

February 12, 2019

1. **Regular Meeting called to order** at 6:30 pm by the Mayor Eugene Brooks
2. **Invocation**-Darren Goodman
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call:** Mayor, Eugene Brooks: Present, Councilmember Roger McDonald: Present, Councilmember Elmer Birdwell: Present, Councilmember Alfonso Lang: Absent, Councilmember Vivian Hollingsworth: Present, Councilmember Mark Slaughter: Present.
5. **Consent Items:** Minutes as written for Regular Council Meeting of 01/09/18, Motion by councilmember
6. **Citizens Forum:** None.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Discuss NetPlea/Court Fine:** Mr. Arnold Lambert of NetPlea said they had recovered \$46,282.30, sent out over 8K emails and made 7,126 calls with a 30% fee. NetPlea has been paid \$6,164.20. Mayor Brooks said 30% of \$46,282.30 should be \$13,884. So why has the City only paid \$6,164.20? Mr. Lambert explained that several months' worth of payments have not yet been paid to NetPlea due to being on a payment plan. Mr. Lambert was asked if they collect money directly for the City. He said he feels taking payments directly could be in violation of the law. Instead, NetPlea directed individuals to the Court to make their payments based off a conversation he had with Linda at some point. He also said he and Linda had a conversation in December concerning conference calling the individuals in warrant status. Court Clerk Linda Howell said she has no memory of such conversation in December. Linda stated the collection agency before did all aspects of collections and did not involve court. The Judge is not happy with NetPlea and wishes not to have an agency at this time. Instead use OMNI until the situation is corrected. Mr. Lambert stated NetPlea's success was in the numbers. He stated there were a number of discrepancies before NetPlea took over. Mayor Brooks said there is big difference in the money you said you collected and the money we show has been paid. Mayor Brooks stated, the bottom line is I trust the employees. If the judge and Linda are unhappy, since they are the ones who work with you (Mr. Lambert) on a daily basis, I trust them. Alfonso Lang suggested giving Mr. Lambert until May to see if we like what he is doing. Mayor Brooks stated he had sent a letter to terminate him, therefore, if we wanted to hire him back we must vote. Motion made to hire NetPlea back by Alfonso Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger McDonald, Unanimous.
  - b. **FPD Racial Profiling Report** – Chief Goodman said the report was spotless. It had been accepted by the State. Motion to accept by Alfonso Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger McDonald, Unanimous.
8. **New Business:**
  - a. **Call May 4, 2019 Election for Mayor** – Place 1, Councilmember 2,3,4,5 and 6 and designate Tuesday, April 23 and Tuesday April 30 as the two twelve hour days for early voting. Motion to approve by Alfonso Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Slaughter, Unanimous.
  - b. **Approve Joint Election Agreement with Fisd and Anderson County Elections Administrator** to perform various duties on behalf of City in upcoming May 4 election process. Motion to approve by Alfonso Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Slaughter, Unanimous.

- c. Petition for Local Option Election – Motion to cancel by Alfonso Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger McDonald, Unanimous.
  - d. Consider 2017/2018 Acker & Company Audit. Motion to approve by Alfonso Lang, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elmer Birdwell, Unanimous.
  - e. Discuss changes to Game Room Ordinance 11-15-2017. Motion discussed by Chief Goodman. Chief recommended there should be clear visibility into game room at all times, the appropriate signs should be posted and a \$15.00 occupancy tax per machine be added to ordinance. Motion to approve by Roger McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alfonso Lang, Unanimous.
  - f. Executive Session 551.074 – Personnel. Motion to Approve City Secretary Kelli Landreth-Smith evaluation by Roger McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vivian Hollingsworth, Unanimous. Motion to approve extension to original hiring agreement for testing for Water Operator Richard VanZandt by Roger McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elmer Birdwell, Unanimous.
- 9. Items from Council:** Roger McDonald went to the speak at an event at the Methodist Church. They are concerned the Exxon located by the church is in violation of ordinance for game rooms. The game room was grandfathered in so it is not in violation. Mark Slaughter had property concerns at 440 Aryers St. and stated it should be illegal to have your dog tied up outside in this weather. He also brought up the issue of trash trucks leaking in the streets.
- 10. Staff Reports:** Darren Goodman/Police, Scottie Rodgers/FVFD, Michael Hatton/W&S, John Whitley/Streets.
- 11. Announcements:** Tax collection by Anderson County begins 15 February 2019. No payments accepted at city. Must pay at AC Court Annex. Last Day to file for election is 15 February by 5:00 p.m. The City of Frankston, TX Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2018 is available for public review here at city hall.
- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm by Eugene Brooks, Mayor.



Eugene Brooks, Mayor



Kelli Landreth-Smith, City Secretary