

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 18, 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, Joseph Garrison, Lester Levine, Jaime Robison, and City Clerk Karen LeBlanc. City Attorney Russell J. Cremaldi was absent.

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

GUESTS: None.

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Foulcard read the budget letter that was presented with the amended and proposed budget.

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to accept the January 19, 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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to introduce Ordinance #3411 – An Ordinance amending the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning May First (1st), 2020 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to introduce Ordinance #3412 – An Ordinance amending the Capital Outlay Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning May First (1st), 2020 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Levine to introduce Ordinance #3413 – An Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning May First (1st), 2021 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Robison to introduce Ordinance #3414 – An Ordinance adopting the Capital Outlay Budget for the Fiscal Years beginning May First (1st), 2021 and ending April Thirtieth (30th), 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to introduce Ordinance #3415 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3406 adopted on December 15, 2020, by the City Council of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana, authorizing the issuance of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) of Water Revenue Bonds of the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment thereof, providing for the sale thereof and entering into certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of said Bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mr. Jason Watson, President of Patterson State Bank, expressed his pleasure in getting the opportunity to work with the City on the bond and the opening of the sinking fund account for the bond.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt Ordinance #3409 – An Ordinance declaring certain movable property no longer needed for public purposes as surplus movable property; due to said movable property constituting a burden of unnecessary expense and consuming needed space and offering said property for sale that could be utilized by others; authorizing the Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin to auction said surplus movable

property through the sealed bid process to the bidder submitting the highest sealed bid.
Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

Mayor Foulcard stated that there is a clerical error in agenda item 10-B. The ordinance present in full form is correct but the title of the item listed on the agenda needs to include “and tract ‘ABHEA’”. We need a motion to amend the agenda to include “and tract ‘ABHEA’” in the title to agenda item “10-B”.

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to amend the title of Ordinance #3410 on the agenda to include the wording “and tract ‘ABHEA’”. Second by Councilman Levine and carried. No public comment heard. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Councilman Autin to adopt Ordinance #3410 – An Ordinance to authorize the city to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement granting a right of use for driveway purposes over a portion of tract “ABCD A” and tract “ABHEA” as shown on a plan of land recorded in Book 146, Entry No. 298,492 of the Conveyance Records of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, including term of right of use, consideration, and other terms and conditions. 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 Garrison to adopt a Resolution in support of an application for the creation of the Franklin Cultural District. 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 adopt a Resolution authorizing the signature cards at Patterson State Bank for Water Revenue Bonds 2021 Sinking Fund. 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 a Resolution adopting a Citizen Participation Plan relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Second by Councilman Garrison 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 a Resolution authorizing the submission of application for state Community Development Block Grant HVAC Program. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Guilbeau, Garrison, Levine, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Foulcard referred to a letter received from Ms. Casa Thomas concerning her appreciation to the City in helping her resolve a gas leak issue.

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

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

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA
/s/EUGENE P. FOULCARD, MAYOR