



Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen

Agenda

February 23, 2015

5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order- Mayor Bob Scott
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Vice Mayor Verlin Curtis
3. Adoption of February 16, 2015 Proposed Agenda
4. Old Business
 - A.) License Agreement for the Bowery Restaurant- Town Attorney John Henning Jr
5. New Business
 - A.) Presentation on Proposed Town of Franklin Capital Improvement Plan- Martin & McGill Associate Steven Miller
 - B.) Presentation on Town of Franklin Water Plant Upgrade and Expansion- McGill Engineering Associate Keith Webb
6. Adjourn

February 2, 2015 meeting continued,

The February 2, 2015 continuation meeting for the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Aldermen Patti Abel, Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn and Barbara McRae were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Adoption of February 23, 2015 Proposed Agenda:

Mayor Scott - Thanks for coming tonight. I know most of you are here for the sidewalk issue. But I want to urge each of you to stay for the entire meeting. We will be discussing, with our engineers, upgrades to the Town's water and sewer treatment plants. Both are very vital to the town. So I do hope you will stay with us, and learn about some of the other things the Town Board is wrestling with to make Franklin a better place to live, play and work. With that being said, let me make it clear. There was never any intention to create any problems for the Bowery. We welcome the Bowery as a new neighbor and the Town's approach has been misrepresented in some misquotes from our last meeting. We want the issue buried and we want to move on, and keep Franklin moving in the right direction. The first order of business tonight is the adoption of the agenda. Do I hear a motion?

Motion was made by Abel, seconded by Jamison to approve the February 23, 2015 Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Old Business: License Agreement for the Bowery Restaurant

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – I would think by now you have all had a chance to become familiar with the latest version of the agreement. In short and sweet terms, this is permissive use of part of Town Property for the emergency exit use by the Bowery, or whichever tenant going forward happened to be in that building. And I'm happy to answer any questions you have about it, but a simple approval will put it in place.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by McRae to approve the License Agreement for the Bowery Restaurant. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the agreement is attached.

New Business: Presentation on Proposed Town of Franklin Capital Improvement Plan

Steven Miller – Martin & McGill Associates – Mr. Miller gave a presentation about the proposed Town of Franklin Capital Improvement Plan. A copy of the presentation is attached.

New Business: Presentation on Town of Franklin Water Plant Upgrade and Expansion

Keith Webb – McGill Engineering Associate – I wanted to give you an update about where we are at on the water project. We proposed a two phased approach. A part of that project was an application for the State of North Carolina Revolving Loan Fund. We presented that program to the state, and I'm pleased to tell you that in January the state came back, after ranking all of the projects – which were about one-hundred and twenty (120) – and the Town has been awarded funding for phase one of the project. They have offered to fund phase one in the amount of \$3,578,750.00 at zero percent interest. Along with that, they have proposed a schedule for the Town. We have to update the preliminary engineering report that was done, and do an environmental review for the proposed improvements.

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Keith Webb – McGill Engineering Associate – We don't anticipate any problems with the environmental review, because all of the improvements are being done at the existing site. The state requires that to be submitted to them by May 1, 2015, but we intend on completing that by March 31, 2015. Following that, we would anticipate approval of those reports no later than October 1, 2015. This would allow us to move forward with the design of the project and take competitive bids. Hopefully, we will be under construction by March of 2016. We hope that you will take all of this under consideration during your budget process. I have given the Town Manager an engineering agreement that she will bring to the Board going forward, but I wanted to bring the good news to you about the loan approval. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Alderman Jamison – If we add these existing small plants that allows us in the future to add an additional one if the demand calls for it. Is that correct?

Keith Webb – McGill Engineering Associate – That's correct and that would be in phase two (2). Remember, the State of North Carolina requires us to do the pretreatment of the water because we use the surface water. Our evaluation is that the best way to build this is to build the mechanical pretreatment and that will be designed for the future expansion. Which will expand it to about four million gallons a day. We will get those in place and operated, and run it with a pretreatment facility to build a venue to allow package plants to replace the existing concrete plant. We could add another plant in the future if we get someone in here that increases our demand.

Alderman Jamison – What phase is the lab/testing phase in?

Keith Webb – McGill Engineering Associate – That's in this phase.

Alderman Mashburn – And you said the construction will hopefully begin in March of 2016?

Keith Webb – We will have bids in hand by March of 2016 so construction would begin by June of 2016.

Mayor Scott – Any more questions? Well, I appreciate everyone staying and hearing the presentation. Before we adjourn, I would like to say that our March meeting will be next Monday night. And there will be a public comment period. If you want to be on the agenda, just let us know.

Adjourn

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Jamison to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Chad B. Simons, Town Clerk

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

