

## **January 31, 2006 meeting,**

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to have a presentation on the forms of government by the North Carolina League of Municipalities staff.

Board members present were:

Mayor Joe Collins  
Alderman Verlin Curtis  
Alderman Jerry Evans  
Alderman Billy Mashburn  
Alderman Carolyn Pattillo  
Alderman Charles Roper  
Alderman Bob Scott. Alderman Scott joined the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Also present were the following persons:

Rob Shepherd – NCLM  
Angela Green – NCLM  
Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk  
Mike Decker, Town Administrator  
John Henning, Jr. – Town Attorney  
Beth Seay – Reporter with *Macon County News*  
Merritt Shaw – Reporter with *The Franklin Press*

Between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M., the meeting started with a meal.

### **Presentation on the forms of government**

Rob Shepherd explained the differences between the Mayor-Council Form of Government and the Council-Manager Form of Government. He also explained the manager's powers and duties, when to move to the Council-Manager form and how the town charter is amended. Information copies are attached. Mr. Shepherd explained the mayor's role, the manager's role, the council's expectation of the manager and the manager's expectation of the council under the Council-Manager Form of Government. Information copies are attached. He said it is important to be sure that the board is ready for the change. Mr. Shepherd suggested that the board might want to give the town administrator the same statutory duties as a town manager on a trial basis and see how it works before changing to the Council-Manager Form of Government. He said you also have in your package the necessary information and documents for doing a charter amendment. Information copies are attached.

**January 31, 2006 meeting continued,**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk