

The Mayor and Council of the City of Franklin met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 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, Joseph Garrison, and Jaime Robison, and City Clerk Karen LeBlanc. Absent were Councilmembers Larry Guilbeau, Lester Levine, and City Attorney Russel J. Cremaldi.

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

GUESTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for items on the agenda):

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to accept the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE REPORT:

Mayor Foulcard presented his report. He expressed his pleasure with the success of the Soul Food Festival and thanked everyone that organized, entertained, provided security, and attended the event. He expressed the importance of such events to the St. Mary Parish economy.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mayor Foulcard stated that the April 2024 Financial Statement was presented to the Council.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Robison to introduce Ordinance No. 3455 – An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Franklin, State of Louisiana, of not exceeding Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) of Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2024; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt Ordinance No. 3453 – An Ordinance increasing the rates of tax not to exceed the prior year's maximum rate to be assessed by the municipal corporation of City of Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, subject to taxation therein, for the year 2024. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt Ordinance No. 3454– An Ordinance fixing the adjusted rates of tax to be assessed by the municipal corporation of City of Franklin, Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, subject to taxation therein, for the year 2024. Second by Councilman Robison. Roll call is as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine

The roll was called on the adoption of the foregoing ordinance and the ordinance was not adopted due to the lack of two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The clerk inadvertently declared that it had passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Eugene P. Foulcard to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Franklin and the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District relative to the New Crime Lab Planning, Design, Construction, and Equipment FP&C Project No. 50-NPI-18-01. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine
- A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to adopt a Resolution adopting the City of Franklin Procurement Policy for Compliance with 2 CFR 200.317-326. Second by Councilman Autin and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine
- A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to expand the agenda to include a Resolution authorizing Mayor Eugene Foulcard to make an application to the Louisiana Infrastructure Technical Assistance Corporation Matching Funds Grants Program. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. No public comment heard on the expansion. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine
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YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine
- A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to expand the agenda to include a Resolution authorizing Mayor Eugene P. Foulcard to engage the services of Miller Engineers And Associates, Inc. to perform engineering services where related to the Water Treatment Facility and Distribution System Improvements. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. No public comment heard on the expansion. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine
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YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to approve Change Order No. 2 for Asphaltic Concrete Street & Drainage Improvements to Cayce Street. Second by Councilman Robison and carried. Roll call is as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine

A motion was made by Councilman Garrison to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Asphaltic Concrete Street & Drainage Improvements to Cayce Street.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Autin, Garrison, and Robison

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Guilbeau and Levine

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Foulcard announced the upcoming City-Wide Clean Up.

Ed “Tiger” Verdin announced events in the months to come.

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

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

Karen LeBlanc
Clerk of the Council

EUGENE P. FOULCARD, MAYOR