# May 2, 2011

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

# **Approval of the minutes**

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to approve the minutes for the April 4, 2011 and April 7, 2011 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

### **Public Session**

Mayor Collins presented a certificate of appreciation to the following LBJ students: Kareem Ellerbee, Donald Gill and Clarence Jones. Copies of the certificates are attached.

Kareem Ellerbee and Clarence Jones gave an update of the project started in May and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

# Resolution opposing Senate Bill 183 the "Billboard Bill"

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to approve the resolution opposing Senate Bill 183 the "Billboard Bill". Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. A copy of the resolution is attached.

### **Tax Refund Requests**

John Henning, Jr. recommended approving the tax refunds due to clerical error. Information copies are attached.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to approve the tax refunds due to clerical error to the following persons: Steven E. Philo Trust, Reginald Bruce Holland and Walter Hunter. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

# To go on record opposing Senate Bill 773 the "Electronic notice of public hearings"

Alderman Scott said I am opposed to the bill requiring only electronic notice of public hearings. He said there are persons with no access to the web because they do not have a computer. Information copies are attached.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to oppose Senate Bill 773 the "Electronic notice of public hearings". Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

# **Tax discount discussion**

Sam Greenwood said the state indicated to me that they had no record of the resolution of the Town of Franklin offering a tax discount. He said we will need to pass a resolution passing the discount and send it to the state if the Board wants to continue the discount.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to adopt the resolution adopting a schedule of tax discounts. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Handley, Mashburn and Pattillo. Voting no: Soctt. A copy of the resolution is attached.

# **Budget Request from the Scottish Tartans Museum**

Sam Greenwood said Janet Greene has requested \$4,680.00 to help pay the debt off on their T-shirt machine. He said the money would be used for capital outlay. Alderman Scott said I suggest that we wait to the May 16, 2011 continuation meeting since we have not received the proper documentation. Alderman Curtis said any additional funds needs to be put in the non-profit funding pool and let them request it with the other organizations.

# **Other business**

Mayor Collins said persons are complaining about rocks left in their yards from the work done by the contractors on utility projects. Sam Greenwood said the contractor will have to restore the yards as close as possible to the same condition before doing the work. Alderman Mashburn said can they dress up the yards after certain phases? John Henning, Jr. said we only have the retainage to enforce this work. Mr. Greenwood said the contractor cannot hook up the houses until the end of the project.

Alderman Curtis said Michael Grubermann has the list of property owners included in the proposed floodplain. He said I think we need to mail out letter to each of these property owners stating that the Town is considering entering into the flood insurance program.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Pattillo to mail a letter to each property owner that is included in the proposed floodplain. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Departmental reports are attached.

### **Continuation of meeting**

At 7:20 P.M., motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to continue the May 2, 2011 meeting to Monday, May 16, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

### Call to order

The regular May 2, 2011 meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was continued at 5:30 P.M., Monday, May 16, 2011 in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present. Alderman Mashburn was absent.

# **Board member absence**

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to excuse Alderman Billy Mashburn from the meeting due to vacation plans. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

## **Budget request from the Scottish Tartans Museum**

Janet Greene said the Scottish Tartans Museum is requesting \$4,680.00 to help pay off the T-shirt machine. She said this money will not be used for operating expenses. She said the paperwork is complete.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to give \$4,680.00 to the Scottish Tartans Museum to pay down the debt on the T-shirt machine. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

# Appoint agents from the Center for Municipal Solutions as advisors for the proposed cell tower on Gaston Street

Michael Grubermann said it is my recommendation that Jackie Hicks and Lawrence Monroe with the Center for Municipal Solutions be appointed to advise us on the proposed cell tower on Gaston Street. Information copies are attached.

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to appoint Jackie Hicks and Lawrence Monroe with the Center for Municipal Solutions as advisors for the proposed cell tower on Gaston Street. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

### **Tourism Development Authority appointment**

Sam Greenwood said we are recommending appointing Ellen Jenkins to the Tourism Development Authority for a three year term.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to appoint Ellen Jenkins to the Tourism Development Authority for a three year term. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

# Presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget

Sam Greenwood said I am presenting the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget to the Board along with my budget message. Copies are attached.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

# To consider a resolution in support of the Angel/Mission Hospital merger

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to have John Henning, Jr. write a resolution in support of the Angel and Mission Hospital merger. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

# **Appointment by Aldermen to fill vacant Alderman seat**

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to appoint Farrell Jamison to fill the vacant alderman seat caused from the death of Alderman Jerry Evans. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

### Fire truck purchase

Alderman Scott said the fire department wants to purchase a used platform fire truck for \$400,000.00. He said I have concerns about spending this much money on a used fire truck. He said it may be too large for Franklin. Alderman Curtis said the truck is a 1998 model and would have limited use for us. He said it may be better to purchase a new vehicle and have a longer use. The Board took no action on this truck.

### **Continuation of meeting**

At 6:15 P.M., motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to continue the May 2, 2011 meeting to Monday, May 23, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

### Call to order

The regular May 2, 2011 meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was continued at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, May 23, 2011 in the Town Hall Board Room. Vice-Mayor Verlin Curtis presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present. Mayor Joe Collins was absent.

# **Board member absence**

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to excuse Mayor Joe Collins from the meeting due to vacation plans. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

## Resolution in support of the Angel/Mission Hospital merger

John Henning, Jr. said I have the resolution in support of the Angel/Mission Hospital merger for your consideration.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to adopt the resolution in support of the Angel/Mission Hospital merger. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. A copy of the resolution is attached.

# Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget discussion

Sam Greenwood said the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget is a continuation of the current year budget. He said there are no fiscal impacts from Raleigh this year. The following items were discussed: (1) business licenses being changed to gross receipts, (2) increase in water rates outside town, (3) non-profit funding remaining the same but establishing priorities, (4) Powell Bill fund balance being appropriated again, (5) fund balance information, (6) financing capital purchases.

Alderman Scott said I disagree with giving a percent cost of living salary raise. He said I think it is unfair to the lower paid employees. He said I would like the total amount of the raise be divided by the total number of employees so that each employee will get the same amount of raise.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to divide the proposed 1% bonus equally among the employees with each employee getting the same amount. Motion carried. Voting ves: Curtis, Handley and Scott. Voting no: Mashburn and Pattillo.

Alderman Pattillo said we need to start passing the hat during Picking on the Square. She said this would help with the costs. Alderman Mashburn said are we going to ask for contributions during the other festivals? Alderman Pattillo said no since it would not be practical.

Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to ask for donations during the Picking on the Square events to help with the costs. Motion carried. Vote: 3 to 2. Voting yes: Handley, Pattillo and Scott. Voting no: Curtis and Mashburn.

<u>Adjournment</u>	
Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.	o adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M
	Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

May 2, 2011 meeting continued,