

June 12, 2006 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Monday, June 12, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following items: (1) public hearing on the proposed FY 2006-2007 budget, (2) consideration of adoption of the budget, (3) update on Mixed and Malt Beverage Election and (4) results of the bid opening on Forest Avenue sidewalk project. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Carolyn Pattillo, Charles Roper and Bob Scott were present. Alderman Billy Mashburn was absent.

Public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 budget

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 budget at 7:01 P.M. No persons were present to speak at the public hearing. **Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Curtis to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

Consideration of adoption of the budget

Alderman Scott said the four percent cost of living raise is unfair. Alderman Evans said I agree to a point. Alderman Pattillo said we need to do the four percent raise and look at a salary pay scale in the future. She said I do not think our employees are that far out of line. Alderman Scott said I agree that we need to start looking at a pay scale and study. Alderman Pattillo said what are the costs for the contracted mowing? Mike Decker said we do not have any bids yet. Alderman Evans said we need the non profit organizations to give us a budget. John Henning, Jr. said I cannot find where that is required by state statute. He said you can require any information you want before giving the money. Alderman Scott said it would be public records since they are getting public funds. The Board agreed to get information in the future from the non profit organizations. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to adopt the proposed 2006-2007 budget. Motion failed. Voting yes: Curtis and Pattillo. Voting no: Evans, Roper and Scott.** Alderman Evans said I am not voting for the budget until we address health insurance. Alderman Pattillo said we give an adjustment for family coverage already. She said the state does not pay for family coverage. Mayor Collins said we may be able to give a percent with a flat amount to each employee. Alderman Curtis said we voted at the last meeting to give the four percent cost of living raise. Alderman Pattillo said the state always gives a cost of living raise. Alderman Curtis said the whole board needs to vote on the budget. Alderman Evans said I can go along with the four percent raise. He said my main concern is the health insurance. He said the lower paid employees cannot afford health insurance. Mike Decker said the Town pays for the individual coverage and supplements the family, parent/children and spouse coverage. He said we can go out for bids, but with our size of group it will be hard to get bids. Mayor Collins said we can give a two percent raise and divide the remaining amount equally between the employees. Alderman Scott said I want to give a flat amount to each employee. Alderman Roper said we have not discussed the policemen getting a ten to eleven percent raise. Mayor Collins said Police Chief Bradley wants to get these officers equal to the deputies. Alderman Curtis said when I looked over the county employee's wages the town employees are in the same range.

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Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to take the total amount of the four percent raise and divide it equally by the total number of employees. Motion failed. Voting yes: Roper and Scott. Voting no: Curtis, Evans and Pattillo.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Scott to give a two percent raise to each employee and to divide the remaining amount by the total number of full time employees. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Scott to adopt the proposed 2006-2007 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. A copy of the 2006-2007 budget is attached.

Update of Mixed and Malt Beverage Election

Mike Decker said the Mixed and Malt Beverage Election will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at the Burrell Building. A copy of the notice is attached.

Results of bid opening on Forest Avenue sidewalk project

Mike Decker said we have opened the second round of bids on the Forest Avenue sidewalk project. He said the low bidder was WNC Paving at \$297,477.50. He said the total federal funds for this project are \$75,145.00. He said the remaining portion of the project would have to come out of Powell Bill. Information copies are attached. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Evans to not continue with the Forest Avenue sidewalk project at this time due to the high cost. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

Other business

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Evans to change the July 10, 2006 meeting to July 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

