayor Collins said we could pay the difference between a two inch water line and a six inch water line. Mike Decker said our extension policy already asks for a six inch water line. Alderman Evans, Alderman Mashburn and Jay Gibson agreed to look at the site for a solution. The Board agreed to allow Mrs. Dinnes to temporarily tie onto the existing tap so that the doctor's office could open on time.

Consideration of multi-family development

Neil Enloe –Franklin Golf Course

Neil Enloe said I am planning to build eight townhouse rental units and a vested right to build four more on Woodland Drive. Rebecca Crawford said his plans meet all the zoning requirements. **Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Scott to approve Mr. Enloe's plans for his development on Woodland Drive. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Evans, Pattillo, Roper and Scott. Voting no: Mashburn.**

February 6, 2006 meeting continued,

Sean Callahan – Wysteria Place

Sean Callahan said I am looking to build twenty-two townhouses on a 4.32 acre tract along Ulco Drive. Alderman Evans said where is the stormwater going? Mr. Callahan said there is a basin for the stormwater. Rebecca Crawford said he has met all the zoning requirements. Jay Gibson said we need water and sewer plans. Mr. Callahan said I am putting in a six inch water line and an eight inch sewer line. He said we still have to do final engineering plans. **Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to approve the plans for Wysteria Place. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Mayor Collins called the meeting back to order at 8:30 P.M.

Consideration of hiring Egan & Briggs for rewrite of the town zoning code

Mike Decker said the contracted cost of doing the project is as follows: rewriting the zoning code - \$28,000.00, doing the land inventory - \$4,000.00 and doing the Principles of Growth - \$8,000.00. He said the total cost would be \$40,000.00 and there is no money in this year's budget. Alderman Evans said I don't disagree that this needs to be done but that is a lot of money. Mr. Decker said it will take between ten to fourteen months to complete the project. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to contract with Egan & Briggs for a cost of \$40,000.00 to do the rewrite of the zoning code. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Mashburn, Pattillo, Roper and Scott. Voting no: Evans.**

Petitions for rezoning

Mike Decker said the rezoning requests from Holland Corp. and Joe Taylor will be passed on to the Planning Board for a recommendation. He said a recommendation is now required by state law.

Recommendation from the Tourism and Development Committee regarding the Taste of Scotland

Alderman Curtis said a budget for the Taste of Scotland of \$5,000.00 is attached. Alderman Evans said what happens to the money that is charged to the vendors? Alderman Pattillo said all the money will be accounted for. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to give \$5,000.00 for the Taste of Scotland and to require an accounting of the money. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

February 6, 2006 meeting continued,

Request for use of the Burrell Building for folk festival

Mike Decker said we have received a request from Janet Greene to use the Burrell Building on June 9 and June 10 for a folk festival. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Mashburn to allow the group to use the Burrell Building on June 9 and June 10, 2006 for a folk festival. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Stewart Street parking – Alderman Scott

Alderman Scott said there is a traffic hazard on Stewart Street. He said there is a sight hazard for walkers. He said I would like to remove the parking on Stewart Street. He said we can add parking spaces where the loading zone is located now. **Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Mashburn to allow no parking on Stewart Street and to put parking in the loading zone area on Phillips Street. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Reminder of sesquicentennial closing ceremony

Mike Decker said the closing ceremony for the sesquicentennial will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church.

Additional departmental and committee reports

Alderman Evans said we need to meet with our engineers and get prices on replacing water lines inside Town. He said Mike Decker needs to get with the North Carolina Department of Transportation about the signal light at the Chamber of Commerce. He said also we need to talk about stopping big trucks going down Wayah Street.

Alderman Pattillo said the Street and Sidewalk Committee wants to organize a town wide cleanup involving the clubs, the schools and the neighborhoods. She said we will have more details of this event at the March meeting.

Alderman Evans said we need to get more trash cans for Main Street. He said I understand that the locks are broken. Mayor Collins said we can get with J & B about what needs to be replaced.

Mike Decker said I need a committee to work with me to handle the interviewing for the custodial and Main Street coordinator positions. Mayor Collins, Alderman Pattillo and Alderman Scott agreed to serve on the committee.

Mike Decker said the report from Alpha Environmental Sciences, Inc. on the Burrell Building indicates that there are no problems with asbestos, lead-based paint or mold.

February 6, 2006 meeting continued,

Mike Decker said per the suggestion from the Region A staff that we need to do a space needs analysis, I talked to Lee Galloway and he indicated that Waynesville did one at a cost of \$20,000.00. The Board did not take any action.

Mike Decker said Jay Gibson and I are working on doing an emergency spill response plan for the state Division of Water Quality.

Mike Decker said there is loan funds available at 4.5% interest from the USDA Rural Development that we may want to consider for repairing some of our infiltration and inflow problems.

Mike Decker said Scott Cook with the North Carolina Department of Transportation wants to know if the Town would accept timber poles instead of metal ones for the new signal light planned at the intersection of Depot Street and Wayah Street. Alderman Pattillo said it has gone a long time already and the arms are a lot better.

Mike Decker said Barbara White with the Volunteer Resource Center wants to know if it is okay for her agency to sell raffle tickets at the Burrell Building as part of a fund-raising event. The Board asked John Henning, Jr. to give an opinion on this request.

Water adjustments and payment of the bills

Water adjustments for January and payment of the bills were approved on motion made by Curtis, seconded by Scott. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk