

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 20, 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, Lester Levine, Jaime Robison, City Attorney Russell J. Cremaldi, and City Clerk Karen LeBlanc. Absent was Councilman Joseph Garrison.

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

GUESTS:

Mr. Darrell Bennet and Mrs. Penny Bennet, 210 Wall Street, were present to express displeasure with AmeriPure Oyster Company and the living conditions on Wall Street due to the facility's conditions. They stated that they have spoken to many attorneys and the attorneys always send him back to the city council.

Mayor Foulcard stated that Mr. and Mrs. Bennet had previously filed a lawsuit with the Department of Justice which was kicked out. The DOJ forwarded the claim to the Department of Environmental Quality said that there was no basis on their claims. The city no longer has anything to do with AmeriPure. He encouraged Mr. and Mrs. Bennet to hire an attorney.

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Foulcard announced that the City of Franklin has been awarded a \$1 million grant through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program for the HVAC systems at the recreation centers. Both recreation centers will be receiving new HVAC systems.

Mayor Foulcard announced that the Franklin Police Department participated in a very successful multi-agency operation to target gun violence in Franklin. He thanked Sheriff Smith for putting the detail together and also acknowledged the Berwick, Baldwin, Patterson, Morgan City, and Chitimacha Police Departments for their assistance. He stated that gun violence will not be tolerated in the City of Franklin.

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to accept the June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

A motion was made by Councilman Robison to accept the June 30, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to adopt Ordinance #3417 – An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Franklin, Louisiana, adopting and enacting Section 54-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Franklin adopting the Louisiana Criminal Code as it pertains to misdemeanor offenses, being Title 14, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Revised Statutes of 1950 of the State of Louisiana. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to introduce Ordinance #3418 – An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Franklin, Louisiana, authorizing the City to enter into

a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement transferring immovable property owned by the City of Franklin to St. Mary Community Action Committee Association, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to introduce Ordinance #3419 – An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Franklin, Louisiana, adopting and enacting Section 54-343 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Franklin regarding disorderly conduct.

RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to approve a Resolution in support of the application for Community Partnership grant funding of the Franklin Summer Art Program. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to expand the agenda to include a Resolution in support of the application to the Louisiana Projects Grants program for funding of the Franklin Summer Art Program. No public comment heard on the expansion. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to approve a Resolution in support of the application to the Louisiana Projects Grants program for funding of the Franklin Summer Art Program. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2020 Asphaltic Concrete Street Improvements. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to approve the Substantial Completion of the 2020 Asphaltic Concrete Street Improvements. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to approve the re-appointment of Edward Delone to the Civil Service Board as the Governing Authority appointment for a three (3) year term. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Levine, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilman Autin announced that the council is working on ordinances to address motorized vehicles on city streets and indecent behavior in public.

Mayor Foulcard announced the July 24, 2021 Bayou Beau Dance program, the July 24, 2021 Christians Waging War on Violence prayer vigil, and the August 2, 2021 Back to School fair.

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

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

ATTEST:

Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council
Director of Administration

EUGENE P. FOULCARD, MAYOR