



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 12, 2024

ATTENDEES: Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Billy Farias, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley
Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien

Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter

Public Works Director-Arnold Allred

GUESTS: Harvey Harman, Dan Hartzog, Hartzog Law Group, Richard Underwood

25-40 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/Prayer

25-41 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hurley opened the consent agenda.

Commissioner Whatley motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Executive Meeting -Closed Session §143-318.11 A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section, such as a legal issue.

Motion for Executive session, Commissioner Farias. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Called to order 7:32 pm

Adjourned 8:00 pm

Session Resumed 8:00 pm

25-42 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Farias discussed the usage of the ARP Funds that must be allocated for a project by December 31, 2024. He suggested the Commissioners discuss priorities such as the construction of the stage and the possible use of the bridge from the zoo for a bridge at the island at Cedar Falls. General discussion reference the various projects and their importance to

the Town citizens. ARP Funds have been used for infrastructure projects such as replacing fire hydrants, repairing pump stations, and repairing the Sewer Treatment Plant. Commissioner Whatley discussed the steps necessary to renovate the bridge for use, such as taking the trusses apart and sandblasting the steel structures and rebuilding the bridge flooring. General discussion on repairs needed at East Bend Street and could be combined with Powell Bill Funding to have enough for the repairs and paving. Director Allred said he would like to have \$10,000 or so to finish the repairs at the Sewer Plant when the new replacement valves are installed. They have been ordered and will be paid with ARP Funds previously allocated for that project. The amount of \$40,000.00 will cover the valves but not all the repairs needed to the plant. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to allocate an additional \$12,500.00 toward the valve work at the sewer plant and \$30,000.00 for the East Bend road repair project. He directed the clerk to prepare the project ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

25-43 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the financial report. She discussed the initial financial report the Auditor asked her to review. The audit looks good, and the Auditor will report fully to the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting, on December 9th.

25-44 PLANNING AND ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed plans he had received from H.R. Gallimore for possible development behind Kubota, on Highway 64. The proposed buyer wanted to subdivide the rear portion into two or three parcels. He asked Mrs. O'Brien to contact the Real Estate agent or the buyer to discuss the development proposal.

25-45 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Trunk or Treat in the Park event on October 31. It was well attended and a great event. The only issue was one person giving out "Jello shots". Mayor Hurley asked why it took the Deputies so long to respond to the incident, and Commissioner Farias stated they were on another call. The person giving out the inappropriate treats was new to the area and was very apologetic when they were told to cease. It was determined no charges were necessary. Mayor Hurley discussed why the Town would need to pay the off-duty Deputies if we are covered by the Sheriff's Department anyway and the tax dollars cover their services? Commissioner Farias stated the ability to have the Deputies in Town when they are more likely to be needed or to help deter activity is why we have the additional service. Commissioner Goodwin responded that the Deputies will likely answer quicker since Ramseur has contracted for coverage. Mayor Hurley mentioned a specific incident where the Deputy warned people to leave the park after dark, and the people stayed after the Deputy left the area. Mayor Pro Tem stated the Deputies have been very helpful in curbing people walking the streets late at night. Commissioner Farias offered to send a calendar of the dates and hours the Deputies are scheduled for extra duty in the Town.

25-46 PUBLIC SERVICES

Mayor Hurley directed the Commissioners to the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Partners Program.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley asked if Kelly Wicker could receive a small reimbursement for his fuel for the Trunk or Treat hayride? Finance Officer O'Brien stated that she and Christie had released a check in the same amount as last year, \$200.00, for Mr. Wicker. Commissioner Hurley also discussed the staging areas for the Christmas Parade and Utility Clerk Christie Gunter stated that the maps were posted to the Town website, as well.

25-47 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred discussed the AIA Surveys. These are Asset Inventory Assessments for both the water and sewer systems and are on track to be completed by the engineering company soon. Director Allred discussed the Ogles Creek Pump station replacement project. Mr. Allred attended a bid opening on October 22nd and the bid was awarded to Baker Utilities. They will begin within the next couple of weeks, and it is estimated to take 6-7 months. Director Allred also discussed the need to allow at least \$10,000.00 for the installation of the two new valves at the Sewer Plant. They have not been delivered yet and are covered under the ARPA Funding the Board voted on but will require extra work and materials for the installation. Director Allred discussed the water line installation at Highway 64. He expects the County and Asheboro to upgrade the Ramseur Water Plant and extend the line to Wolfsped in Chatham County. General discussion reference the new tap on Sunrise Avenue for one new home there. General discussion reference the new data logs the new meter reading software has enabled the Town to use. Finance Officer O'Brien said they are an excellent tool to show water customers the timing and quantity of leaks. General discussion reference limited parking for events in Town and the parking in front of Townhall and the parking situation in the municipal lot near the Fire Department. Mayor Hurley discussed the trouble individuals from the fire department in their personal cars have had trouble getting out of the Fire Department lot because of overflow from the municipal lot. The Fire Chief is considering blocking off the Fire Department lot.

Commissioner Whatley discussed the survey and possible purchase of the property near the Ashworth House for the Park but noted that Mr. Ashworth has not responded to his inquiries. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and Commissioner Goodwin gave an up-date on the Methodist Church building and stated the Contractor hopes to begin work the 1st of January, weather permitting.

25-48 MAYOR'S COMMENTS

General discussion of the December 7th Christmas Parade, bike giveaway and tree lighting. General discussion reference asking for the donations of new or gently used bikes. General discussion reference the unknown quality of used bikes and consensus to ask for new bikes only. The bikes will be stored and delivered to the new Town Hall building.

**Commissioner Faris, Motion to Adjourn.
Seconded By Commissioner Hurley.**

9:05 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk