

Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen Agenda

Monday, May 3, 2010

7 p.m.

1. Call to order – Mayor Collins
2. Approval of the April 5 and April 22, 2010 minutes
3. Public session
4. Presentation of “The Order of the Long Leaf Pine” to Jerry Dehart – Mayor Collins
5. (A) 7:15 p.m. – Public hearing on 2010 Installment Purchase Contract
(B) Award of bank bid
6. Consideration of authorization for mutual aid agreement – Town Attorney and Police Chief Terry Bradley
7. Consideration of annexation policy – Michael Grubermann
8. Voluntary annexation requests (pending action on Item 7)
(A) Joseph G. Moretti
(B) Nellie Ruth Owens Sanders
(C) Philip C. and Sharon J. Drake
(D) G&V Development, LLC
9. Planning board recommendation regarding proposed Carolina Mountain Drive Development – Michael Grubermann
10. Consideration of water/sewer capacity charge
11. Request to close Iotla Street for TeaParty on July 3, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Don Swanson
12. Request for funding for the Macon County Public Library – Nancy Scott and Karen Wallace
13. Committee report regarding move of the sesquicentennial historical marker
14. Adjourn

May 3, 2010

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Jerry Evans, Joyce Handley, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present.

Approval of the minutes

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Evans to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2010 and April 22, 2010 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public session

No persons were present to speak at the public session.

Presentation of “The Order of the Long Leaf Pine” to Jerry DeHart

Mayor Collins presented Jerry DeHart “The Order of the Long Pine”. He said this is one of the highest honors that the governor of North Carolina can bestow on a citizen. He said it is given to an individual when a person retires with thirty years of service or more to the state.

Consideration of authorization for mutual aid agreement

Police Chief Terry Bradley said we need to formally adopt a policy authorizing mutual aid assistance with other law enforcement agencies.

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to approve the resolution adopting a policy for mutual assistance with other law enforcement agencies. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.

Consideration of annexation policy

Michael Grubermann said we have a draft policy for voluntary annexation. A copy is attached.

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to adopt the Town of Franklin Voluntary Annexation Policy as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the policy is attached.

May 3, 2010 meeting continued,

Public hearing on 2010 Installment Purchase Contract

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing at 7:15 P.M. on the 2010 Installment Purchase Contract. No persons were present to speak at the public hearing. Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:16 P.M.

Award of bank bid

Sam Greenwood said we received two bids on the installment purchase financing. He said the BB&T bid requires a one year annual payment in a bond reserve fund and for the Board to pass a special resolution agreeing to increase taxes if necessary. Mr. Greenwood said these funds will be used for water and sewer projects. He said property taxes are not involved. He said we have a bid from Bank of America for a period of fifteen years and a rate of 5.11% with no special requirements.

Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Evans to accept Bank of America's financing bid in the amount of \$2,700,000.00 for a period of fifteen years and a rate of 5.11%. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Voluntary annexation requests (a) Joseph G. Moretti, (b) Nellie Ruth Owens Sanders, (c) Philip C. and Sharon J. Drake and (d) G&V Development, LLC

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to forward the following annexation requests: (a) Joseph G. Moretti, (b) Nellie Ruth Owens Sanders, (c) Philip C. and Sharon J. Drake and (d) G&V Development, LLC to the clerk for certification of sufficiency. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Planning board recommendation regarding proposed Carolina Mountain Drive Development

Michael Grubermann said Providence Builders has applied for a special use on 11.69 acres located at the corner of Phillips Street and Carolina Mountain Drive.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Evans to schedule a public hearing on the special use and rezoning application from Providence Builders regarding the proposed Carolina Mountain Drive Development on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

May 3, 2010 meeting continued,

Consideration of water/sewer capacity charge

Sam Greenwood explained the proposed water/sewer capacity rates. He said the rates for development outside town will be double the inside rates. He said the revenues will be put into a capital reserve fund to be used for new plant construction or plant expansion. A copy of the draft schedule is attached. Mayor Collins said I think we are charging too much to the outside developers. He said we do not want to stop growth. After some discussion, the Board delayed a decision on the water/sewer capacity charge to the meeting on May 17, 2010.

Request to close Iotla Street for a Tea Party on July 3, 2010 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Don Swanson said we want to have a Tea Party on July 3, 2010 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the square. He said we will need to close Iotla Street. Information copy is attached.

Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Handley to authorize the closing of Iotla Street from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 3, 2010 for a Tea Party. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Request for funding for the Macon County Public Library

Nancy Scott said Karen Wallace and I are representing the Macon County Public Library. She said we are requesting \$12,000.00 in funding in your 2010-2011 budget. She said we are not an agency of Macon County but are a part of Fontana Public Library. Alderman Evans said will the money be used in Macon County? Mrs. Scott said yes. John Henning, Jr. said you will need to prove that the money is spent properly. Alderman Curtis said we passed a policy prohibiting funding for governmental agencies. Sam Greenwood said this is a double burden on the town taxpayers. The Board agreed to consider this request for next year.

Committee report regarding move of the sesquicentennial historical marker

Alderman Pattillo said the Macon County Historical Society wants to keep the marker in the memorial garden. Richie Jones said I was on the committee for the celebration and I was asked to do the plaque.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Pattillo to pay up to \$2,000.00 for the plaque for the sesquicentennial historical marker. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Other business

Departmental reports are attached.

May 3, 2010 meeting continued,

Continuation of meeting

At 9:00 P.M., motion was made by Evans, seconded by Curtis to continue the May 3, 2010 meeting until Monday, May 17, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Call to order of the May 3, 2010 continuation meeting

The regular May 3, 2010 meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was continued at 5:30 P.M., Monday, May 17, 2010 in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Handley, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present. Aldermen Jerry Evans and Billy Mashburn were absent.

Board members absence

Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to excuse Alderman Jerry Evans due to medical reasons from the meeting and Alderman Billy Mashburn due to being out of town from the meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

Consideration of resolution authorizing the filing of financing agreement application

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Curtis to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget

Sam Greenwood gave a brief summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. He related the following information: same tax rate, lower sales tax revenue, no investment earnings, North Carolina is in fiscal trouble, need to use caution in the new year, no funding in the non-profit pool, fund balance appropriation has been cut, the current year budget has been frozen, the new budget meets the board's basic goals, some delays in spending until December, supplemental pay increase in December will be delayed unless revenues approve, purchase of police vehicles based on economic conditions and change in water/sewer rate structure due to state law with no discounts for gallonage. Alderman Scott said the non-profit funding pool needs money. Alderman Pattillo said we need to support the public library. Mr. Greenwood said giving money to the library goes against your policy. He said the library is supported by the county. A copy of the proposed budget is attached.

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to acknowledge the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

May 3, 2010 meeting continued,

Presentation by the Macon County Economic Development Commission regarding economic development grant guidelines

Trevor Dalton with Macon County related to the Board about a resume on Macon County to be used to develop the economy in the county. Ed Shatley, Economic Development Commission Chairman, explained the guidelines of the Economic Development Grant. A copy is attached. He said part of the plan is to give incentives to future businesses. He said we would like the Town to participate in giving these grants.

Closed session

The Board went into closed session at 6:17 P.M., on motion made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to discuss possible expansion of business. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0. A copy is attached.

The Board came out of closed session at 6:50 P.M., on motion made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

Open session

At 6:53 P.M., a motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to continue the May 3, 2010 meeting until Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 0.

Call to order of the May 3, 2010 continuation meeting

The regular May 3, 2010 meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was continued at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Joyce Hanley, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present. Alderman Jerry Evans was absent.

Board member absence

Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to excuse Alderman Jerry Evans from the meeting due to medical reasons. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Budget work session

Mayor Collins said the purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget.

May 3, 2010 meeting continued,

The Board discussed the amount of revenue the Town received from the Franklin ABC Store and questioned if the amount should be higher. The Board discussed funding for the Macon County Public Library, the Macon County Historical Society Museum and the non-profit funding pool.

Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to allocate the following amounts to the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget: \$20,000.00 to the non-profit funding pool, \$10,000.00 for the Macon County Public Library and to hold \$10,000.00 in reserve for the Macon County Historical Society pending an agreement between the Town of Franklin, Macon County and the Macon County Historical Society. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 1. Voting yes: Curtis, Handley, Pattillo and Scott. Voting no: Mashburn.

Alderman Scott suggested that the Pickin' on the Square should become self-supporting. Mayor Collins suggested that the proceeds from the passing of the hat should be used to offset the overall cost of the program. The Board took no action.

There was general discussion regarding changes in water rates, raising the water deposit from \$15.00 to \$50.00, merging the water tank maintenance fees into the base water/sewer rate and to devise a floating rate structure for the water tap fees.

Recess

Mayor Collins recessed the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Mayor Collins reconvened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Budget work session

The Board continued its discussion of the floating structure for water tap fees. The Board took no action.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Handley to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Joe Collins, Mayor

Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk

