

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 23, 2014

The Farmersville City Council met in regular session on September 23, 2014 at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Helmberger, John Klostermann, Michael Hesse, Russell Chandler and Jim Foy. Council member absent was John Politz. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, Police Chief Mike Sullivan, Fire Chief Kim Morris, Finance Director Daphne Hamlin and Assistant to the City Manager Paula Jackson.

**Item I) CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Helmberger called the meeting to order. Paula Jackson called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Mayor Helmberger welcomed all guests and visitors. Councilman 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 acknowledged Old Time Saturday to be held October 4<sup>th</sup>; the Chamber of Commerce Trick It Up Bike Ride on October 25<sup>th</sup> and the Chamber of Commerce Scare around the Shed on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Item II – A) SECOND READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING SEWER RATE INCREASE**

Mayor Helmberger stated Council approved the first reading of this ordinance at the last meeting. With no discussion, 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, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM II – B) SECOND READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE TO RESCIND THE FOOD INSPECTION ORDINANCE #2009-42**

Mayor Helmberger stated Council approved the first reading of this ordinance at the last meeting. With no further discussion, Russell Chandler 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, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM II – C) SECOND READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mayor Helmberger stated Council approved the first reading of this ordinance at the last meeting. With no further discussion or changes, Michael Hesse motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with Russell Chandler seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

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

Mayor Helmberger stated Council approved the first reading of this ordinance at the last meeting. With no further discussion, 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, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM II – E) FIRST READING – CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT FEES**

City Manager Ben White addressed the Council and stated staff recommended an application fee of \$100. Information from area cities was provided to the Council reflecting charges for special events. Russell Chandler motioned to approve the ordinance at first reading with the application fee set at \$100. John Klostermann seconded the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Finance Director Daphne Hamlin gave the Financial Report to the Council. Michael Hesse motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented with Russell Chandler seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – B) RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING FROM COLLIN COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY**

Jason Lane with Collin County Homeland Security came before the Council describing the Hazard Mitigation Plan being performed through Collin County with all cities including Farmersville. The mitigation planning will help Farmersville be recognized as a location for disaster preparedness. There are advanced levels of preparedness for natural disasters such as floods, tornados, etc. The designation will allow Farmersville opportunities for grants to include sirens and other items to either help to minimize loss of life and mitigate the situations after a natural disaster occurs. There are a couple of states with the mitigation planning. Phase I has been completed and Phase II is in progress with City Secretary Edie Sims, Police Chief Mike Sullivan and Fire Chief Kim Morris. No action was required by Council.

**ITEM III – C) RECEIVE, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ANNUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STRATEGY FROM PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS**

Chad Calvin and Dick Demeien, representatives of Progressive Waste Solutions, came before the Council to speak regarding a public information strategy. A pamphlet was passed out to the Council and City Manager. The pamphlet mostly covered information regarding recycling. City Manager Ben White expressed concern regarding

the information relayed and asked more information to address curbside trash collection. We currently have a recycling company (CWD) that addresses curbside recycling. The pamphlet would lead customers to believe Progressive Waste Solutions is handling all the recycling as well as refuse. Once the pamphlet has been redone to relay information clearer, Paula Jackson will ensure the information is relayed to the public. No further action was taken by the Council.

**ITEM III – D) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN IT CONTRACT WITH TLC NETCON, INC.**

Council and City Manager Ben White discussed the IT Contract with TLC NetCon, Inc. City Manager Ben White stated the City is very pleased with the work performed by Tony Linton. Russell Chandler motioned to approve the contract as presented with John Klostermann seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

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

City Manager Ben White stated changes were made to the contract as first agreed upon. Jim Foy had a few questions regarding the Support Plan during the first year. The Bronze Plan was chosen at a cost of \$112,000. Jim Foy suggested the City choosing the Gold Plan for the first year; although higher in cost (\$119,000) the long term benefit would be better. Jim Foy motioned to approve the agreement with Tantalus and choose the Gold Plan for the Support Plan for the first year with Russell Chandler seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – F) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A CONTRACT WITH BROWN OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FUNDING THROUGH THE MARKETING COMMITTEE**

City Manager Ben White stated the contract presented is the same contract the Marketing Committee has presented in the past. Russell Chandler motioned to approve the contract as presented with Michael Hesse seconded the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – G) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A CHANGE ORDER REQUEST REGARDING THE SERVICE CENTER PROJECT**

City Manager Ben White explained the need for the Change Order to allow the replacement of all the existing trim. The Change Order presented includes the labor and material and installation for two new insulation sectional doors rather than the roll up door as in the original plans. The changes would cost \$4,285. John Klostermann motioned to approve the Change Order as presented with Michael Hesse seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Michael

Hesse yes, Russell Chandler yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion carried with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – H) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON ITEMS REGARDING THE AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT COMPLIANCY**

City Manager Ben White indicated a number of issues that need to be addressed. Anne Hall, a citizen of Farmersville and a board member for the Main Street Board and the Building & Property Standards Commission, spoke with Mr. White regarding issues that need to be addressed now. Issues include a handicap sign in front of Dyer Drug Store, handrails to get onto sidewalks along approximately every third building on the Square. Mayor Helmberger requested City Manager Ben White meet with the Main Street Manager, Downtown Merchants Committee and the Main Street Board to help facilitate these needs. Mr. White also noted the merchants need to help keep the ramps clear.

**ITEM III – I) DISCUSS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE THOROUGHFARE PLAN AND THE CITY'S DESIGN MANUALS AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION TO REMEDY POSSIBLE PROBLEMS**

City Manager Ben White stated he has found several discrepancies between the Thoroughfare Plan and the City's Design Manuals. Mayor Helmberger requested that both plans be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission to have matched up. Council concurred with no further action.

**ITEM III – J) UPDATE ON WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREET GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS**

City Manager Ben White updated the Council on the Bond projects. Project 1 (Sycamore Street Panel Replacement Project) went over budget due to salaries not being included in the budget cost of the project, approximately \$30,000.

Project 2 (Orange Street Overlay Project) should come in under budget. Mr. White will have the current overlay contractor perform the work. A 2" overlay is planned for Orange Street.

Contractors are on Beech Street now and the job looks great. A 3" overlay is planned for West Santa Fe from Main to Johnson. The water line on South Washington will also need to have new lines laid from Santa Fe to Neathery. Jim Foy stated he would like to see all of South Washington Street completed and not just a section. Mr. White stated the water lines referred to are galvanized and needed replacement. Further investigation will be done regarding the type of water lines on South Washington beyond this section. Mr. Foy hoped the waterline issues would be addressed through the bond. Mr. White will address the cost of the water line replacements and bring to the Council. All the wastewater improvements are planned to be funded by the CDBG grant allowing more bond funds to pay for street or water projects.

Russell Chandler questioned Central Street and when it will be fixed. Mr. White stated Central will be addressed as soon as contractors get back to that area.

**ITEM III – K) UPDATE ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT**

City Manager Ben White informed the Council the Safe Routes to School Project is substantially complete. Most phases are awaiting the final walk-thru. Some punch items need completion including a small panel on Pendleton Street which was left out to accommodate AT&T moving their utility which has yet to be accomplished.

**ITEM III – L) UPDATE ON CHAPARRAL TRAIL PROJECTS**

City Manager Ben White reported nothing has changed regarding the Chaparral Trail projects. Phase II audit has been completed.

**ITEM III – M) UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 380 PROJECT**

TxDOT has completed their portion of the passing track and plans are being set to turn the bridge over to the railroad September 22, 2014. A new crew is pending to work on the Highway 380 project.

**ITEM IV) REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

No one requested placing items on future agendas.

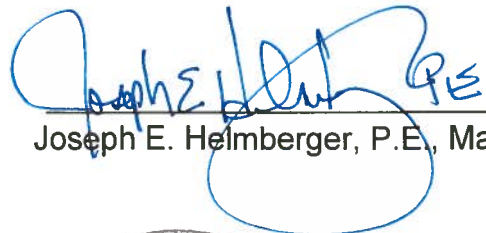
**ITEM V) ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 7:24pm.

ATTEST

  
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Edie Sims, City Secretary

APPROVED

  
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Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

