

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2015

The Farmersville City Council met in special session on September 29, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Helmberger, John Klostermann, Leaca Caspari and Jim Foy. Council members not present were John Politz and Michael Hesse. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, City Attorney Alan Lathrom, Police Chief Mike Sullivan, 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 offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Item II – A) PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PARK AND RECREATION NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Helmberger opened the Public Hearing at 6:02pm and asked for anyone to speak for park and recreation needs in the community. City Manager Ben White indicated there are several needs at the Spain Athletic Complex including fence repairs/replacements, field re-leveling, improvements to the dugouts, concessions, and lighting of the fields. One of the requirements for this grant will be to install a sensory garden which we are excited about doing. With no one coming forward, Mayor Helmberger asked for anyone opposing park and recreation needs to come forward. With no one coming forward, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02:30pm.

Item III – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT RECREATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO J.W. SPAIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX, THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE, ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, AND MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Mayor Helmberger requested Kathy Broyles, a representative for Grantworks, to explain the grant. Ms. Broyles indicated the application is for a Texas Parks & Wildlife grant which is a 50/50 matching grant totaling \$150,000.

John Klostermann motioned to approve the grant submission with Jim Foy seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Leaca Caspari and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.


Item III – B) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING DRILLING AND MINING, OR THE REOPENING OF ANY ABANDONED WELL OR MINE IN ANY PUBLIC PARK LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS

Mayor Helmberger questioned the reason for this resolution required by the grant. Kathy Broyles, representative for Grantworks, indicated this is a standard requirement of Texas Parks & Wildlife and could have some to do with fracking. With no further questions, Jim Foy motioned to approve the resolution as presented with Leaca Caspari seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, Leaca Caspari and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

ITEM IV) ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 6:06:16pm.

APPROVED



Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

ATTEST



Edie Sims, City Secretary

