

Dear Board:

As always I hope this packet finds you and yours in good health and spirits. With Election Day looming, the holiday season cannot be far behind. I hope that your family is looking forward to this annual opportunity to give thanks for our blessings and enjoy the company of friends and family. While we would love to focus exclusively on these matters, the present financial environment requires that we spread our attention to other areas, most notably the economy.

In light of present market and economic conditions that Town is moving forward with a variety of steps to secure our fiscal position as well as improve the climate for local business. Our RiverSculpture event is succeeding in bringing new customers to our shops and new visitors to our community and we see an opportunity to expand this success through an event we are calling "Farm & Art" a farmers market/art market/local business open house. This event will be advertized in the tribune papers as well as through Mountain Xpress and other local radio and magazine supporters. The idea is to create a kick off to the holiday season on November 1 that will encourage people to spend their money here and boost local merchants and artists. I will discuss this in more detail with the Board on Tuesday night.

We are looking for other ways to maintain and improve the local economy. The Farm and Art project has grown out of direct interactions with local small businesses. It is our hope that this event will stimulate the formation of the Woodfin Area Merchants Association as a successor to the now defunct Woodfin Business Association. Other ideas that you may wish to discuss for how to keep our local economy working well are appreciated.

Please arrive early on Tuesday –no later than 6 PM if possible – we have arranged to take new Board pictures for both the website and the Aldermen portrait.

I know of no controversial matters coming before the Board on Tuesday, but we may have some code enforcement appeals or complaints from persons who have been subject to enforcement proceedings.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience regarding this packet or other municipal business. I can be reached around the clock at 768-4887 or email jasonyoung@charter.net.

See you Tuesday!

Jason

**Town of Woodfin
Board of Aldermen Meeting
October 21, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

Meeting

Meeting Call to Order
Invocation
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of the Minutes

Executive Session-*The Board will adjourn to private chambers to discuss legal matters with the Town Attorney.*

Public Forum-*Citizens may address the Board concerning various topics after being recognized by the Mayor.*

New Business

1. Public Hearing on the proposed opening of Foothills and Fontaine Drives.
2. Consideration of a Resolution opening the roads described above.

The Board will consider acceptance of Foothills and Fontaine Drive into the municipal street system. These private roads have been offered to the Town via petition of the street owners and abutters. I expect no opposition to this request from the petitioners. The roads in question are located off of Old Marshall Highway in the vicinity of the camp ground.

3. Consideration of a Resolution establishing a date for a public hearing on the matter of opening certain roads in the Riverwalk subdivision.

The Board will consider a request to open these streets after a public hearing on the matter. Should the Board wish to act on this request to accept these private streets into the municipal street system it would be appropriate to establish a public hearing date by passing the enclosed resolution.

4. Consideration of a Resolution establishing a date for a public hearing on the matter of opening certain roads in the Crest Mountain subdivision.

The Board will consider a request to open these streets after a public hearing on the matter. Should the Board wish to act on this request to accept these private streets into the municipal street system it would be appropriate to establish a public hearing date by passing the enclosed resolution.

5. Consideration of a Budget Amendment to Support "Farm and Art" an event to raise awareness of local merchants and development of the central business district.

The Board will consider a request in the amount of \$1000 to assist in advertizing and other associated costs for a local business event called "Farm and Art." The idea behind this event is to raise awareness about local merchants and to encourage citizens to shop locally when possible.

6. Consideration of an Ordinance requiring helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads at the Woodfin Skateboard Park.

As per the actions of the General Assembly the Town of Woodfin is required to pass an ordinance mandating that helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads be worn by all users of the Woodfin Skate Park. I would also like to suggest that the Board adopt all the rules of use posted at the Skate Park via ordinance so that they can be enforced and to ensure the legal liability of the Town is kept in check.

7. Consideration of a Cooperative Inter local Agreement with Buncombe County and other municipalities in our County.

As part of the Wayfinding Signage Project that the Town has been involved in it is necessary to establish the attached Inter Local Agreement with other local agencies. It would set the pattern for how we would maintain signage and who would absorb what costs.

Reports

Police Report
Parks and Recreation Report
Public Works Report
ABC Report
Administrative Report

Adjournment