

**December 5, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Franklin Board of Aldermen was held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Joe Collins presided. Aldermen Verlin Curtis, Farrell Jamison, Billy Mashburn, Carolyn Pattillo and Bob Scott were present. Alderman Joyce Handley joined the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

**Approval of the minutes**

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Pattillo to approve the minutes for the November 3, 2011 and November 7, 2011 meetings as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Board member absence**

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Jamison to excuse Alderman Joyce Handley from the meeting due to attendance at another meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Oath of office for the mayor**

Vic Perry, Macon County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Mayor Joe Collins.

**Oath of office for the aldermen**

Vic Perry, Macon County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Alderman Verlin Curtis, Alderman Farrell Jamison and Alderman Scott. Alderman Joyce Handley was sworn in earlier in the day by Vic Perry.

**Selection of mayor pro tempore**

**Motion was made by Jamison, seconded by Pattillo to nominate Alderman Curtis to serve as vice-mayor. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Public hearing for truck route**

Mayor Collins opened the public hearing at 7:09 P.M.

The following persons spoke at the public hearing.

Michael Grubermann – Land Administrator – The purpose of the hearing is to take public input about changing the truck routing within the Town. The proposed change will eliminate thru-commercial trucks on Wayah Street between Porter Street and Depot Street. The effect will be to prohibit commercial trucks of three axles or more. Information copy is attached.

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Howell Derrick – I live on Wayah Street. You need to reroute trucks off Wayah Street. This is a school zone with 25 miles per hour speed limit. There are blind driveways. The trucks will save gas using Dowdle Mountain Road. The trucks are being routed incorrectly.

Raleigh Buchanan – Trucks need to be rerouted off Wayah Street. It will be better if the trucks go another way than by the high school.

Mayor Collins closed the public hearing at 7:17 P.M.

### **Change in attendance**

Alderman Joyce Handley joined the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

### **Board consideration on the truck route**

**Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Pattillo to approve the following truck routing request: (1) to eliminate or otherwise restrict thru-commercial trucks on Wayah Street (SR 1695) between Porter Street (Business 23-441) and Depot Street (SR 1659); the effect of this proposed change will be to prohibit commercial trucks of three (3) axles or more and (2) to confirm the relocation of the rerouting of commercial trucks using NC 28 within the Town of Franklin; the effect of this proposed change will be the rerouting of northbound US 23-441 thru-commercial truck traffic to the US 23-441 Bypass eastbound; with the thru-commercial truck traffic desiring to continue on NC28 exiting on Dowdle Mountain Road (SR 1701) east to Wells Grove Road (SR 1659) then North to Depot Street (SR 1659) then North on Depot Street into the Depot Street Extension (SR 1659) and into Riverview Street (SR 1323) continuing North into NC 28; Southbound NC 28 thru-commercial truck traffic heading for US 23-441 southbound would follow the reverse course; Northbound US 23-441 thru-commercial truck traffic would continue East and North on the Bypass (US 23-441); Southbound NC 28 thru-commercial truck traffic continuing on NC 28 would follow the reverse course, but would turn East on Main Street (Business 23-441) and follow the existing posted NC 28 routing. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Public session**

No person spoke at the public session.

### **Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 audit**

Matt Braswell with Martin-Starnes & Associates gave a power point presentation about the 2011 Audited Statements. He said the Town received an Unqualified Opinion. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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**Forward petition for re-zoning to Planning Board**

John Henning, Jr. said this letter will serve as disclosure of my interest in the Knief property located at 124 Harrison Avenue. He said we have the property under contract and intend to move our office to this location, pending rezoning. A copy of the letter is attached.

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to forward the Knief rezoning request to the Planning Board for a recommendation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Budget amendment**

Janet Anderson explained the proposed budget amendment. **Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Curtis to approve the budget amendment for Fish and Wildlife in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy of the amendment is attached.**

**Mill Creek utility service contract**

Sam Greenwood said the Mill Creek utility service contract has been discussed with the Water and Sewer Committee. He said there will be no maintenance inside the area.

**Motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Handley to tentatively approve the Mill Creek utility service contract pending only minor changes. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Approval for financing package for police vehicles**

Sam Greenwood said in the budget we had plans to lease the vehicles over five years. He said interest rates on our investments are less than 1% rate. He said I propose to the Board that we pay off the vehicles. Mr. Greenwood said the cost would be \$163,000.00. He said we can take the difference out of fund balance.

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Mashburn to pay off the vehicles and amend the budget out of fund balance. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Adoption of the 2012 Town Board regular meeting schedule**

**Motion was made by Pattillo, seconded by Handley to adopt the 2012 Town Board regular meeting schedule. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

**Adoption of the 2012 holiday schedule**

**Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Jamison to adopt the 2012 holiday schedule. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. A copy is attached.**

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**Change to agenda**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Curtis to add the following item to the agenda: request for sewer to The Meadows Phase II project. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Sewer request**

Sam Greenwood said J. C. Jacobs is requesting sewer to his project on Baird Cove Road named The Meadows Phase II in the amount of 2,880 GPD. A copy of the letter is attached.

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Pattillo to approve 2,880 GPD of sewer allocation to The Meadows Phase II on Baird Cove Road. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Other business**

Departmental reports are attached.

Alderman Bob Scott said I would still like to get iPads. Alderman Handley said I think it is a good idea. Alderman Jamison said Macon County is buying high priced software to protect the information and to secure the system. Alderman Mashburn said Mike Decker with Macon County told me the cost would be \$12,000.00. Alderman Jamison said our IT person needs to be involved. Mayor Collins said we can have a presentation at the January meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Handley, seconded by Jamison to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Joe Collins, Mayor

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Janet A. Anderson, Town Clerk