

Franklinton Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2010
Franklinton Town Hall Annex
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Elic A. Senter at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Fuller gave the invocation and the Board led the pledge of allegiance.

Those present were Mayor Elic A. Senter, Commissioners John Allers, Al Barbour, Joseph B. Cutchins Jr., Anita Fuller and Art Wright, Town Manager Larry Carver, Town Attorney Mitch Styers and Town Clerk Kim Worley. Other staff members present were Public Works Director Raymond Bragg, Water Plant Superintendent Frank Efird, Sgt. Kevin Hornaday and Zoning Administrator Tammy Ray.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2010 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allers and accepted unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mayor Larry Kearney, 101 Nash Avenue, told the Board that he has lived in Franklinton for 62 years and was on the Board for 16 years. He stated that when he received his last water bill he was shocked. He stated he felt like it was an error and as he talked with other citizens of the Town he realized that it was not. He stated that he knows it is the Town Manager's job to present a budget to the Commissioners and it is their job to approve it. He stated that there was an increase of 49.17% to his water and sewer bill. He stated that it was a staggering amount to the citizens of the Town without and notice to them and the rates will reduce the value of the homes in Town. He asked the Board to please reconsider and reduce the rates.

Mr. Robert Wilder told the Board that the citizens of Franklinton know they are obligated to pay for the services they receive but he Town should have make them aware of the increases so that it would not have come as a shock to them. He stated that he received a 47% increase on his bill.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Tree Committee

Sheila Allers, Chairwoman

Shelia Allers told the Board that the tanks are out of the ground at the site for the Pocket Park and that the committee has a meeting on August 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Uptown Revitalization Committee

Pier Williamson, Chairman

Mayor Senter told the Board that the committee has a new chairman, and the committee is winding down its Movies on Main for the summer.

***Franklinton Senior Center
Patrick Woods, Director***

Tammy Ray presented the report and there is a copy of this report on file.

***Economic Development Committee
Dr. Stephanie Brown, Chairperson***

Tammy Ray told the Board the committee discussed the results of the citizens survey and agreed to request a workshop with the Board of Commissioners to present the results. Tammy Ray told the Board that the committee will meet in September to have a discussion about working on creating a website.

***Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce
Mrs. Tanisha Holmes, President***

Mayor Senter stated the Chamber met last night.

***Franklinton Arts Alive Committee
Commissioner Anita Fuller***

Commissioner Fuller told the Board that she is resigning from the Arts Alive and URC committees. She also stated that the Grand Finale for Stars on Main will be on August 27.

EXTERNAL BOARD/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kerr Tar COG

There was no report this month.

Franklin County EDC

There was no report this month.

CAMPO

There was no report this month.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

There was no report this month.

Franklin County Committee of 100

There was no report this month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Works

Report from Raymond Bragg, Public Works Director

Mr. Bragg stated that everything is going routine right now. He stated that two lift stations have been hit by lighting.

Police Department

Report from Chief John Green

There is a copy of this report on file.

Sgt. Hornaday told the Board that school starts back on August 25th. He also stated he would like to thank everyone for coming to National Night Out.

Water Treatment Plant

Report from Frank Efird, Water Plant Superintendent

There is a copy of this report on file.

Planning and Zoning

Report from Tammy Ray, Planning, Code Enforcement & Zoning Administrator

There is a copy of this report on file.

Finance & Administration

Report from Larry Carver, Town Manager

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board that this is the first month of the new budget so there really isn't a lot of information. He told the Board that he looked at the figures for the new rates and that the biggest cost increase went to the County, and while there is an increase to residential customers, it was not that high.

Mr. Robert Wilder asked the Board why citizens were not notified about this rate increase. Mayor Senter stated that the Board had five budget meetings, including two on the rates. He stated it was in both local papers and on Channel 10 and no one showed up for the meetings but the press. He shared his opinion that often the only time people show up for meeting is in anger after the fact.

Mr. Wilder stated that he is not showing up in anger only in concern. He stated the citizens should have been sent a letter about the rate increase. He asked if the County is using more water than the citizens then why did the citizens rates go up.

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board he would do a letter to be sent out to the citizens explaining the rate increases.

Ms. Carolyn Francis stated that some of the citizen's water bill decreased. Mayor Senter stated on the old rate the customers had a minimum charge and now the customer is being billed per gallon of their usage.

Commissioner Cutchins stated that the Board has gotten into this position because they have not adequately increased rates in the past, and it is creating a hardship on everyone because the time to pay the piper has come. Commissioner Cutchins stated that he is glad to have input from our citizens.

Mayor Senter told the citizens he appreciated them coming and thanked them for being at the meeting. Commissioner Fuller stated that this was not an easy decision to make and knows that is a hardship on everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Update

There was no report at this time.

ETJ Expansion

There was no report at this time.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board that the sewer project is complete, and the Town is waiting on its last check of \$150,000.

Hardees Sewer Project

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board that the Hardees line is almost complete.

Water Filtration Up-fit

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board this project is complete, and there are just a few items on the punch list that need to be finished.

Dam Project

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board there is a meeting on August 25th.

CIP

There was no report at this time.

Pocket Park

Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board that the tanks have been removed and we had an estimate to remove two tanks for \$10,000. He stated that it ended up being three tanks and the bill was \$14,952.82. He stated that he was going to need permission to appropriate the difference.

Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to appropriate \$4952.82 to pay for the extra tank removal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller and accepted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Approval of Official Comment to NC DOT Regarding Proposed Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor

Mayor Senter told the Board that he would like to send the official comments that were made at the meeting that was held here. He stated that the public comments to NC DOT do not close until August 30th if anyone would like to call.

Commissioner Allers made the motion to approve of the official comments and to send them to NC DOT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbour and accepted unanimously.

Consideration of High Speed Rail Resolution

Commissioner Fuller made the motion to adopt the high speed rail resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and accepted unanimously.

Discussion of Title V – Town Ordinances – Tammy Ray

Ms. Ray shared that the only feedback she had received was from the Town Manager and Mayor. With no additional feedback, she would move forward.

Consideration of Consent Utility Adjustment

Commissioner Fuller made the motion to grant the utility adjustments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbour and accepted unanimously.

Consideration of Request for Special Events Permit by Franklinton URC for Community Yard Sale on October 2, 2010

Commissioner Barbour made the motion to grant the special events permit for the Communitywide Yard Sale on October 2nd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allers and accepted unanimously.

Consideration of Request for Special Events Permit by Franklinton URC for Frankenfest on Main on October 30, 2010

Commissioner Fuller made the motion to grant the special events permit for Frankenfest on Main on October 30th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allers and accepted unanimously.

Consideration of Request for Special Events Permit by Cabin Branch Farms for September 18, 2010

Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to grant the special events permit to Cabin Branch Farms for September 18th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allers and accepted unanimously.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date Reminders

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| • URC Meetings | 1 st Thursday |
| • Arts Alive | 3 rd Thursday |
| • Tree Committee | 4 th Tuesday |
| • Township Chamber | 1 st Monday |
| • Planning Board | 3 rd Monday |
| • Movie & Stars on Main | August 28 th |
| • Labor Day Town Hall Closed | September 6 th |
| • Community Yard Sale | October 2 nd |
| • Frankenfest on Main | October 30 th |

Mayor Senter told the Board he sent them an email about upcoming schools, and the upcoming League conference.

Mayor Senter stated that the Board has a meeting on October 4th at 7:00 p.m. with the EDC committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Manager Larry Carver stated he would do a letter explaining the utility rates.

Commissioner Cutchins stated he wanted to thank everyone for the support they gave his family during the death of his mother.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



ELIC A. SENTER
MAYOR



KIM WORLEY MMC
TOWN CLERK