

Town of Franklinton
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Franklinton, La. was held at the Municipal Building at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor M. Wayne Fleming, Aldermen T.J. Butler, John Daniel, Richard Dillon, Brad Orman and Heath Spears

Absent: None

Mayor Fleming called the meeting to order; established a quorum and the meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

1. Approve minutes- March 22, 2016: The minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were approved as written on motion of Alderman Spears, seconded by Alderman Butler and unanimously carried.

2. Act on bids received for 2015-16 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab- Police Dept.: Mayor Fleming reported that he opened bids received for a truck for the Police Dept. yesterday in the presence of Chief Smith and Town Clerk Merty Fitzmorris. Two local dealerships submitted bids. The bids were as follows:

Graham's Quality Auto, LLC 2015 Chevrolet 1500 SLV 4X2 CR LT with 24,216 miles- \$29,900.00

Graham's Quality Auto, LLC 2015 Chevrolet 1500 SLV 4X2 CR LT with 16,012 miles - \$29,995.00

Magee AutoPlex 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LS Crew with 14 miles -\$27,716.00

A motion was made by Alderman Daniel, seconded by Alderman Dillon to accept the low bid from Magee AutoPlex in the amount of \$27,716.00 Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve Hiring Part-time Police Dispatchers: A motion was made by Alderman Daniel, seconded by Alderman Butler to hire on a part time basis Frenchinette Williams as a dispatcher at \$12.00 per hour and Steven Lang as a dispatcher at \$12.00 per hour and \$15.00 per hour when he works as a patrolman. The effective date is April 11,2016. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Proclamation declaring April "Fair Housing Month": Mayor Fleming read the following Proclamation which was officially adopted on motion of Alderman Orman, seconded by Alderman Spears, and unanimously carried:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 48th Anniversary of National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans- individually and collectively- to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the Town of Franklinton, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the Town of Franklinton are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limits the options for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I M. Wayne Fleming, Mayor of the Town of Franklinton, La. do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH
in the Town of Franklinton, Louisiana

5. Proclamation: Riverside Medical Center 50th Celebration: In recognition of the 50 years of service Riverside Medical Center has provided to the citizens of Franklinton and Washington Parish, the following Proclamation was read by Mayor Fleming and officially adopted on motion of Alderman Daniel, seconded by Alderman Dillon and unanimously carried:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Franklinton takes special notice and acknowledges the exceptional service Riverside Medical Center has provided for more than 50 years to our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Medical Center is a 25 bed critical access hospital that provides a wide range of health care services important to the health of our communities. Our dedicated and skilled staff continues to take strides to improve the quality health care services to meet the expectations of the families in our community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Medical Center opened Sunday, April 3, 1966, as a 36 bed acute care hospital, to provide complete medical facilities for Franklinton and the western portion of Washington Parish. The Hospital provided the community with modern health care services which enabled resident to “stay at home” for these services. An important contribution of the Hospital was the creation of approximately 42 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Today, the hospital employs over 250 people. The original active medical staff of 4 has grown to over 50 physicians. Riverside Medical Center includes one main campus on Main Street and several clinics including surgery, family medicine, internal medicine, women’s health, pediatrics and cardiology. Riverside Medical Center has a network of Rural Health Clinics including our newest located in the Thomas community. The 24/7 Emergency Department sees over 15,000 patients per year and has the fasted treatment of stroke on the Northshore; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne Fleming, Mayor of the Town of Franklinton, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016, as:

Riverside Medical Center’s 50th Celebration

In Washington Parish, and urge all citizens to join with me in congratulating Riverside Medical Center and celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

New Business:

1. Departmental Reports: Public Works- Unavailable

Administration: Town Clerk Merty Fitzmorris reported that sales tax collections in the General Fund are about \$9,000 over the same period last year and we are about \$3,700 short of the budgeted amount. Two new businesses have opened in March: King Carter’s Reception Hall (formally Genesis Day Care) on Greenlaw Street and Premier Communications on Washington Street.

In other business, a motion was made by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Spears to add the Harvey Family Reunion Parade to the agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Spears to approve issuing a parade permit for the Harvey Family Reunion on July 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

At the Mayor’s request a motion was made by Alderman Daniels, seconded by Alderman Butler and unanimously carried to add to the agenda a temporary appointment of a Court Magistrate. Mayor Fleming read a recommendation to appoint Dan Foil, who is a sworn magistrate in 22nd Judicial Court, to serve in Mayor’s Court on April 13, 2016 at a fee of \$300.00. A motion was made by Alderman Spears, seconded by Alderman Orman to accept the Mayor’s recommendation. Motion carried.

In other business, Alderman Spears reported that the new solar lights for the downtown area are in and hopefully will be installed in the near future.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Dillon, seconded by Alderman Butler and unanimously carried.

M. Wayne Fleming, Mayor

Merty G. Fitzmorris, Municipal Clerk