

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014

The Farmersville City Council met in regular session on September 9, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Helmberger, John Klostermann, John Politz, Michael Hesse, Russell Chandler and Jim Foy. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, Police Chief Mike Sullivan, Fire Chief Kim Morris, City Attorney Alan Lathrom, Finance Director Daphne Hamlin, Court Clerk Christi Dowdy, Warrant Officer Rick Ranspot, Librarian Trisha Dowell, Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf 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. Russell Chandler offered the invocation with Mayor Helmberger leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Mayor Helmberger read a proclamation announcing October 4th as Old Time Saturday.

Item II) CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Helmberger requested Items G – Public Works Report and H – Library Report be pulled for discussion. With no other items being pulled for discussion, Russell Chandler motioned to approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F and I with Jim Foy seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item G – Public Works Report: Mayor Helmberger stated Floyd Street is still closed due to TxDOT's construction on Highway 380. This street was originally to be closed for a short period of time and has been closed for months. City Manager Ben White indicated TxDOT has not offered a definite date when this street will reopen but will facilitate as soon as possible. With no further discussion, Jim Foy motioned to approve Item G with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item H – Library Report: Mayor Helmberger requested Trisha Dowell to report on the findings of the Commissioner's Court hearing regarding Library funding. Ms. Dowell reported Collin County funded an additional \$200 per year over last year's funding. Mayor Helmberger recognized Wyndi Veigel for the work surrounding Summer Reading Club. With no further discussion, Michael Hesse motioned to approve the Library Report as presented with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

Item III) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Jim Foy stated he appreciated the Building & Property Standards Commission being actively involved in addressing problematic properties. Council did not request further information or clarification regarding Informational Items.

ITEM IV – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2014-2015

With no discussion from the Council, Russell Chandler motioned to approve the Farmersville Community Development Corporation's proposed projects for budget year 2014-2015 with Jim Foy seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM IV – B) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2014-2015

With no discussion from the Council, John Klostermann motioned to approve the Farmersville Economic Development Corporation's proposed projects for budget year 2014-2015 with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM IV – C) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE REGARDING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Ben White indicated in order to continue working with Collin County regarding road projects such as Orange Street an Interlocal Agreement was requested to be implemented. Russell Chandler motioned to approve the ILA as presented with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM IV – D) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN AGREEMENT WITH TANTALUS SYSTEMS INC. FOR THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM

City Manager Ben White requested this item have no action as more details need to be clarified prior to Council action. Mayor Helmberger announced no action would be taken on this item at this time.

ITEM IV – E) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A BALLOT FROM TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

A ballot from Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees election was placed before the Council. Per City Manager Ben White, staff recommended voting for all non contested candidates and for Peter Vargas with the City

of Allen for Place 4 which is contested. Mr. Vargas is the nearest City to us and we feel we would have good representation. Jim Foy stated this was a good recommendation and motioned to approve Peter Vargas as our candidate with John Klostermann seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM IV – F) RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FARMERSVILLE TOWNE CENTRE

Bob Collins, President of the Farmersville Economic Development Corporation, came before the Council regarding the idea of a Towne Centre. When the City was putting together the Comprehensive Plan, Mr. Collins brought this idea to the table to help Farmersville grow and prosper. With Highways 78 and 380 being the main thoroughfares to Farmersville, the Land Use Plan is imperative to have accessibility and prepared for growth. The Towne Centre is in them idle of the Land Use Plan which also preserves the Historical area of downtown. Per Mr. Collins, if we do not facilitate growth in a productive manner, we will lose the downtown area. By having the Towne Centre, the plan is to move traffic on and off Highways 78 and 380 and planning for long range development. Since this project is not an EDC project, Mr. Collins asked the Council to endorse the concept. A study needs to take place to identify future street requirements based on desired traffic flow and infrastructure requirements. Future transportation interfaces will also need to be identified.

Mayor Helmberger stated the Towne Centre has been a topic of the EDC for the past 6 months. One issue with TxDOT will be the amount of drives and roads allowed off the highways. Access is a huge issue. Mr. Collins stated if Farmersville is not proactive, our square will die. Mr. Collins recommended the Council request a study and the FEDC will fund, and then proceed based on the information from the study. Council concurred to endorse the project and move forward. Funding for the study is included in the FEDC's budget.

ITEM IV – G) RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FARMERSVILLE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Bill Daniel came to speak to the Council regarding the Farmersville Heritage Museum. Onion Shed #2 will be transformed into a museum honoring Farmersville. As of April 2014, a 501(c) 3 was received from the IRS. This process took almost 2 years to attain this status. The Museum is now in a position to receive donations. A booth will be set up at Old Time Saturday with information and drawings. The Committee is almost ready to start donations. The Farmersville Community Development Corporation donated \$5,000 two years ago, \$12,000 this past year and \$25,000 in this year's budget. Some of the funds have been spent on architectural drawings. The cost to complete the project will be \$132,000. This project has been underway since 2011. Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf introduced the Museum Board to the Council and announced all board members were present to show support of this project.

ITEM IV – H) RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Police Chief Mike Sullivan informed the Council of a train derailment exercise that is being planned with Collin County Homeland Security. When the event was initially instigated, other entities wanted to participate and the event was heading toward a federal component. The train derailment exercise is to test the local level skills in the event this type of incident occurs. The event is scheduled for May 16, 2015. The event site will be the Onion Shed and the City Park.

City Manager Ben White stated this is a great exercise with good exposure for Farmersville. Chief Sullivan stated a State and County assessor will watch the exercise and offer an account of the event. The County Coroner wants actors to depict dead bodies and walking wounded.

Chief Sullivan stated all the preparations of this event consist of limiting the tragedy that can come from such a disaster. Even though the West, Texas incident was a great tragedy, much information and good has come from it. Kansas City Southern has also been meeting with the planners of this emergency preparedness exercise.

ITEM IV – I) RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING WATERING CONDITIONS FROM NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

City Manager Ben White informed the Council of other cities trying to meet chlorine residuals due to the summer heat. Farmersville has been in a very good condition as our residuals have stayed up. The notice presented to the Council is in response to those cities that are putting water on the ground and insisting the need to take care of the chlorine residuals. With Farmersville meeting our water goals, Mr. White recommended we follow suit and open the opportunity to allow landscape watering once a week with sprinklers or irrigation systems through the end of October.

ITEM IV – J) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION TO SELL CITY ASSETS THROUGH RENE BATES AUCTION

A resolution was presented to the Council to sell items from the Police Department and the Public Works Department. Police Chief Mike Sullivan stated he wants to sell 2 seized vehicles and the last Dodge Charger from the Police fleet since the engine is now blown.

City Manager Ben White stated the tractor listed for sale has not been used and is a small piece of equipment. The other items listed from the Public Works Department are also unused pieces of equipment that are not necessary to the Public Works Department. Russell Chandler motioned to approve the items and sale through Rene Bates Auction with Michael Hesse seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – A) ONLY READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

With no changes to the budget, Jim Foy motioned to approve the ordinance adopting the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – B) ONLY READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

The ordinance presented is reflecting the \$1,500,000 sold for bond projects through the 2012 bond series. John Klostermann motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Michael Hesse seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – C) ONLY READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Jim Foy prefaced the discussion by stating the reason for the 18% tax increase is due to the bond issue as approved by the voters. Without the bond, the tax rate would have decreased. With no further discussion, Jim Foy motioned to approve the ordinance adopting the tax rate for fiscal year 2014-2015 as presented with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – D) ONLY READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2014 TAX APPRAISAL ROLL

With no discussion by Council, John Klostermann motioned to approve the ordinance adopting the 2014 Tax Appraisal Roll as presented with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – E) FIRST READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING SEWER RATE INCREASE

Per City Manager Ben White, the ordinance reflects the Council action from the last two months of discussion. John Politz motioned to approve the ordinance increasing the sewer rate as presented with Michael Hesse seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler no and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

ITEM V – F) FIRST READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND THE FOOD INSPECTION ORDINANCE # 2009-42

Per the recent discussion by Council, an ordinance is presented rescinding the food inspection ordinance passed in 2009. Michael Hesse motioned to approve the ordinance rescinding Ordinance # 2009-42 with John Klostermann seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – G) FIRST READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS

City Manager Ben White indicated all changes requested by Mayor Helmberger and the Council has been made. The fees relating to Special Events will be in a separate ordinance presented at the next Council meeting. Russell Chandler motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Jim Foy seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM V – H) FIRST READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5-54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING CONSUMPTION IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES PROHIBITED

Per City Attorney Alan Lathrom, a provision is in the Code of Ordinances preventing the consumption of alcohol. The ordinance presented recognizes the limitations and offers affirmative defense. The ordinance presented also allows consumption of alcohol at restaurants or public events. However, persons with a private residence that has a balcony or sidewalk as part of their residence is not considered a public place and therefore would be in violation. Jim Foy motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with John Klostermann seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

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

Jim Foy requested the Council review ADA accessibility in the Central Business District. No one else requested items for future agendas.

ITEM VII) ADJOURNMENT

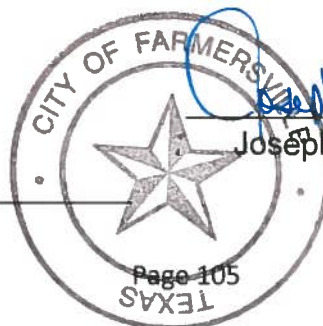
Council adjourned at 6:57:29pm.

APPROVED

ATTEST



Edie Sims, City Secretary





Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor