

January 8, 2019

1. **Regular Meeting called to order** at 6:30 p.m. by the Mayor Eugene Brooks
2. **Invocation-** Brother George Forman
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call:** Mayor Eugene Brooks: Present, Councilmember Roger McDonald: Present, Councilmember Elmer Birdwell: Present, Councilmember Alfonso Lang: Present, Councilmember Vivian Hollingsworth: Present, Councilmember Mark Slaughter: Present.
5. **Consent Items:** Minutes as written for Regular Council Meeting of 12/11/18, Motion by councilmember Alfonso Lang to approve consent items as presented, 2nd by Roger McDonald.
6. **Citizens Forum:** None.
 - a. **Old Business:** Street Resurfacing Plan FY 2018-2019. 27K budget for this year. Budget includes Repairs and resurfacing a small street. Mayor Brooks proposed delaying use of budgeted funds until Spring/Early Summer to see what money is available. He proposed oil and sand on three potential streets: E. Pecan St (end at W. Garrison); Reed St. (Reagan to Elm); S. Miller (South of West Main). The amount of budget remaining will limit what can be done. Garrison St is sinking which is a safety concern. Mayor Brooks ask John Whitley to start filling the street in to get Garrison closer to level. Motion to approve by Mark Slaughter, 2nd by Elmer Birdwell, unanimous.
7. **New Business:**
 - b. Consider contract with Anderson County Appraisal District for Tax Collection and Assessment. A dollar a parcel. We will billed quarterly. The city will be paid daily from county if taxes are collected on that day. MVBA will cover the cost to convert files. There will be no more 3,2,1 discount. The term with the county is year-to-year. Motion to approve by Roger McDonald, 2nd by Elmer Birdwell, unanimous.
 - c. Consider contract with Henderson County for Tax Collection. There are 11 parcels at .90 cents a parcel. Contract is year-year and HC data entry will be at no cost due to manual upload. Motion to approve by Alfonso Lang, 2nd by Elmer Birdwell, unanimous.
 - d. Consider terminating Contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for tax collection. We are currently working off a month-to-month contract and need a motion to terminate contract. Motion approved by Roger McDonald, 2nd by Elmer Birdwell, unanimous.
 - e. Consider contract with MVBA for tax collections. Robert Meyers and Martha Thompson represented MVBA at meeting. Contract is for 2 years and the rates are the same as Linbarger Contract. The rate is set by the State of Texas. Mayor Brooks suggested going with MVBA due to the fact that they have staff located in both Anderson and Henderson County. Motion approved by Roger McDonald, 2nd by Alfonso Lang, unanimous.
 - f. Discuss Court Fines and Fees Collection Services – Mayor Brooks explained the City received numerous complaints from individuals about being contacted about being in warrant status and they were not. The City started termination procedures with NetPlea. A thirty day notice of termination was mailed to NetPlea on 3 January 2019. Our 1 year contract ends in February 2019. Linda Howell said that Mr. Lambert of NetPlea did a download and immediately got responses from individuals who should not of received letters. Many people in the court system got contacted no matter their status. Mr. Lambert is only supposed to pick up cases in warrant status. This mistake has caused the court many hours of work due to complaints. Mayor Brooks stated that before the council meeting he and Mr. Lambert spoke. Mr. Lambert is claiming that NetPlea has brought in approximately 42K in fees since taking over. Mr. Lambert stated that NetPlea invoices the city monthly based off of collection fees. Roger McDonald felt like we should consider giving NetPlea a second chance. Mark Slaughter would like to have an update at next month meeting about the 42K collected.
 - g. Racial Profiling Report for 01/01/2018 to 12/31/18. There was a glitch in the system so the information is not correct at this time. Item tabled until next meeting. Motion to approve by Alfonso Lang, 2nd by Roger McDonald, unanimous.

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8. **Items from Council:** Mayor Brooks thanked Economic Development and FFA for new park benches in park. Mayor Brooks also thanked Dana Bizzell , Jim Dwyer and James Simmons for their work on the project as well as the welders of Frankston ISD.
9. **Staff Reports:** Darren Goodman/Police, Scottie Rodgers/FVFD, M. Hatton/W&S, J. Whitley/Streets.
10. **Announcements:** ,
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 7:46 p.m. by Eugene Brooks, Mayor.


Eugene Brooks, Mayor


Kelli Landreth-Smith, City Secretary