

September 27, 2004 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special meeting on Monday, September 27, 2004 at 5:30 P.M. at the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following items: (1) proposed resolution in support of a loan application for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and (2) proposed economic development package that would help fund an expansion at Zickgraf Hardwoods. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Edwin Hall, Billy Mashburn, Charles Roper, Bob Scott and Jim Williamson were present.

Proposed resolution in support of a loan application

Jeff Bishop with McGill Associates reported on the cost estimate of the water treatment plant expansion. A copy is attached. He related the following: (1) pretreatment is required, (2) the new expansion will be a mirror image of the present water treatment plant, (3) there will be a new one million gallon clearwell and (4) there will be upgrades to the laboratories and existing facilities. He said the total cost for the project would be \$6,853,080.00. He said the loan application is due on September 30, 2004. He said you need to adopt a resolution as part of the loan package. Alderman Scott said is the Cartoogechaye Creek big enough for this expansion? Mr. Bishop said a study was done that shows the creek is large enough. Mayor Collins said should we go ahead and do a 4.8 gallon million expansion? Mr. Bishop said DENR will not give an allocation of water they consider more than you can use. **Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Scott to adopt a Resolution Supporting a Loan Application for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the resolution is attached.**

Proposed economic development package

Les Everett with Zickgraf said we are working with Advantage West to get a package together to help us expand our operations. He said this expansion will provide more jobs for Macon County. Mr. Everett said approximately fifty jobs would be added. He said we had a significant loss last week due to Hurricane Ivan. He said Duke Power's Carolina Investment Fund would provide up to \$25,000.00, with Advantage West providing \$12,000.00, Macon County providing \$15,500.00 and the Town would need to commit to \$10,000.00 for a total package of \$62,500.00. Mayor Collins said will this package open the door to more money? Mr. Everett said no. Alderman Scott said can we legally contribute? Bobby Key said towns are not supposed to furnish money to an individual as opposed to the whole town. He said some towns offer incentives to new businesses. He said the matter of how much money or incentives allowed to be given is a matter of ongoing litigation. He said some towns do offer incentives to new businesses. Alderman Scott said what is the time element? Mike Decker said there is a deadline to apply to Advantage West. Alderman Curtis said will you work with us on the sewer line? He said this is the only place we have to put a gravity flow sewer line. Mr. Everett said I have not been involved with the sewer line since we have been working on the expansion. He said I do know there are concerns that we would lose money if we had to shut down our operations. **Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Williamson to give the \$10,000.00 contingent on Macon County giving \$15,500.00 and contingent on Town Attorney Bobby Key saying this would be legal. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

September 27, 2004 meeting continued,

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk