



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
May 10, 2016, 6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
205 S. Main Street**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- Mayor Helmberger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members Hesse, Caspari and Foy were present. John Politz and John Klostermann were absent. Pastor Clint Brown led the Invocation. Mayor Helmberger led the Pledges to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag.
- Announcements
  - Calendar of upcoming holidays and meetings
  - City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day
  - Final votes for the May 7<sup>th</sup> election will be not be tabulated until overseas and military voting is complete on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. A special meeting will be called to swear in newly elected officials. The Meeting will be held May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm.
  - The Farmersville Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Bear Creek Ranch Event Center at 7pm. Tickets are available at [www.FarmersvilleChamber.com](http://www.FarmersvilleChamber.com) or at the Chamber of Commerce Office. Tickets to the event have now sold out but raffle tickets are available.
  - The Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the High School from 4-9p.m. Cost is \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. There is a raffle with prizes of 50" television, \$250.00 visa card, smoker, and a quilt. Tickets are \$1.00 each. There will also be a silent auction for items donated from various businesses and individuals. You do not need to be present to win.

- Proclamation of May as Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month: 5 local groups were present to accept the Proclamation.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Mayor Helmlberger pulled Item G: Public Works Report, Michael Hesse pulled Items C & D: Code Enforcement/ Animal Control and Fire Department Report
- Motion to approve all other reports was made by Leaca Caspari
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Jim Foy
- All council members voted in favor thereby approving City Council Minutes, Police Department Report, Municipal Court Report, Warrant Officer Report, Library Report and City Manager's Report
  
- Item C: Code Enforcement/ Animal Control: Michael Hesse questioned the form and look of the Animal Control report as it is difficult to read. He asked if an Excel format could be used for this. Chief Sullivan said that at this time, the report is generated from a specific program that cannot be manipulated. However, he will look into it.
  - Motion to approve was made by Michael Hesse
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
  - All council members voted in favor thereby approving the reports
- Item D: Fire Dept. Report: Michael Hesse pointed out that the report was for January 2016 instead of April 2016. This was an oversight by city staff. Mr. Hesse did not request to see the April report.
- Item G: Public Works Report: Mayor Helmlberger asked Ben White to explain the electrical report and in particular the Fisd electrical situation. Mr. White went into detail regarding an error that resulted from an incorrect demand reading. The city billing clerk at the time, did not catch the error and neither did Fisd. The school recently called the City within the last month and questioned the rates. The City looked at it and recognized the error. Because the City grossly overcharged the Fisd, the Fisd requested a one-time refund check with the understanding that the City may not be able to do that right away. Ben White said he will be refunding Fisd and will bring that to Council's attention when that takes place. Mayor Helmlberger asked how we can prevent something like this from happening in the future. Ben White explained that the software program for billing has to be run completely. The past billing clerk overlooked this. The current billing clerk is on top of doing this and is very thorough. Mr. White also asked that the Fisd always check their bill and call the City if they have questions or concerns. Michael Hesse asked if there were similar problems with other commercial businesses. Ben White responded that he does not think so, and he had one of the electrical employees review all of those accounts.

- Jim Foy asked if Rambler Park and the splash pad were ready to open. Ben White said they are about ready to go.
  - Motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Michael Hesse
  - All council members were in favor thereby approving the Public Works report

### **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Leaca Caspari pulled Item F.: Main Street Report and Item H.: Library Report
- Adah Leah Wolf addressed the Council on the status of the National Register Nomination saying that THC has pushed it back again and intends to present to State Board of Review in September. She read Greg Smith's email stating that he was not able to get everything done in time for May's meeting.
- Trisha Dowell address the Council regarding the library and Civic Center. Ms. Caspari noticed that the Civic Center is in the black and asked Ms. Dowell if fees have increased. She said they have not, there is just more use that generates more rent. Ms. Dowell went on to explain the current state of obtaining funds from Collin County for the library. The county libraries have been getting together to put a plan in place to take to Judge Self and Commissioner Hill. They had their meeting with them and the plan suggested dropping the funding for the larger libraries so that the money gets to the smaller libraries that really need it. Ms. Dowell said the larger libraries were extremely supportive in fighting for the smaller libraries. The money is to be used for economic development, children's advocacy, or libraries and will not be given annually; they (library) will probably have to fight for it every year.

### **IV. READING OF ORDINANCES**

- A. Second reading to consider, discuss, and act upon the Average Billing Ordinance
  - Alan Lathrom, City Attorney, explained that there was a change in the title, as well as some modifications to wording as requested in the previous council meeting. Mr. Foy said the changes took care of his previous concerns.
    - Motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
    - All council members voted in favor thereby approving the ordinance
- B. Second reading to consider, discuss, and act upon the Master Fee Schedule for Average Billing
  - Mr. Lathrom said there was a slight change in the title section so that this ordinance correctly correlates with the Average Billing Ordinance

- Motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
- All council members were in favor thereby approving the ordinance

V. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Consider, discuss, and act upon pursuing a Watershed Management Plan for the City of Farmersville
- Galen Roberts from NTMWD spoke to Council about developing strategies for water management. NTMWD is looking to member cities for feedback on doing this if there is an understanding and desire to do this. Mr. Roberts used a power point presentation. The slides can be found at the end of this documents or by clicking the below link:



**Galen Roberts**  
*Watershed Manager*  
NTMWD  
*May 10, 2016*

- After Mr. Roberts concluded his presentation and asked for comments or questions. Ben White mentioned that there is no cost to the city to participate. NTWMD will cover all costs. Mr. Roberts reiterated that NTMWD is simply looking for feedback from cities and asking for their participation. Ben White feels this is a good preventative measure. Mayor Helmberger agrees that this would help with controlling water quality, though he is a little confused as to how it is not regulatory. He asked what the repercussions are if it is not followed. Mr. Roberts said there are none; the document serves as a guide and living document.

- Michael Hesse asked how other cities have responded. Roberts said the plan has been very well received, mostly because it will the plan will help to keep TCEQ out. Jim Foy asked what kind of management is required. Roberts responded that the plan can be defined specifically to what you want. The plan can provide what may be needed or required on the horizon. Michael Hesse asked what the timeline was for implementation. Mr. Roberts stated the NTMWD is currently collecting information (Phase I); development (Phase II) should begin later this year.
  - Mayor Helmberger said we should move forward with this and directed staff to proceed with participation.
- B. Consider, discuss, and act upon a resolution adopted by the Farmersville Economic Development Corporation (4A) recommending approval of a project to study the Zoning Ordinance
- Mayor Helmberger said 4A wants to fund a rewrite of the zoning ordinance. It is in dire need of this. Mr. Foy stated that they are recommending that it goes through the planning and approval phases. He is in agreement that it needs to be rewritten. Doing so will help make it less cumbersome to interpret. Council recommendation is to have staff instruct P&Z to perform rewrite of zoning ordinance. Mayor pointed out that Item V.C. notes this change on the 4A Project list.
    - Motion to approve was made by Jim Foy
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
    - Michael Hess asked which item was added to the project list as he is confused by the cost and project list. He asked if the list could be amended/updated to reflect the project and cost.
    - Motion to amend the project list and move forward with rewrite was made by Jim Foy.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Leaca Caspari.
    - All council members were in favor thereby approving the project list and potential zoning ordinance rewrite
- C. Consider, discuss, and act upon an amended project list for the Farmersville Economic Development Corporation (4A) (SEE ABOVE)
- D. Consider, discuss, and act upon a contract between the City of Farmersville and Morton Construction for the Audie Murphy Parkway East wastewater project
- Ben White asked that no action be taken because the incoming council needs to be consulted to be sure they support the project before moving forward. Mayor Helmberger agreed.
  - NO ACTION, NO MOTION

- E. Consider, discuss, and act upon possible TxDOT landscaping and monument sign projects
- Ben White spoke to TxDOT landscape architect. TxDOT will install anything the City wants if the City pays for it and maintains it. Mr. White suggested that the City come up with a low-maintenance landscape plan for the right-of-ways, but noted that it this can apply anywhere. He wanted to let council know that this option to use TxDOT is available. Mayor Helmberger said to move forward.
- F. Consider, discuss, and act upon a resolution authorizing that the City of Farmersville supports the creation of the North Texas Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District
- Mayor Helmberger informed Council that Leaca Caspari received a letter regarding the 911 Emergency Communications District. He thinks it is important to support NTXCOG in doing this as it brings money from Austin and puts it back into North Texas region. Michael Hesse would like to see the wording changed a bit to guarantee that the money makes it back to North Texas.
    - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Michael Hesse
    - All council members were in favor thereby approving the resolution
- G. Consider, discuss, and act upon a resolution objecting to and opposing the planning, design, conversion and designation of HWY 380 and HWY 78 as limited access roadways
- Mayor Helmberger stated that he brought this before Council last meeting and reiterated that there is a need for further planning and funding for other alternatives. Mr. Foy said the resolution says what it needs to say especially Section 4, "Other options".
    - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was made by Jim Foy
    - All council members were in favor thereby approving the resolution

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Donna Williams: Thanked Mayor Helmberger for his service. Stated that at the last council meeting, council approved the removal of the trees at the corner near her store. She said the trees present a safety hazard and block the stop signs. She would like to know when the trees will be removed.
2. Pam Serdo: She was not allowed to vote in the election. She wants to know how people outside of the city limits but within the ETJ can better work with the city to have a voice.

3. Linda Barnett: Before removing an element of beauty, she believes we need to take a step back and think about what makes Farmersville unique.
4. Anne Hall: Thanked the people that got voted out.


**VII. REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

- No items requested

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

**APPROVE:**

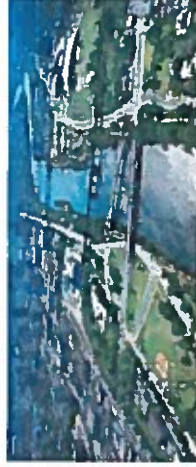
  
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Diane C. Piwko, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Mary Tate, City Secretary



# Watershed Planning and Protection for Lavon Lake

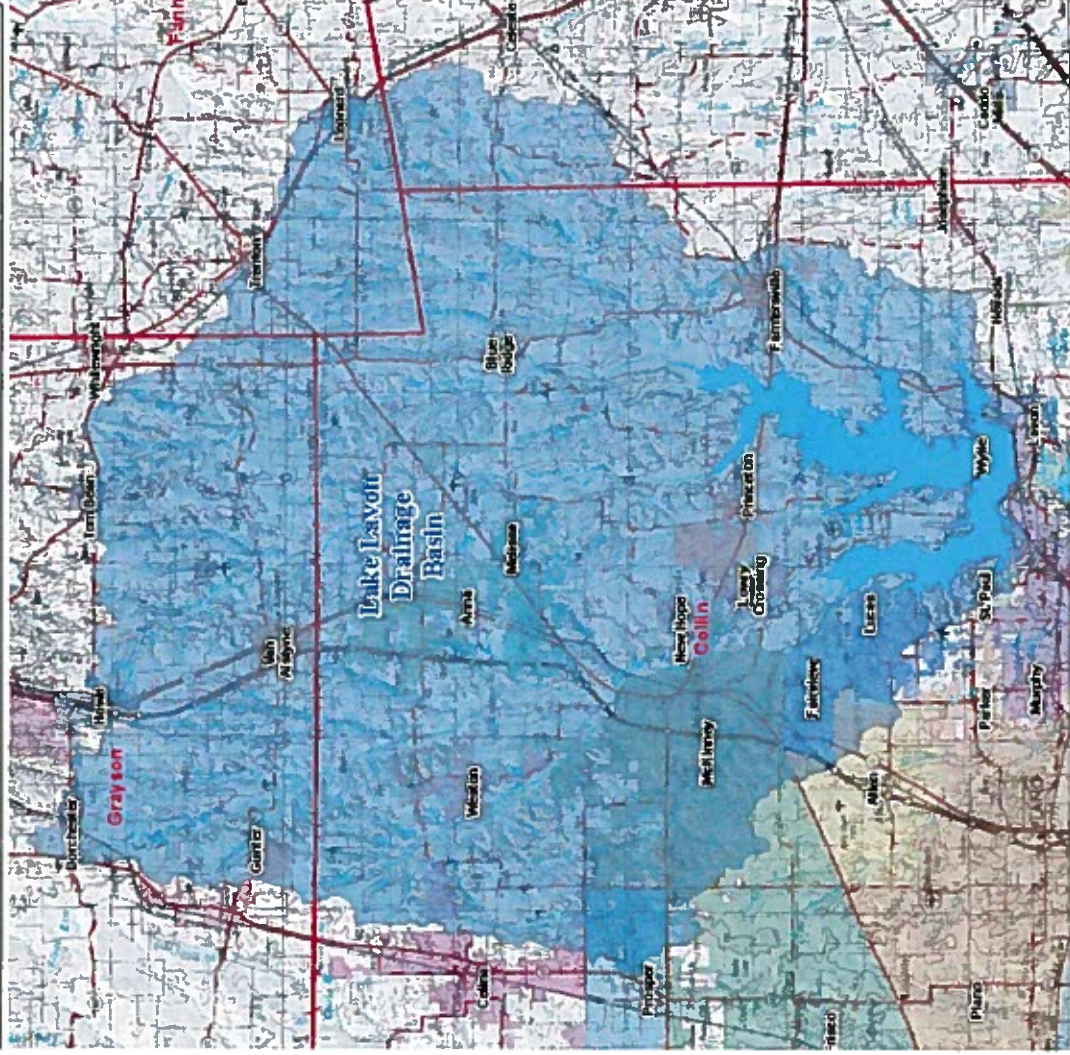


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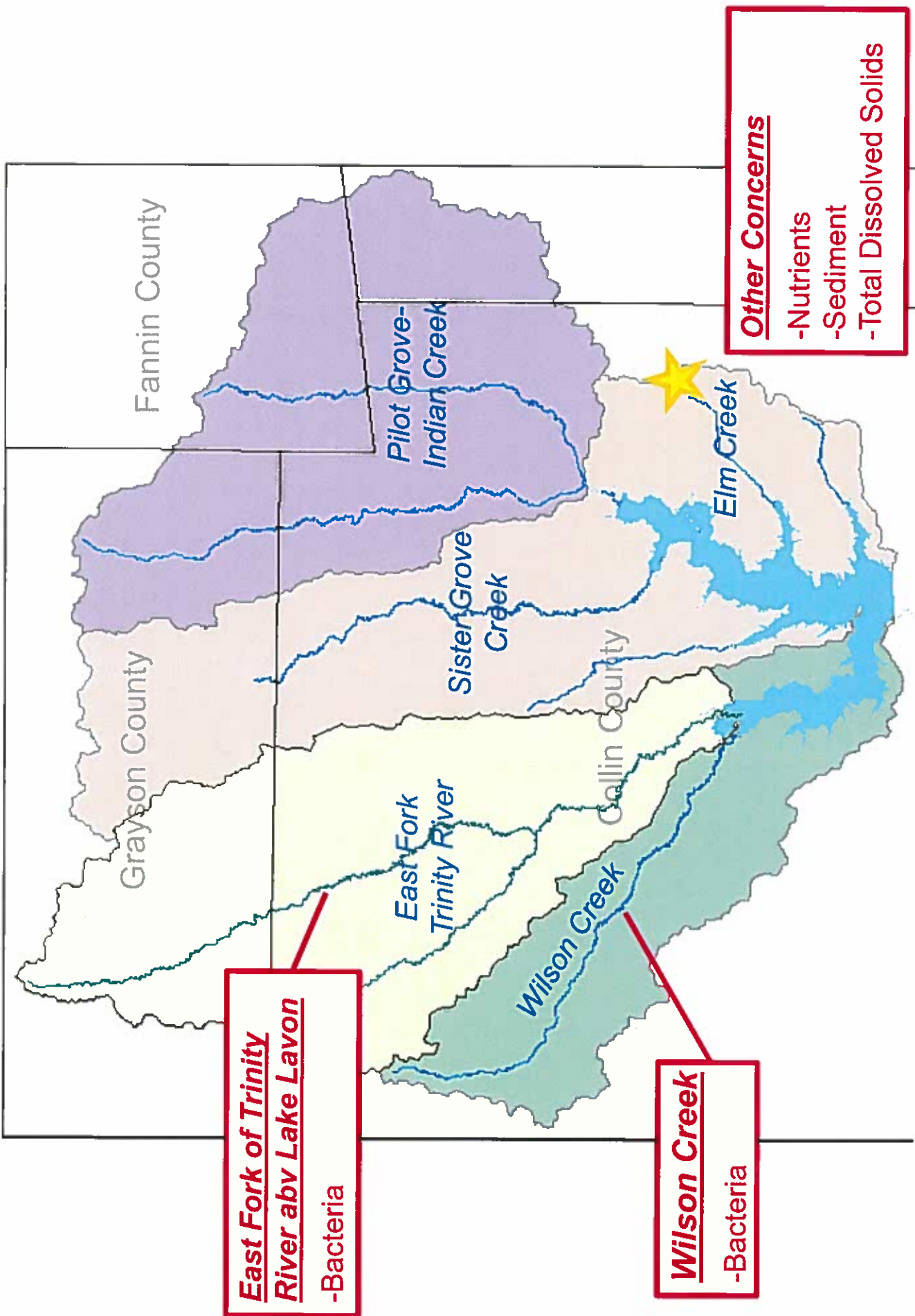


# THE LAKE LAVON WATERSHED



- The Lavon Lake watershed drains an area of about 768 mi<sup>2</sup> or 491,520 acres
- The watershed includes parts of Collin, Grayson, Fannin, and Hunt Counties.
- Lavon Lake is the uppermost reservoir on the East Fork of the Trinity River.
- *Largest population centers are NTMWD Member and Customer Cities:*
  - McKinney: 131,117
  - Frisco: 116,989
  - Allen: 84,246
  - Prosper: 9,423
  - Anna: 8,249

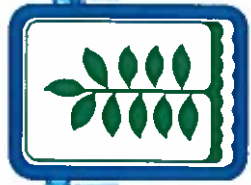
# Watershed Impairments & Concerns





## *Benefits of a Watershed Protection Plan (WPP)*

- **Non-regulatory.**
- **Identify local and regional water quality issues.**
- **Increase public awareness and involvement.**
- **Coordinate efforts among agencies/organizations in the watershed.**
- **Activities may become eligible for federal grant funds (e.g. CWA 319).**



## *Benefits of a WPP*

### *Total Maximum Daily Load*

- Regulatory
- Focuses only on pollutant(s) causing impairment
- Corrective

### *Watershed Protection Plan*

- Non-regulatory, community-driven
- Holistic – focuses on all potential pollutant sources in watershed
- Both corrective and preventative



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