

**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 Invocation, and the Mayor led the Pledges to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag. All council members were present.
- Announcements
 - The Mayor announced that the Northeast Texas Trail Coalition will hold a planning meeting in Paris on Saturday, January 30th from 9am to noon. Contact Mayor Helmberger if you wish to attend.
 - The Mayor announced that signups for the upcoming May election will be available from January 20th thru February 19th for Mayor and Councilmembers for Place No. 2 and Place No. 4. Applications are available through the City Secretary.
 - Mr. Foy shared that several riders, including Stuart Crow, complimented the Chaparral Trail and Farmersville. He pointed out that Mr. 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
- Motion to approve, as submitted, was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the motion thereby approving the ordinance.
- 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.
- Motion to approve on second reading was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the motion thereby approving the ordinance.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consider, discuss and act upon naming Paula Jackson as Interim City Secretary

- Motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
- 2nd to approve was made by John Klostermann
- The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the action.

B. Consider, discuss and act upon City Financial Reports

- a. Daphne Hamlin was not present; Ben White presented the report noting that 25% of the Fiscal Year has passed.
- b. To date, 14.88% of municipal court revenues have been collected.
- c. Mr. Foy requested that reformatting of certain provisions be considered. 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 collected to be used for road improvements. He will be bringing this to action in an upcoming meeting.
 - Motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of accepting the City Financial Reports.

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 the City Council Chambers.
- b. Jeff James of Kimley-Horn (KH) presented an update regarding the Wasterwater Treatment Plant 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 Plant: 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 to 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 work would take. James responded that work could be completed in approximately 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 briefings 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 the 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 the proposed plan; and, that many have already responded.
 - v. Upon completion of the discussion and with no further action to be taken on this item, Mayor Helmberger was invited back to the City Council Chamber and returned 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. The Resolution should be amended. “City manager” should be inserted instead of the blanks
 - Motion to approve the Resolution as amended was made by Jim Foy
 - 2nd to approve as amended was made by Michael Hesse
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the Resolution as amended.
- E. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution calling the May 7, 2016 General Election to elect the Mayor and two Council members
- Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the Resolution.
- 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 a description of the grant to support the department’s need for new radios
 - Motion to approve was made by John Politz
 - 2nd to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the Resolution.
- G. Consider, discuss and act upon a resolution confirming audit controls for the Texas Municipal Retirement System
- Motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the Resolution.
- 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.
 - d. No further action was taken.
- 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
 - Motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of the appointment.
 - b. Senior Citizens Board
 - i. Accepted resignation of Bill Harrison; Staff recommended Suzie Grusendorf
 - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of accepting Mr. Harrison's resignation and appointing Ms. Grusendorf
- 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 the Planning and Zoning Commission for review as the ordinance is not clear on the kinds of signs allowed/not allowed/time limit for new styles and types of banner signs
 - b. The previously approved ordinance regarding off-premise signs in the extraterritorial jurisdiction stands alone; a recommendation to clarify and amend the Sign Ordinance was made and Staff was directed to take the matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.
- K. Consider, discuss and act regarding refuse contract matters
- a. IESI TX (Progressive): per contract must be notified in writing by the City to inform them the City is not going to renew the franchise agreement in order to go out bids
 - Motion to approve submission of notice of nonrenewal to IESI (Progressive) was made by John Klostermann

- 2nd to approve was made by Jim Foy
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of providing notice of nonrenewal to IESI (Progressive).
- b. CWD: per contract must be notified in writing of City's intent to renew the recycling contract
- Motion to approve submission of notice of nonrenewal CWD was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - The roll was called and all council members voted in favor of providing notice of nonrenewal to CWD.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Council recessed the open session to convene into executive session and retired from the City Council Chamber at 7:10 p.m.
2. Council closed the executive session, returned to the City Council Chamber and reconvened in open session at 7:41p.m.
3. No further action was taken.

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:

BY: _____
Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Jackson, Interim City Secretary