

August 14, 2018

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: Present, Councilmember Vivian Hollingsworth: Present, Councilmember Mark Slaughter: Present.
5. **Consent Items:** Minutes as written for Regular Council Meeting of 07/10/18 and special 07/24/18. Motion by councilmember Alfonso Lang to approve consent items as presented, 2nd by Roger McDonald - unanimous.
6. **Citizens Forum:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Mobile Home Variance/Robert Homan & Charlotte Tippet:** Discussion regarding citizen concerns about property upkeep and 3 letters out of 8 returned from adjoined properties that had an objection to the variance being approved. Motion was made to approve variance at the corner of Ewell and Reagan by Elmer Birdwell, 2nd by Alfonso Lang – For: Elmer Birdwell and Alfonso Lang. Against – Roger McDonald, Mark Slaughter and Vivian Hollingsworth. Variance denied.
 - b. **Building Setback requirements: Roads and Right of Ways.** Councilmember Roger McDonald said setbacks should be same distance on homes, fences, portable buildings. Mayor Eugene presented a diagram of setbacks that showed different distances for homes, fences and accessory buildings. Councilmember Mark Slaughter said it was a bad idea to bring up setbacks, this was a mistake. Motion to table indefinitely by Roger McDonald, 2nd by Vivian Hollingsworth – unanimous.
 - c. **Employee Handbook Revision:** Motion to approve Employee Handbook Revision of 08/14/2018 by Alfonso Lang, 2nd by Roger McDonald – unanimous.
 - d. **Interlocal contract with ACAD:** Motion to approve Interlocal contract with ACAD for duties related to assessing and/or collecting, printing tax rolls and statements by Alfonso Lang, 2nd by Roger McDonald – unanimous.
 - e. **Proposed Tax Rate:** Motion to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is 0.38309 per \$100.00 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes by 6.347% by Roger McDonald, 2nd by Elmer Birdwell – unanimous.
 - f. **Property Maintenance:** Mayor Eugene Brooks will be sending out 2nd notice to property owners who have not responded to first letter requesting property clean up. If there is no progress after this letter, the items will be turned over as a complaint to the police department, the property owner could get a citation with fines that accrue daily.

8. Items from Council: Updates from mayor include:

The benches in Downtown Park were rotting and in disrepair. They were disposed of last month. I talked to Mr. Smith about the debt owed for cutting down the tree. He initially said he would not pay until his sprinkler system was fixed; but later did leave a check for his half. After reviewing the job applications that were submitted for the Water and Sewer position. Michael and I decided that Richard Van Zandt was our most qualified applicant. He's worked for Frankston before and will be starting on August 1st at a salary of \$30,500. As a condition of his employment, he will be required to obtain a D license within 90 days or as soon as possible depending on the class and testing dates available. Jan and I went thru the applications for City Secretary and decided that Kelli was our best choice for City Secretary. Her starting salary will be \$36,000 with two formal performance appraisals at 90 day intervals. Contingent on satisfactory performance she will be entitled to two additional \$2,000 dollar raises. This due to the additional expense we expect from Tina. Spoke with Wesley Beard about the property located at 515 W Pine Street. He had gotten the last letter that I had sent out. He has since mowed the property and added it to his maintenance schedule. A letter was mailed to Gene Fields concerning Obstruction of visibility at Intersections for the intersection of W Murchison and 179 Commerce streets asking the Crepe Myrtle trees be trimmed. He trimmed the shrubs at the corner on August 4th, considerably improving visibility. 2 August 2018 short meeting with Chris Weems from Arrington Outdoors about the advertising sign that was discussed several months back. TXDOT would not approve the location on Clarence Morton's property. Getting TXDOT approval at Country Kettle and Car Wash; needed sign off that we have no zoning.

9. Staff Reports: Scottie Rodgers – FVFD, Darren Goodman – Police returned the K-9 drug dog Castor and received at no cost new dog Borys. Michael Hatton – Water & Sewer.**10. Announcements:** National Night Out – Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 5:30 pm**11. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 pm by Eugene Brooks, Mayor.


 Eugene Brooks, Mayor



 Kelli Landreth-Smith, City Secretary