

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 300 Iberia Street, Franklin, Louisiana. Mayor Eugene P. Foulcard called the meeting to order. Also present were Councilmembers Chuck Autin, Pearl Rack, Lester Levine, Jaime Robison, and City Clerk Karen LeBlanc. Absent were Councilman Joseph Garrison and City Attorney Russel J. Cremaldi.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Foulcard and Councilman Robison led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS:

Anthony Bell, Polemarch of Franklin Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, announced the chapter's desire to adopt Broussard-Harris and McKerral-O'Niell Community Centers and Parks. He recognized several young men present who are entering into Kappa League, a youth development and mentoring program. Mr. Bell discussed programs and services the group undertakes in support of the community. The purpose of the adoption of the community centers and parks is to help keep the city clean, work with staff with support as needed, and to be a positive influence to save the youth.

Mayor Foulcard stated that he is humbled and honored as a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. He supports their efforts to give back to the community and is appreciative.

Brooke Latiolais, Kathy Latiolais, and Natalie Adams were present representing the Main Street Merchants Association to promote the Harvest Moon Festival to be held on October 25, 2025. Brooke Latiolais announced the events and activities planned and encouraged the public to attend.

Beverly Domengeaux, Executive Director of St. Mary Council on Aging, promoted Senior Center Month. She discussed activities and encouraged residents to visit the centers.

Kelli Cantu with Chez Hope discussed Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the services Chez Hope provides to St. Mary, St. Martin, Iberia, and Assumption parishes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for items on the agenda): None.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rack to accept the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Levine, Rack, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Foulcard presented his report. He expressed gratitude to LaDaisha Bowles-Webber for a successful Summer Dance Program. He also mentioned that the improvements at the Water Plant are ongoing and that the City is applying for a \$2 million Delta Regional Authority grant to address distribution lines.

Mayor Foulcard reminded the public that sugar harvest season will soon begin.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mayor Foulcard stated that the July 2025 Financial Statements were presented to the council.

Chris Barrilleaux, Recreation Director, presented his report on summer programs and activities. He discussed the Summer Feeding Program; a total of 10,228 meals were served. There were indoor activities available for children, both wade pools were open daily, a high school/junior high basketball league was hosted which was sponsored by the City and Bayou Bend Wellness Center. He also mentioned that pickle ball and open gym time for adults are scheduled weekly. The Back to School Community Fair was also held again this year; sponsored by Healthy Blue, 100 Black Men of St. Mary, City of Franklin, A.J. Hill and Braylen Foulcard Foundation.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to introduce Ordinance No. 3470 – An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana, of not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2025; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to adopt the following resolutions en globo.

Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, Levine, Rack, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Notes; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Notes; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

A Resolution authorizing Mayor Eugene Foulcard to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year 2025 federal award program cycle and beyond.

A Resolution authorizing Mayor Eugene Foulcard to make an application to the Louisiana Infrastructure Technical Assistance Corporation Matching Funds Grants Program.

PROCLAMATIONS:

The following proclamations were unanimously adopted en globo.

A Proclamation Recognizing the Adoption of Broussard-Harris and McKerall-O’Niell Community Centers and Parks by the Franklin Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

A Proclamation designating October 25, 2025 as Harvest Moon Festival Day.

A Proclamation designating September 2025 as Senior Center Month in the city of Franklin.

A Proclamation designating October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city of Franklin.

A Proclamation proclaiming September 12, 2025 as Hanson Memorial High School 100th Anniversary Day in the city of Franklin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Foulcard made announcements for upcoming events including the City-Wide Clean Up, Bayou to Main Marketplace, Harvest Moon Festival, and National Night Out.

Ed “Tiger” Verdin announced upcoming events including the Imagine Main Street Workshops and film screening of Ada and the Doc at the Teche Theatre.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Levine. Second by Councilman Robison and carried.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council

EUGENE P. FOULCARD, MAYOR