

**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
January 26, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
205 S. Main Street**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Mayor Joe Helmberger called the session to order at 6pm. Fire chief Kim Morrison said the convocation. All council members were present.
- Announcements
 - Northeast Texas Trail Coalition will be holding a planning meeting in Paris on Saturday, January 30th from 9am to noon. Contact Mayor Helmberger if you wish to attend.
 - Signups for the upcoming May election will be from January 20th thru February 19th for Mayor and 2 Council seats. Applications are available thru the City Secretary.
 - Mr. Foy shared that several riders, including Stuart Crow, complimented the trail and Farmersville. He pointed out that Crow has made several donations for the beautification of the trail.

II. READING OF ORDINANCES

- A. First reading to consider, discuss and act upon an ordinance amending the Water Management Plan
 - 1st motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members were in favor
- B. Second reading to consider, discuss and act upon an ordinance amending the Sign Ordinance to allow business owners to have a permitted sign located off-premises of the business location. Please note that the ordinance was passed on the first reading but requires a second reading.
 - 1st motion to approve second reading was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - All council members were in favor

III. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consider, discuss and act upon naming Paula Jackson as Interim City Secretary
 - 1st motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - All council members were in favor
- B. Consider, discuss and act upon City Financial Reports
 - a. Daphne Hamlin was not present; Ben White presented report noting that 25% of the FY has passed

- b. To date, 14.88% of municipal court revenues have been collected
- c. Mr. Foy requested that formatting be reconsidered. Mr. Politz requested that contrasting colors be used in all charts/graphs.
- d. Ben White addressed the Refuse Fund Account to remind council that the funds generated by franchise fees in the past are there to be used for road improvements. He will be bringing this to action in an upcoming meeting.
 - 1st motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members were in favor

C. Consider, discuss and act upon items regarding the wastewater treatment and interceptor improvement project

- a. At this time, Mayor Helmberger turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-tem, Jim Foy and exited chambers.
- b. Jeff James of Kimley-Horn presented an update on the Wasterwater Treatment Plan and Interceptor Improvement Project with the intention of summarizing their findings and answering questions. Ben White and Eddy Daniels of DBI previously reviewed and agreed with Kimley-Horn's approach. Kimley-Horn's report and presentation will be made available upon request.

i. Regarding Sanitary Interceptor Plan:

- 1. KH is recommending Alignment "A" as this is the most advantageous route for easement acquisition
- 2. Jim Foy had questions pertaining to the depth and routing. Jeff James explained that depth is negotiable and Eddy Daniels reiterated that route was best due to existing easements.
- 3. John Politz inquired about the size of the lift station. James said no specific size has been set but that the footprint will most likely be smaller than a 0.5 acre parcel.
- 4. Approximate cost is \$8,593,000
- 5. Schedule will be dictated by speed of development

ii. Wastewater Treatment Plan: Please note that the New Treatment Plant is referred to as "No.3"; No. 1 & 2 refer to the existing plants.

- 1. No. 1 & 2 are inefficient due the age of the infrastructure.

2. Plant No. 1 is currently not meeting quality standards. In addition, it is dangerous to operate and maintain with many parts needing to be replaced.
 - a. Recommendations for Plant No. 1 include 5 rehabilitations or replacements for a total cost of \$1,095,000.
 - b. John Politz asked how long this would take. James responded that work could be completed in approx. 6 months.
 - c. Jim Foy asked how many permits would be required. James answered that two separate permits would be needed.
 - d. Ben White added that these improvements would be done to advance quality and output.
 - iii. Proposed Treatment Plant No. 3
 1. Primary goals of project take into consideration the environment, economic, social and operational impact
 2. Process selection provided for 4 possible options with a total cost of \$9,687,000 and a time frame of 6 months to a year
 - iv. Ben White recommended that a 4A representative continue to be present at all debriefings as 4A assists in paying for project fees. White also made a recommendation to do Plant No.1 Rehabilitation. For the next council meeting, he will present options on how to move forward and prepare a preliminary budget for immediate and long-range components.
 1. Jim Foy asked if there was any commitment from Lake Haven to pay for a portion of work. Daniels said that yes, there is a current developer agreement.
 2. Daniels informed council that preliminary letters have been sent to property owners impacted by plan; many have already responded.
 - v. Mayor Helmberger returned to chambers at 6:45pm.
- D. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power to negotiate an electric supply agreement
- a. "City manager" should be inserted in blanks
 - 1st motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by Michael Hesse
 - All council members were in favor

- E. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution calling the May 7, 2016 General Election to elect the Mayor and two Council members
- 1st motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - All council members were in favor
- F. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution in support of a grant from the Justice Assistance Grant for law enforcement radios
- a. Chief Sullivan gave description of grant and the department's request for new radios
- 1st motion to approve was made by John Politz
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - All council members were in favor
- G. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution confirming audit controls for the Texas Municipal Retirement System
- 1st motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd motion was approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members were in favor
- H. Receive presentation from the Main Street Manager regarding Statewide Main Street Reinvestment Statistics
- a. Adah Leah Wolf is required to report on statistics quarterly.
- b. The State recently put out statistics of 16 similar cities. Farmersville Main Street Program is on par or above average in comparison.
- c. Mayor Helmberger thanked Adah Leah for her continued work and successful program.
- I. Consider, discuss and act upon appointment to fill the vacancies:
- a. Library/Civic Center Board
- i. Staff recommended Glenda Hart to replace Rafiq Huddleston
- 1st motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members were in favor
- b. Senior Citizens Board
- i. Accepted resignation of Bill Harrison; Staff recommended Suzie Grusendorf
- 1st motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - All council members were in favor

- J. Review sign ordinance and make possible suggestion for changes regarding signs in the ETJ
- a. Jim Foy recommended that this ordinance go back to PNZ for review as the ordinance is not clear on the kinds of signs allowed/not allowed/time limit/banner signs
 - b. The already passed ordinance stands alone; a recommendation to clarify and amend the ordinance was made.
- K. Consider, discuss and act regarding refuse contract matters
- a. IESI TX (Progressive): per contract must notify in writing that the City may go after other bids
 - 1st motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - b. CWDC: per contract must notify in writing of City's intent not to renew contract
 - 1st motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd motion to approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members were in favor of both actions

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Council exited chambers to break for executive session at 7:10pm
2. Council reconvened in open session at 7:41pm with no action to take

V. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Status of two commercial structures on Hwy 380
2. Issue regarding railroad tracks will be found in Manager's Report under Public Works

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm

APPROVED

Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

ATTEST

Paula Jackson, Interim City Secretary