

Franklinton Board of Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Elic A. Senter called the regular meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Joe Cutchins Jr. gave the invocation and Brianna Campbell, Roxie Gilliam and India Gilliam led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were Mayor Elic A. Senter, Commissioners Al Barbour, Joe Cutchins Jr., James Worley and Art Wright, Town Manager Larry Carver, and Town Clerk Kim Worley. Other staff members present were Public Works Director Raymond Bragg, Acting Chief John Green, Water Plant Superintendent Richard Hinkle, and Attorney Mitch Styers. Commissioner Anita Fuller and Zoning Administrator/Planner were absent.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Barbour made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, regular meeting and the September 29 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and accepted unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mayor Senter told the Board that he received a letter from Ms. Laura Fisher of North Main Street thanking the public works department for the work they did behind her house on the railroad bed.

Mr. Greg Johnson of Franklin Vance Warren Opportunities informed the Board and citizens of how they offer assistance to people that are facing foreclosure and also work with people that need housing assistance. Mr. Johnson stated he would leave his number and some flyers at the town hall.

PRESENTATIONS

Resolution Presenting Side Arm to Retired Police Chief Ray Gilliam

Mayor Senter read the resolution presenting the side arm to Retired Chief Ray Gilliam. Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbour and accepted unanimously.

Mayor Senter presented a plaque of appreciation and his side arm to Ray Gilliam. Mayor Senter thanked him for doing a good job for the Town for the past 20 years.

Retired Chief Ray Gilliam thanked the Board. He stated that it has been a pleasure to work for the Town and the citizens. Ms. Sonya Barnes of Bob Etheridge's office presented a letter of congratulation to Retired Chief Gilliam.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Tree Committee

Sheila Allers, Chairwoman

Sheila Allers told the Board that the committee has a lot of things going on right now. She stated the committee is still waiting on the contracts to begin work on the pocket park. She stated the committee is also doing a tree inventory right now.

Uptown Revitalization Committee

Pier Williamson, Chairman

Pier Williamson told the Board that the committee is getting ready to have Frankenfest on Main and that at this time there are already 87 vendors signed up for the event.

He also told the Board that the committee has purchased a 14 foot Christmas tree to go downtown on the Texaco lot and the committee will be having a Christmas tree lighting right before the parade in December.

Franklinton Senior Center

Patrick Woods, Director

Patrick Woods told the Board that last week the senior center administered 107 flu shots. He stated the seniors will be going to the NC State Fair on Thursday. He also explained to the Board that on November 16 there will be open enrollment for prescription drug plans for seniors.

Economic Development Committee

Dr. Stephanie Brown, Chairperson

Mayor Senter stated the committee met today and did a recap of the previous year and plans on meeting next month to plan for 2010.

Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. Tammy Ray, President

Mayor Senter told the Board that the Chamber held a Candidates Forum and had a good turnout. He also stated that the Chamber is working on a business directory. He also told the Board that the Chamber's annual Christmas parade will be held on December 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Franklinton Arts Alive Committee

Commissioner Anita Fuller

Mayor Senter told the Board that the committee will be having its pumpkin pageant and costume contest on Halloween following Frankenfest. He stated there would be prizes given out for the best pumpkin and costume.

He told the Board the committee will be having its Christmas concert on December 5th and the holiday light tour will be held on December 12 and 13. He explained there will also be luminaries for sale in honor of or in memory.

EXTERNAL BOARD/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kerr Tar COG

Mayor Senter stated that at the Kerr Tar Banquet Larry Carver was named the Manager of the year for our region. Larry Carver stated that he was shocked when he received the award. He also stated that without the support of the staff he could not have done the job. He stated it was a group effort and group award.

Town Manager Larry Carver stated that Mayor Senter received the Elected Official of the Year award. Mayor Senter stated he could have not done the job without the support of staff and the Board. He thanked everyone for all of their support.

Franklin County EDC

There was no meeting of the EDC committee.

CAMPO

Mayor Senter stated that the committee received updates on projects that are currently being worked on.

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Pier Williamson told the Board that the FC Chamber has had a challenging year. He stated they just had the Tar River Festival and it was a success. He told the Board the Chamber will be helping with the Christmas parade in Louisburg.

Franklin County Committee of 100

Mayor Senter told the Board the committee had its annual dinner last month.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Works

Report from Raymond Bragg, Public Works Director

Raymond Bragg told the Board that everything is routine at this time and that leaf collection will begin on November 1st. He stated that the cost of the cleanup at the water plant was around \$15,000. Town Manager Larry Carver told the Board that the project turned out to be bigger than originally estimated so it took longer to finish it. He stated he still feels like we came out cheaper by doing the work by staff.

*Police Department
Report from Acting Chief Green*

There is a copy of this report on file.

*Water Treatment Plant
Report from Richard Hinkle, 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 the audit is complete and will be presented at the next meeting. He stated that with budget versus actual the revenues are down right now.

Mayor Senter told the Board that he would like to have a meeting in January to discuss the Powell bill money and our options for that.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Item Updates

Ordinance Update

There was no report at this time.

ETJ Expansion

There was no report at this time.

Sewer Rehabilitation

There was no report at this time.

Hardees Sewer Project

Town Manager Larry Carver stated the Town has received the final grant for the project and he has been in touch with Hardees's to let them know we are ready to move on the project.

Olde Liberty Water Reclamation Project

There was no report at this time.

Water Filtration Up-fit

There is no report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to amend Frankenfest Special Events Permit to allow for Additional Street Closures

Mayor Senter told the Board the URC is requesting to close Vine Street from Main Street to Hillsborough Street for a cruise in car show.

Commissioner Wright made the motion to amend the special event permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cutchins and accepted unanimously.

Census Partnership Proclamation

Mayor Senter read the proclamation to the Board and all agreed with it.

Consideration of Donation to YMCA Y-Learning Program

Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to table this item until November to check and see if we donated last year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Worley and accepted unanimously.

Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(3)(5) to Discuss Matters Covered by Attorney-Client Privilege and Personnel

Commissioner Cutchins made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Worley and accepted unanimously.

Commissioner Barbour made the motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Worley and accepted unanimously.

Mayor Senter stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date Reminders

- URC Meeting 6 pm 1st Thursday
- Arts Alive 3rd Thursday
- Tree Committee 4th Tuesday
- Township Chamber 1st Monday

- Planning Board 3rd Monday
- Senior Citizen's Picnic October 30th
- Frankenfest on Main October 31st
- Trick or Treat 6pm-8pm October 31st
- Arts Alive Pumpkin Pageant & Costume Contest October 31st
- Municipal Election November 3rd

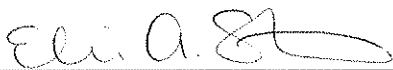
OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

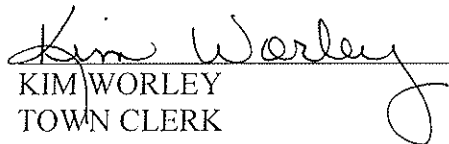
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Worley made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbour and accepted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



ELIC A. SENTER
MAYOR



KIM WORLEY
TOWN CLERK