



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
February 9, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
205 S. Main Street**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Mayor Joe Helmberger was not present. Mayor Pro-tem, Jim Foy, called the session to order at 6pm. Eddie Daniels said the Invocation, and the Mayor Pro-tem led the Pledges to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag. All council members were present.
- Announcements
 - The Mayor Pro-tem announced that City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th in honor of President's Day.
 - The Mayor Pro-tem 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.
 - The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the Texas Municipal League will be offering a Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinic in West, TX on Friday, March 11th. The training is for elected and appointed city officials.
 - The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the Farmersville Heritage Museum Open House will be held on Sunday, February 21st from 1pm-4pm.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes and Reports: Mayor Pro-tem Foy pulled certain reports for discussion and review. These reports included: Police Department, Code Enforcement/Animal Control, Fire Department, Municipal Court, and Public Works reports. City Council minutes dated January 12, 2016 and January 26, 2016 and remaining reports were approved as follows:

- Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
- 2nd to approve was made by Michael Hesse

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- No information was requested

IV. READING OF ORDINANCES

A. Second reading to consider, discuss, and act upon the Water Management Plan. Ben White commented that city staff recommends that the plan be approved.

- Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
- 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
- Mayor Pro-tem Foy asked all council members in favor to raise their right hand; all council members voted in favor thereby approving the Water Management Plan

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Consider, discuss and act upon a mutual boundary agreement and map between the City of Farmersville and the City of Princeton

- a. All changes previously requested have been made; next step is to present to the City of Princeton for their approval
- b. Alan Lathrom advised that City Council may approve now or take to Princeton, but at some point this will return to council as an ordinance that needs approval to put the boundary into effect
- c. There was unanimous consent from the council to proceed with presenting the agreement to the City of Princeton.

B. Consider, discuss, and act upon a mutual boundary agreement and map between the City of Farmersville and the City of Blue Ridge

- a. All changes previously requested have been made; next step is to present to the City of Blue Ridge for their approval
- b. There was unanimous consent from the council to proceed with presenting the agreement to the City of Blue Ridge.

C. Consider, discuss, and act upon renovations for the Charles R. Curington Public Safety Building

- a. Ben White addressed specific issues such as the need for steel supports while referencing a rendering done by Scott Roberts. He is currently trying to get cost estimates that take into account issues

from the drawing. At this time, Ben's estimate for renovations is between \$50,000-\$70,000; more information will be presented when it is received.

- b. Recommended to move this to the next agenda for an update; no action taken
- D. Consider, discuss, and act upon recommendations concerning engineering and construction budget for the new wastewater treatment plan
 - a. Jeff James of Kimley-Horn was present to address design and engineering costs as detailed by Ben White. Rehabilitation of Plant 1 is estimated to cost \$1.049 million with engineering costs of \$1.56 million, for a total of \$2.659 million. The entire project is estimated to cost \$20 million.
 - b. After consulting with Daphne Hamlin, it is believed that the City can afford all engineering work and the rehabilitation of Plant 1.
 - c. Ben is pursuing a Texas State Water Revolving Fund Loan with a rate of 1.22%; also considering State Participation Program; Ben White recommends that he, Eddie Daniels, and Jeff James travel to Austin to meet with Texas Development Water Board (TDWB) to try to negotiate the best deal.
 - d. Mayor Pro-tem Foy asked whether we would appeal to the state for the entire \$20 million. Ben White responded that that is his intention and he will request that repayment begin in FY 2018.
 - e. Mayor Pro-tem Foy asked what the time table for the rehab of Plant 1 would be. Jeff James responded that it would take about 1 year to get it to the original capacity.
 - f. City staff recommended that council approve Plant 1 rehabilitation at this time.
 - g. John Politz questioned the status of Right of Way Acquisitions; Eddie Daniels stated that he sent a preliminary letter but was waiting to hear from Council on how to proceed. Eddie has heard positive and skeptical responses, however, he reiterated that all residents affected will possibly have waste water sewer disposal which they currently do not have.
 - h. Mayor Pro-tem Foy agrees that we should pursue state assistance and proceed on Plant 1 rehab
 - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - Mayor Pro-tem Foy asked all councilmembers in favor to raise their right hand; all council members voted in favor thereby approving Plant 1 engineering and construction costs and plans for rehabilitation
- E. Consider, discuss, and act upon the placement of trash cans in the front of businesses
 - a. This was brought before Council by Councilwoman Caspari.
 - b. At this time, the issue in question is how to proceed with compliance; Chief Sullivan is aware of the issue and enforces code requirements.

- c. Alan Lathrom will do some research; this item will be put on the next agenda for an update
- F. Consider, discuss, and act upon tornado clean-up of two commercial buildings located on Hwy. 380
 - a. Chief Sullivan stated that there is movement on the building that is completely down; the Holland building has a lot of property in it; the owner has been contacted with no response.
 - b. Mayor Pro-tem Foy expressed that it is unsafe and easy to access.
- G. Consider, discuss, and act upon any actions involving the accident at Dairy Queen
 - a. Chief Sullivan briefed Council on what is known; they are awaiting toxicology reports; All parties agree that the truck was mechanically sound; the driver has admitted to losing control.
 - b. There were three minor injuries.
 - c. Chief Sullivan's report has been filed with the State; he will amend if necessary.
- H. Consider, discuss, and act upon appointment to fill the following vacancies:
 - a. Parks and Recreation Board
 - i. Staff recommended Miranda Martin to replace Todd Rolen
 - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members raised their right hand in favor of the appointment
 - b. Senior Citizens Advisory Board
 - i. Councilwoman Caspari recommended that Kathy Straum replace Billy Harrison
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - All council members raised their right hand in favor of the appointment
 - c. Planning and Zoning Commission
 - i. Staff recommended Russell Chandler to replace Todd Rolen
 - Motion to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
 - All council members raised their right hand in favor of the appointment

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Cathy Strong shared that she is excited to be a part of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. She also brought along a shovel and would like to be present for the installation of her street sign.

VII. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- 1. Set and approve a calendar for the rest of the 2016

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

APPROVED:

BY: J H Foy
Jim Foy, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

 Paula Jackson
Paula Jackson, Interim City Secretary

