

May 16, 2017

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by the Mayor.

Members present: Roger McDonald, Eugene Brooks, Alfonso Lang, Sharyn Harrison and Mark Slaughter.

Absent: Johnny Wheeler

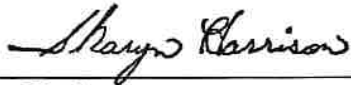
Guests: See sign in sheet.

1. Invocation-Roger McDonald
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Open Forum/Public Comment: Councilman Eugene Brooks had issues with Mayors report from April 20, 2017. Brooks said that the mayor's comment about the council making "the most asinine statements regarding the police department" were misleading and when she wrote "some business matters are getting decided before we get to the council meeting" implies a violation of the open meetings act which Brooks said was not true. In addition Brooks said one item he had asked to be put on the agenda was taken off by the mayor prior to the meeting. Mark Slaughter requested that he be given time to read an ethics policy that was presented by the mayor and passed on 08/11/2015. When Roger McDonald and the mayor protested, Slaughter said he just wanted to read aloud six items on the policy, at 6:40 pm Roger McDonald walked out of meeting. Mark Slaughter asked that the Ethics policy be printed in newspaper. Alfonso Lang also noted that things had been posted on Facebook that should not have been concerning the City. Bill Harden expressed his concerns about the possible subdivision behind the Spring Market and Dollar General south of HWY 175. His property is south of the proposed subdivision. He asked the council to address the existing drainage problem before approving any future development.
4. Read and approve the minutes of 04/11/17: Motion to approve regular minutes by Alfonso Lang, 2nd by Mark Slaughter - unanimous.
5. Canvass Votes of May 6, 2017 General/Special Election: Total Votes Cast – 63, 20 Early Voting, 43 Election Day. Provisionals – 0. For the Proposition – 56 votes, Against the Proposition – 7 votes. Place 1 Mayor Sharyn Harrison - 51 votes, Place 2 Councilmember Eugene Brooks – 43 votes, Place 3 Councilmember Mark Slaughter 46 votes, Place 4 Councilmember Alfonso Lang – 48 votes, Place 5 Councilmember Johnny Wheeler – 43 votes, Place 6 Councilmember Roger McDonald – 56 votes. Motion to accept the count of the General/Special election by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – unanimous.
6. Motion to accept Ordinance #05162017 canvassing results of special election for reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Frankston at the rate of one-quarter of one percent to continue providing for maintenance and repair of municipal streets by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Mark Slaughter – unanimous.
7. Certificate of Election issued and Statement of Officer completed by new council.
8. Oaths of office administered by Linda Howell, notary public and newly sworn officers Sharyn Harrison, Eugene Brooks, Mark Slaughter and Alfonso Lang assumed duties.
9. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem: Mayor Sharyn Harrison said she would like to see Councilman Roger McDonald be named mayor pro-tem. Mark Slaughter mentioned that Roger McDonald has walked out of meetings several times in his last term. Mark Slaughter made a motion to appoint Eugene Brooks as mayor pro-tem with a 2nd by Alfonso Lang - unanimous.

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10. Motion to approve the division of a one acre subdivision lot owned by Evelyn Harris. Surveyor Jerry Jones said the lot will be divided to allow for another home, as reflected on plat dated 05/02/2017 by Jerry Jones surveyor (property ID# 0023-0728-2-6200-000) 220 Burks Street, Frankston, TX 75763 and to be recorded by property owner with Anderson County by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Mark Slaughter – unanimous.
11. Billy Bacon/Nursing Home: Mr. Bacon discussed the need for a nursing home in the city. Mayor Harrison said that renovations are currently underway at the former Frankston Healthcare Center and that a new rehab memory loss center may be coming to the city. He would like the council to consider contacting TXDOT for traffic study on N Hwy 155 to reduce current speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph. He would also like to be sure Easy Street was dedicated to the city. Mr. Bacon also had questions about mandatory trash pickup.
12. Garrison Street Washout: Roger McDonald was to make presentation but he was not present. Property owner Jacob Morris said that he met with McDonald and walked the site. Morris said that McDonald has a plan to keep the water coming under Garrison Street from cutting up the surrounding property, he said McDonald spent a lot of time and looked at the problem in depth. Motion made to table until June meeting by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – unanimous.
13. General Discussion Police Force: Eugene Brooks said he supports the police department and wants to do what is best for the city. He said the discussion went off track last month when he mentioned Ferguson, MO. Brooks said he was only referring to the Ferguson's need to generate more revenue, not the issues after a police shooting.
14. Departmental Reports: J. Whitley for Streets, M. Hatton for W&S, D. Goodman for Police, Scottie Rodgers for FVFD.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm by Sharyn Harrison, Mayor



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Jan Hamilton, City Secretary