

Town of Franklinton  
Regular Meeting  
May 10, 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- April 26, 2016:** The minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting were approved as written on motion of Alderman Spears, seconded by Alderman Orman and unanimously carried.

**2. Alcohol Permit: Goings & Goings, LLC:** Tabled. Attorney Creel stated that the Attorney for Goings & Goings has not responded to her regarding deficiencies in the application.

**Guest: Christy Brown- Louisiana Spirit re: Disaster Relief:** Ms. Christy Brown addressed the Board on behalf of Louisiana Spirit which is under the direction of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals' Office of Behavioral Health. They provide outreach crisis counseling and education to disaster survivors, their families, staff of local governments, rescuers, disaster service workers, business owners, religious communities and others. Their purpose is to go into communities post disaster to see that needs are met. Ms. Brown asked the board to direct anyone who is having problems with assistance to contact the DRC office located at 271 S. Morrison Street in Hammond.

**New Business:**

**1. Minda Raybourn- Presentation of 2014-15 Audit:** Town Auditor Minda Raybourn presented the 2014-15 Audit Report. She stated that it was a very smooth audit with no findings. The findings from the last audit have all been cleared. She also briefed the board on new state mandated auditing requirements in regard to pension liability that has to be accrued.

**2. Spangler Engineering Update-USDA Grant/Loan:** Engineer Jay Pittman stated that Chris Bordelon met with Mayor Fleming to go over the letter condition from USDA regarding the loan/grant for sewer improvements. He informed the board that the loan portion will be financed at 1.75% interest rate. Mr. Pittman stated that this is the first time this low interest rate has ever been given to anyone in our area.

**3. Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending Franklinton's sewerage facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction:** Mayor Fleming read the above stated resolution which was duly adopted on motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Dillon. The vote was as follows: Yeas 5, Nays 0, Abstaining 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

**4. Police Dept. Approval to purchase security equipment for the Police Dept. and City Hall:** A motion was made by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Spears to approve the purchase of security equipment for the Police Dept. and City Hall from Secure-Comm Electronics in the amount of \$2,535.70. Motion carried.

**5. Alcohol Permit Renewals:** After review and background check by the Police Chief, Attorney Ellen Creel recommended the following applicants be approved for beer/alcohol renewal subject to Chief Smith's signature on the application forms:

CVS Pharmacy: Motion to approve: Alderman Dillon, seconded by Alderman Orman, unanimously carried.

Winn Dixie Grocery: Motion to approve Alderman Dillon, seconded by Alderman Spears, unanimously carried.

The following applications were tabled due to deficiencies:

Market Max – Applicant failed to sign application form

K & V Grocery- Applicant failed to provide a Sales Tax Clearance Certificate from WPSO

Sugar Shack- Applicant failed to sign application form.

In other business, a motion was made by Alderman Butler seconded by Alderman Spears to add to the agenda a variance recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried. Mayor Fleming read a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission requesting the Board approve a variance in the sign size to increase the square footage for The Gallery Retail Center sign from 36 square feet to 240 square feet. A motion was made by Alderman Spears, seconded by Alderman Dillon to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to increase the square footage of The Gallery Retail Center sign from 36 square feet to 240 square feet. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Creel reminded the Board that Mayor's Court will be held at City Hall tomorrow morning and extended an invitation to the Mayor and Alderman to attend. She pointed out that this will be the first official Mayor's Court for Attorney Dan Foil since his permanent appointment.

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

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M. Wayne Fleming, Mayor

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Merty G. Fitzmorris, Municipal Clerk