

December 5, 2005

The Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen had a special called meeting on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Edwin Hall, Billy Mashburn, Charles Roper, Bob Scott and Jim Williamson were present.

Approval of the minutes

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Roper to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Recognition of outgoing board members – Mayor Collins

Mayor Collins gave a plaque to Alderman Edwin Hall for service to the Town from 2003 to 2005. He gave a plaque to Alderman Jim Williamson for service to the Town from 1997 to 2005.

Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 6:04 P.M.

Oath of office for the mayor

Anna Jane Carson, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to Mayor Joe Collins.

A copy of the oath is attached.

Oath of office for the recently elected aldermen

Anna Jane Carson, Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to Alderman Jerry Evans and Alderman Carolyn Pattillo.

Dinah Mashburn, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath of office to her husband, Alderman Billy Mashburn.

Copies of the oaths are attached.

Meeting reconvened

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting with the new members of the Board at 6:15 P.M.

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Selection of mayor pro tempore

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Pattillo to elect Alderman Billy Mashburn as mayor pro tempore. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Departmental reports

Fire Chief Pete Haithcock gave the fire department report. A copy is attached.

Certification of sufficiency of annexation petitions – Janet Anderson

Janet Anderson, Town Clerk, said I have certified the sufficiency of the following annexation petitions: Timothy C. and Carol D. Bates and Derrick and Rosemary Wong. Copies of the Certificates of Sufficiency are attached.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Curtis to set the public hearing on both annexation petitions for January 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Planning Board resignation

Mike Decker said Carolyn Pattillo has resigned from the Planning Board. He said please have some suggestions for a replacement at the January 2, 2006 meeting.

Persons to be heard

No persons were present to speak.

Departmental reports continued

Public Works Director Jay Gibson said the West Main Street water line is almost finished. He said the contractor needs to do two more taps and then we will be ready for a walk through. He said we need to sell the two old backhoes. He said state law allows the town administrator the authority to sell up to \$50,000.00 in surplus property if the Board gives him that authority. Alderman Scott said in order to be fair I think we need to do an advertisement of the equipment. Alderman Mashburn said since these backhoes are a specialty item I see no need to advertise. Alderman Curtis said the dealer is willing to sell the backhoes with no sales commission. Alderman Pattillo said it is public property. Mayor Collins said we are entitled to sell surplus equipment by giving authority to the town administrator.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Roper to give Town Administrator Mike Decker the authority to sell surplus equipment up to \$30,000.00 in value. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 2. Voting yes: Curtis, Evans, Mashburn and Roper. Voting no: Pattillo and Scott.

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Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Curtis to declare the two backhoes surplus. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Evans, Mashburn, Pattillo and Roper. Voting no: Scott.

Mayor Collins said I have talked to Joel Storrow with McGill Associates and they are actively exploring options on the sewer line to Macon Middle School.

Mayor Collins said we need to have a special called meeting on December 15, 2005. Alderman Scott said I cannot attend on that date. After some discussion, the Board decided to meet on December 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Collins said we are looking at having a retreat on January 14, 2006 or January 21, 2006 from 9:00 A.M. to mid afternoon. The Board indicated either date would work. Mayor Collins asked Mike Decker to work out the details.

Police Chief Terry Bradley gave the police department report. A copy of the report is attached. He said the Christmas party for the police department will be at the Factory on December 15, 2005 at 6:30 P.M.

Rebecca Crawford said in November I had a total of eighty one walk-in visits or phone calls. She said I attended a planning course in Chapel Hill. She said we received four responses to our RFQ. She said the cost for the project ranges from \$28,000.00 to \$80,000.00. She said the firms are located in Asheville, Hendersonville, Raleigh and Chapel Hill. Mayor Collins said I think you need to look at the low end and give a report at the January meeting. Alderman Evans said how much can you do? Mrs. Crawford said I can do part of it. Alderman Pattillo said it is a big job. She said I think we need help. A copy of the report is attached.

Committee assignments

Mayor Collins passed out a list of the Committee Assignments. A copy is attached.

Water adjustments, tax releases and payment of the bills

Water adjustments for November, tax releases and payment of the bills were approved on motion made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

December 5, 2005 meeting continued,

Adjournment

Mayor Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

December 5, 2005

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Vice-Mayor Billy Mashburn opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Alderman Verlin Curtis was present. Mayor Joe Collins and Aldermen Jerry Evans, Sissy Pattillo, Charles Roper and Bob Scott were absent. Other persons present were Rebecca Crawford and Jay Gibson.

Adjournment

Due to a lack of a quorum, Vice-Mayor Mashburn adjourned the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk