

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2014

The Farmersville City Council met in regular session on January 28, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Helmberger, John Klostermann, Michael Carr, Michael Hesse and Jim Foy. Absent was Russell Chandler. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, Police Chief Mike Sullivan, Fire Chief Kim Morris, Finance Director Daphne Hamlin, 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. Jim Foy offered the invocation with Mayor Helmberger leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

During the announcement section, Mayor Helmberger announced "Love Farmersville" Proclamation for the month of February.

Item II – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS

City Manager Ben White brought the Council's attention to the Summary of Cash Balances for December 2013 to show the financial status of the City for the first quarter of fiscal year 2013-2014.

Jim Foy questioned -\$464,688 in the grant accounts. The City has expended the funds in advance for several grants and now awaiting reimbursement from the State.

Mayor Helmberger questioned the warrant income and the revenues versus the amount the City keeps. City Manager Ben White stated he will generate a tracking chart to better show these funds. Mayor Helmberger also requested a chart to show how many individuals are on a payment plan for their warrant.

Mayor Helmberger stated the water sales are down and similar to the same timeframe last year. Jim Foy appreciated the comparison of last year's income versus current income.

Finance Director Daphne Hamlin stated the sales tax revenues dropped \$20,000. There is not any indication of why this number dropped.

Ms. Hamlin also noted the City has received the funds from the Electric Anticipation Note. The funding from Sharyland has not been received as of yet but should come in February. Mr. White indicated the two bucket trucks have been ordered funded through the Anticipation Note. Mr. White also informed the Council a budget amendment will need to be presented in April or May to correctly show the electric fund. The budget was based on information that was available at the time, but has since changed now that the City is definitely taking the electric utility back.

Sewer sales are ahead of expected income. Mayor Helmberger reminded the Council of the rate study that was performed which initiated the water and sewer rates to be increased to accommodate enhancements/improvements to the water and sewer systems. A revenue chart needs to be added to reports for the next meeting. Mr. White indicated the sewer fund is moving in the right direction for improvements.

Jim Foy motioned to approve the City Financial Reports with Michael Carr seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr, Michael Hesse yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item II – B) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION TO CALL A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 10, 2014

Jim Foy motioned to approve the resolution to call a General Election on May 10, 2014 with John Klostermann seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr, Michael Hesse yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM II – C) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Manager Ben White informed the Council of a grant opportunity that would offer higher points to attain the grant if a Citizens Advisory Committee was formed. After deliberating with staff, Mr. White proposed to have this committee be an integral part of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

City Secretary Edie Sims offered information regarding the grant which would include updating the Comprehensive Plan, if other studies are needed for growth planning, this grant would offer those services at little to no charge. Mr. White stated having this Committee be part of the Planning & Zoning Commission would keep the Comprehensive Plan vibrant and working for us. John Klostermann motioned to approve the resolution as presented with Michael Hesse seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Carr, Michael Hesse yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM II – D) UPDATE ON CLEANUP FROM DECEMBER'S ICE STORM

City Manager Ben White informed the Council that a three person crew was created to chip the brush from the ice storm in December. The crew is dedicated to 4 dump loads per day. Obviously the crew will not be working during the rain and the crew has had a few setbacks with equipment failures. Blades are replaced weekly and the process is slow but continuing. The refuse is being stored at the Maintenance Barn Lot and anyone who wants to haul the refuse from the Maintenance Barn may do so at no charge with arrangements to enter the Maintenance area.

Mr. White stated the process has been slow and methodical but felt thoughtful to provide this service. The chipping is taking more time but in the long term is well worth it.

Jim Foy questioned if the crew will have the brush chipped on the first pass through the City with Mr. White indicating some streets will need a second pass as more brush has been brought to the curb for chipping.

Mr. White stated about \$15,000 was budgeted for this project and with a three person crew, the budget is holding fine. Hours have been extended 6 hours on Saturdays to help the efficiency of the project. Mr. White stated he and the crew is dedicated to finishing the job.

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

No one requested items for future agendas.

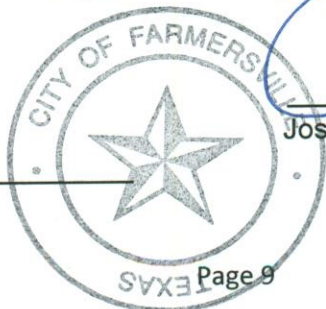
ITEM VII) ADJOURNMENT

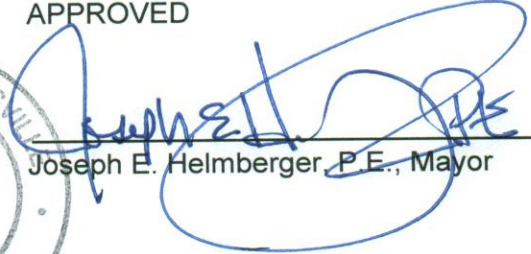
Council adjourned at 6:29:24pm.

APPROVED

ATTEST


Edie Sims, City Secretary




Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor