

Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen

Agenda

December 2, 2013

7:00 p.m.

1. Oath of Office for Mayor and Aldermen- Macon County Clerk of Court Vic Perry
2. Call to Order- Mayor Bob Scott
3. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore
4. Approval of the November 4, 2013 board minutes.
5. Public session

6. New business
 - A.) Message from Mayor Bob Scott.
 - B.) Application to amend text only of the Unified Development Ordinance for Outdoor Display of Goods- Land Use Administrator Derek Roland.
 - C.) Application to amend text only of the Unified Development Ordinance for the Board of Adjustment- Land Use Administrator Derek Roland.
 - D.) Approval of the 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting Schedule- Town Manager Warren Cabe.
 - E.) Approval of the 2014 Town of Franklin Holiday Schedule- Town Manager Warren Cabe.
 - F.) Discussion on Committee Appointments- Mayor Bob Scott
 - G.) Update on Land Trust for the Little Tennessee- Town Manager Warren Cabe.
 - H.) Update on North Carolina Department of Transportation Prioritization Projects- Town Manager Warren Cabe.
 - I.) Resolution Authorizing the Town Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of a Voluntary Annexation Petition- Land Use Administrator Derek Roland.
 - J.) Special Use Application for Wireless Telecommunications Tower Improvements at 90 Cunningham Road- Land Use Administrator Derek Roland
 - K.) Discussion on 2014 Town Board Retreat- Town Manager Warren Cabe.

7. Announcements
 - A.) Winter Wonderland will be December 6 and December 13, 2013 from 5:00 -8:00 p.m.
 - B.) Town Employee Luncheon will be December 20, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at Fat Buddies.
 - C.) Town Offices will be closed December 24, 25, and 26, 2013 for Christmas.

8. Adjourn

December 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Bob Scott presided. Aldermen Patti Abel, Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn and Barbara McRae were present.

Oath of Office

Vic Perry, Macon County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Mayor Bob Scott.

Vic Perry, Macon County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Alderman Barbara McRae.

Vic Perry, Macon County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Alderman Patti Abel.

Vic Perry, Macon County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Alderman Billy Mashburn.

Call to Order

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order.

Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Handley to nominate Alderman Curtis to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Angela Moore – The Planning Board is looking at regulating outdoor displays. The businesses are putting the goods on their own property. You may not need to regulate this matter.

New Business – Message from Mayor Bob Scott

I want to thank Mayor Collins and Alderman Pattillo for their service. This is a new beginning. We have excellent staff. I would like to see the Whitmire property be used for the public. We also need to discuss the Nikwasi Mound and the Greenway. We need to get the younger generation involved. The Town needs to get more involved in social media. I have created a new School Committee that Alderman McRae has agreed to serve on. I want to have a town hall meeting in January. I want to give the board an opportunity to speak about their goals.

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Alderman Handley – We need to keep our eyes and ears open for the needs of what is happening in town.

Alderman Jamison – We need to have plans for the expansion of the water system. We need to look at our surplus properties.

Alderman Mashburn – We need to continue working on water and sewer needs.

Alderman Curtis – I agree with Alderman Mashburn about working on water and sewer. I would like to sell the surplus properties.

Alderman McRae – There are a lot of empty buildings inside town. We need to try to get these buildings occupied again. We need to have a presence in the schools.

Alderman Abel – We need to look at water and sewer projects. We need to look into the empty buildings inside town. We need to give a voice to property owners inside town.

Recess

Mayor Scott recessed the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Mayor Scott reconvened the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

New Business – Application to Amend Text Only of the Unified Development Ordinance for Outdoor Display of Goods

Motion was made by Jamison, seconded Handley to forward application to amend text only of the Unified Development Ordinance for Outdoor Display of Goods to the Planning Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Application to Amend Text Only of the Unified Development Ordinance for the Board of Adjustment

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to forward application to amend text only of the Unified Development Ordinance for the Board of Adjustment to the Planning Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Approval of the 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to approve the 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting Schedule and to file a copy of the approved schedule with the Town Clerk. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the schedule is attached.

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New Business – Approval of the 2014 Town of Franklin Holiday Schedule

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the schedule is attached.

New Business – Discussion on Committee Appointments

Mayor Scott – Alderman Handley has asked to be removed from the Macon Program for Progress Board. I would be willing to serve.

John Henning, Jr. – Town Attorney – We may need to change the committee structure. If we have two persons on the committee it will be a public body. We may need to just have one person serve as a liaison.

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Jamison to table the committee appointments until the January meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Update on Land Trust for the Little Tennessee

Warren Cabe – Town Manager – The Land Trust is doing an application with DENR for admission to the North Carolina Brownfield Program. The Land Trust has asked for the Town support for the application.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Handley to authorize Town Manager Warren Cabe to send a letter of support to endorse the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee application for admission to the North Carolina Brownfield Program. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Update on North Carolina Department of Transportation Prioritization Projects

Warren Cabe – Town Manager – The North Carolina Department of Transportation notified us about seven days before the deadline for new prioritization projects – bicycle and pedestrian. Due to the lack of time we could not ask for input from the Board. Our recommendations were: (1) Depot Street – construct missing sections of sidewalk along west side of Depot Street and construct new sidewalk along east side; (2) West Palmer Street and West Main Street (US 441 Business); Porter Street – construct sidewalk eastward along West Palmer to Porter Street Intersection, then northward along Porter Street to Porter Street West Main Intersection, then Eastward along West Main to intersection of West Main and Harrison Avenue; (3) West Palmer Street, Old Murphy Road, Sloan Road, Carolina Drive, Roller Mill Road, Orchard View Drive – construct sidewalk loop.

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New Business – Resolution Authorizing the Town Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of a Voluntary Annexation Petition

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Jamison to table the resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of a Voluntary Annexation Petition until next month. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Special Use Application for Wireless Telecommunications Tower Improvements

Derek Roland – Land Use Administrator – AT&T wants to add six antennas at the cell tower located at 90 Cunningham Road. This addition will not be a substantial change.

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Jamison to accept the Land Use Administrator Derek Roland certification of the sufficiency of the application and approve the Special Use Application to AT&T. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business – Discussion on 2014 Town Board Retreat

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by McRae to set the Town Board Retreat on January 18, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. in the town board room at 95 East Main Street. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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Other Business

Departmental reports are attached.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Bob Scott, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

