

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2013

The Farmersville City Council met in special session on May 21, 2013 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Helmberger, John Klostermann, Michael Carr, Michael Hesse, Russell Chandler and Jim Foy. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, Police Chief Mike Sullivan, Fire Chief Kim Morris, Finance Director Daphne Hamlin, City Attorney Alan Lathrom, Court Clerk Christi Dowdy, Assistant to the City Manager Paula Jackson, Librarian Trisha Dowell and City Secretary Edie Sims.

Item I) CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Helmberger called the meeting to order. Edie Sims called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Mayor Helmberger welcomed all guests and visitors. Ben Matthews, Bishop for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints offered the invocation with Mayor Helmberger leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor Helmberger offered the guests and visitors to speak on a non-agenda item with no one coming forward.

Mayor Helmberger read a Proclamation naming June 22, 2013 as Audie Murphy Day in Farmersville and invited all to attend the Audie Murphy Day events celebrating and honoring our veterans. This is the 14th year that Farmersville has held the Audie Murphy Day event which will include a fly-over and parade.

Mayor Helmberger announced State Representative Scott Turner to be officing from the Best Center the first and third Monday's of each month from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

The Public Safety Building has been dedicated as the Charles R. Curington Public Safety Building and a plaque has been made in his honor.

Finally, announced was to continue to inform the citizens that Farmersville remains under Stage 3 drought conditions.

Item II) CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Helmberger asked the Council if any items were needed to be pulled for discussion. With no one requesting items for discussion, Mayor Helmberger requested Items D – Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report be pulled for discussion & H – Public Works Report be pulled for discussion. Jim Foy motioned to approve Items A, B, C, E, F, G, I and J as presented with Russell Chandler seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item D – Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report: Mayor Helmberger questioned the columns on the Code Enforcement Report labeled Proactive and Reactive. Police Chief Sullivan reported the Code Enforcement Officer is working on proactive issues before they become reactive. There are still issues surrounding these types of calls. Mayor Helmberger stated most Code Enforcement works mostly from complaints. Chief Sullivan pointed to a chart in the report reflecting that 90% of the issues reported are proactive. Michael Carr motioned to approve Item D with Michael Hesse seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item H – Public Works Report: Mayor Helmberger questioned the potholes in the construction zone right-of-way on Highway 380 due to the Highway 380 widening project. City

Manager Ben White indicated the TxDOT right-of-way interfacing with adjoining streets are very poor. TxDOT has been contacted and it has been requested to have the areas improved. Orange and Rike Streets are exceptionally bad. The areas where the traffic has been moved are thin and the potholes are becoming a huge problem. Bad weather makes matters worse. Mr. White stated he understands why TxDOT would hold off doing any repairs so that the new construction will be ready for travel and an expense would be saved; however, the need for safe passage is a higher priority. Mr. White also indicated that the issues with the railroad have not been resolved to allow construction to continue on the railroad bridge. The good side to that allows the streets connecting to the right-of-way to move forward. Some closures are still expected including Mimosa and Hamilton Streets. Mayor Helmberger requested pressure to remain on TxDOT to have the construction area drivable and safe. Russell Chandler motioned to approve Item H with Michael Carr seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item III) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Council did not request further information or clarification regarding Informational Items.

Item IV – A) SECOND READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A RATE SCHEDULE FOR ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE

Item IV – B) SECOND READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGN ORDINANCE REGARDING ELECTRONIC MESSAGING CENTER SIGNS

to approve the first reading regarding the amendment to the Sign Ordinance regarding electronic messaging center signs. Russell Chandler seconded the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item V – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A REAPPOINTMENT TO THE FARMERSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – B) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER TO THE FARMERSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

ITEM V – C) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON APPOINTING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO THE NORTH TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH VOTING RIGHTS

A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – D) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE RIDING ARENA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FARMERSVILLE RIDING CLUB AND THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE

A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – E) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON SPECIFIC WATERING DAYS DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

ITEM V – F) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CHAPARRAL TRAIL PROJECT

ITEM V – G) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A PRESENTATION FROM POLICE CHIEF SULLIVAN REGARDING VANDALISM AND ISSUES AT THE CITY PARK AND ONION SHED

A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – H) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON HIRING A WARRANT OFFICER. PRESENTATION BY FARMERSVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT


ITEM VI) EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY, AND SECTION 551.086, COMPETITIVE MATTERS OF A PUBLIC POWER UTILITY: CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING AND CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPETITIVE MATTERS OF THE CITY-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 551.086 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY MATTERS ENGAGED IN OR TO BE ENGAGED IN BY THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE

ITEM VII) REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

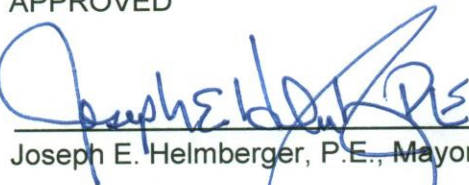
ITEM VIII) ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at pm.

ATTEST


Edie Sims, City Secretary

APPROVED


Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

