

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 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, Larry Guilbeau (6:05 pm arrival), Joseph Garrison, Lester Levine, Jaime Robison, Attorney Russell J. Cremaldi, and City Clerk Karen LeBlanc.

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

GUESTS:

Cedric Floyd, Data Center, thanked the Mayor and Council for another opportunity to redistrict the city. The district map was displayed. He assured that the districts are in compliance with the law and will be submitted to the Secretary of State timely upon approval.

Joseph McDaniel announced the 5th Annual Christmas Bike and Toys Giveaway. He thanked all of the donors and invited the public to attend.

Winners of the Christmas Light Decoration Contest and Golf Cart Contest were present and were presented with a plaque by Mayor Foulcard and members of the Council.

Golf Cart Contest Winners – 3rd Place Chez Hope, 2nd Place Franklin Rotary Club, 1st Place Pillaro's Refrigeration (Luke Pillaro).

Christmas Light Decoration Contest Winners – Business District 2nd Place Chic N Shabby, 1st Place Nelvin's Creations. District A 2nd Place 1708 Collie Street (Blake Comeaux), 1st Place 101 Adams Street (Larry Otis). District B 2nd Place 115 Eastwood Drive (Eddie Bodin), 1st Place 101 Adams Street (Brance Boykin). District C 2nd Place 550 Truiel Street (Mark Judice), 1st Place 412 Seventh Street (Dawn Cormier). District D 2nd Place 601 Eighth Street (Audrey Depass), 1st Place 1003 A Cayce Street (Kerwin Gabriel).

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Foulcard gave a brief report. He thanked everyone who attended Christmas Under the Lamppost Golf Cart Parade. He also thanked everyone who participated and helped organize the event. Mayor Foulcard thanked the 2021 Lamplighter the Wanda Hilliard Food Pantry – Dr. Patricia Muse and the army of volunteers with the agency that have continued Wanda's legacy of ensuring those that are in need of food in our community do not go without. He thanked the City Public Works Department for their hard work creating a beautiful display year after year. Gratitude was also expressed for the Franklin Merchants Association for a successful Mingle & Jingle event, and for the administrative "elves" that make sure that Santa received each and every letter in Santa's Mailbox.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for items on the agenda): No comment heard.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to accept the November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to approve a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin authorizing the submission of an application for State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV Program Love Louisiana Outdoors application certifying that said application meets an urgent need in the community and the requirements of the state CDBG Program, and authorizing all actions necessary to

implement and complete the activities outlined in said application. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to approve a Resolution authorizing Eugene P. Foulcard, Mayor of the City of Franklin, to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Franklin and South Central Planning and Development Corporation. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Robison to approve a Resolution authorizing Mayor Eugene Foulcard, on behalf of the City of Franklin, to sign a right-of-way with the St. Mary Levee District for the purpose of construction, widening, repairing, alteration, maintenance, and operation of the Yokley Bayou where related to a portion of City-owned property. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to expand the agenda to include a Resolution lifting the open alcohol container law for the City of Franklin New Year's Eve Celebration; no glass containers. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. No public comment heard on the expansion. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to approve a Resolution lifting the open alcohol container law on December 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. and on January 1, 2020 from 12:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. for the City of Franklin New Year's Eve Celebration; no glass containers. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt Ordinance No. 3421 – An Ordinance redistricting the Franklin City Council Districts to adjust said districts' boundaries as needed for population changes documented by the 2020 United States Decennial Census, and amending Chapter 8, Section 8-01 of the Franklin City Code of Ordinances; and repealing any and all ordinances in conflict herewith. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to adopt Ordinance No. 3423 – An Ordinance amending and enacting Chapter 34, Article III – Abandoned Vehicles and Appliances, Section 34-140, and Section 34-145 to include Sections 34-145(a) and 34-145(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Franklin. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Autin thanked the community for their generosity and support of the Emergency Aide Center. He stated that with the donations received the center is at full capacity. Ms. Beverly Domingeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging, and Ms. Cherrise Picard, Chez Hope, also expressed gratitude for the generosity of the community.

Mayor Foulcard made announcements of the upcoming New Year's Eve Celebration and the next Franklin City-Wide Clean-Up. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

ATTEST:
/s/Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council
Director of Administration

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

/s/EUGENE P. FOULCARD, MAYOR