

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
January 21, 2010

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin, Georgia, met in regular session Thursday, January 21, 2010 in the Council Room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Chapman presiding.

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order. Councilman Hamil gave the invocation followed by Councilman Almond leading in the pledge to the flag.

I. Appointments

A. City Attorney

There were three applicants for the position.

- Dock Davis
- Nan Garrett
- David Mecklin

Council discussion centered around the desirability of having someone local and easily accessible. Councilman Rogers raised the issue of former attorney Dock Davis representing individuals against the City. Councilman Adams stated this issue should be addressed at the beginning. Actions of that type were not acceptable. Councilman Almond made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hamil to appoint Dock Davis as City Attorney. Councilmen Adams, Almond, and Hamil voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Rogers opposed the motion. Councilman Manders abstained stating he did not think he had sufficient time to go over the resumes and make an informed decision.

B. City Solicitor

There were two applicants for the position.

- Michael Arrington
- Nan Garrett

Councilman Manders suggested the city use Michael Arrington since he was local and in the same office as newly appointed City Attorney Dock Davis. Other council members agreed. Councilman Manders made the motion. It was seconded by Councilman Hamil. The vote was unanimous.

C. Zoning Board

Four names were submitted for this appointment.

- Jay Truitt
- Linda O'Neal
- Linda Phillips
- Kevin Hayes

Councilman Hamil made a motion, seconded by Councilman Almond, to appoint Linda Phillips. He stated she has for many years attended city meetings and kept abreast of the current events in the city. The vote was unanimous.

D. Water Authority Board

Mayor Chapman told the council Don Heard had resigned from the Water Authority Board and needed to be replaced. Two names were submitted for this position.

- Carrie Rutledge
- Cliff Jiles

Councilman Almond said he thought the board needed a female on it. Councilman Adams stated he had served for three years and he thought the board needed both a lady

and a minority member to fairly represent the county. Councilman Almond made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to appoint Carrie Rutledge. Councilmen Adams, Almond, Hamil, and Manders voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Rogers, as a board member, abstained due to a conflict of interest.

E. City Auditor

There were three applicants for this position.

.	Kim Kimmel	\$8500.00
.	Abbott, Jordan & Koons	Not to exceed \$20000.00
.	J. K. Boatwright	\$31000.00

Councilman Rogers made a motion to appoint Kim Kimmel. There was no second. Councilman Adams stated any time there is a change of administration a good clean audit is needed. It may not hurt to have a new set of eyes look at the books. He cited previous experience with Boatwright and the thoroughness of their audit. Councilman Rogers countered by stating the city had used Boatwright four years ago and the only difference was the cost of the audit. Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Almond, to appoint Boatwright. Councilmen Adams, Almond, Hamil, and Manders voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Rogers opposed the motion.

II. Clean up at South River Road and City Shop

Councilman Hamil stated to the council, when South River Road collapsed during the heavy rains in September, he told the street department they could dump the debris (concrete, asphalt, etc.) in a ditch on the back of his property. The county does not have a landfill. Street Supervisor Alan Holcomb said it would take approximately \$4900.00 to haul the debris to the landfill in LaGrange. Several people noticed the activity at his house and complained to the Times Journal the city was working on his driveway. Trish Jiles of the Times Journal told the council she contacted Councilman Hamil about this. He met her at the city shop and showed her the pile of debris from the cleanup. He then took her to his house and showed her where the city was dumping the debris. She reported the city was not working on Councilman Hamil's property or driveway. Mayor Chapman reported she had placed an ad in the paper to allow anyone who wanted the debris to have it. Councilman Rogers suggested offering it to the school. Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rogers, to offer it to the school or dispose of it. The vote was unanimous.

III. Cell Phone Allowance

Councilman Almond made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hamil, to give the mayor a \$100.00 a month cell phone allowance and the council a \$50.00 a month allowance. Councilman Rogers suggested buying them a cell phone if they needed it. Mayor Chapman stated she did not need an additional cell phone. Councilmen Adams, Almond, Hamil and Manders voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Rogers opposed the motion.

IV. Insurance Claim

Mayor Chapman told the council the city's insurance agency had called and reported they were prepared to settle with the city on the Bradfield case. She recommended the council accept the settlement. Councilman Adams suggested waiting until February and allowing the city attorney to contact the auditors. Councilman Almond agreed. The issue was postponed until February.

V. David Barker Lease

Mr. Barker spoke to the council and asked for an extension on the lease until June on a month to month basis in order to give him time to dispose of the contents. Councilman Adams said he did not have a problem with the extension but asked about the utilities the city had been paying on the building. The lease agreement had originally stated Mr. Barker would pay the utilities and this had been marked through, changed to the city paying and initialed by the mayor and Mr. Barker. Mr. Barker said he was told the utilities would be paid by the city because the city washed cars there. Former Mayor Yates told him the council had agreed to this. Councilman Hamil said he was unaware of it. Councilman Almond said he did not receive a phone call either but he did remember the city washed cars there all of the time. Councilman Manders made a motion, seconded by Councilman Almond, to grant the extension with no modifications. Councilman Adams said, for the future, council meeting should not be held on the phone. The vote was unanimous to grant the extension.

Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rogers, to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Teresa Chapman, Mayor

Members Present:

Shane Manders, Post #1
Willie Almond, Post #2
Joel Rogers, Post #3
Johnny Adams, Post #4
Jimmy Hamil, Post #5

Clerks Present:

Myra C. Braswell

Employees Present:

Alan Holcomb, Street Supervisor
Kevin Hannah, Chief of Police