



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
March 8, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
205 S. Main Street**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Mayor Pro Tem Foy called the session to order at 6pm. He then led the Invocation and the Pledges to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag. Mayor Joe Helmberger was not present. Council members Klostermann, Politz, Hesse, Foy, and Caspari were all present.
- Announcements
 - Mayor Pro Tem Foy announced that city offices will be closed on Friday, March 25th in observance of the Easter holiday.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Mayor Pro Tem Foy pulled the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report and Council member Leaca Caspari pulled the City Manager's Report for further discussion.
- Motion to approve all other reports including City Council Minutes, Police Department Report, Fire Department Report, Municipal Court Report, Warrant Officer Report, Public Works Report, and Library Report was made by Leaca Caspari
- 2nd to approve was made by John Klostermann
- Mayor Pro Tem Foy asked all in favor to raise their right hand. All council members voted in favor of the motion thereby approving the above reports.
- C. Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report
 - a. Mayor Pro Tem Foy commented that there are many addresses on the report suggesting that officers are not being selective but rather doing what the citizens want and what Council is enacting to try to clean up the city.
 - b. Chief Sullivan said his officers are identifying approximately 30 addresses per day within the four districts of the city.
 - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari

- 2nd to approve was made by John Politz
- Mayor Pro Tem Foy asked all in favor to raise their right hand. All council members voted in favor of the motion thereby approving the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report.

I. City Manager's Report

a. Leaca Caspari raised a question regarding drainage and ADA issues. Ben White responded that the City is waiting on grant funds to be made available in October to handle these issues. City staff will be preparing the proper documentation for the grant and are prepared to receive funds.

- Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
- 2nd to approve was made by Michael Hesse
- Mayor Pro Tem Foy asked all in favor to raise their right hand. All council members voted in favor thereby approving the City Manager's Report.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. FEDC (4A) Meeting Minutes

- Leaca Caspari had a question regarding 4A's involvement with Planning and Zoning and asked for further explanation. Ben White responded that 4A is interested in funding a rewrite of the zoning ordinance and would like to present this to City Council at a later date.
- Mayor Pro Tem Foy commented that this was not on their project list. He also wants to ensure that 4A will not spend the money to do this without Council approval. Ben White assured Council that it will be presented to them before any action is taken.
- John Politz questioned the discrepancy in the estimated cost of the project, \$25K-70K. Ben White answered that the amount is dependent upon the degree to which the ordinance is rewritten.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Consider, discuss, and act upon a recommendation letter regarding the Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir

- Ben White addressed the received request to write letters of support for the project. He mentioned that the project has already been delayed. He would like council's opinion.
- Mayor Pro Tem Foy thinks the letters are very general and do not address specific issues. Council member Caspari agrees and questioned why the project has been delayed. She would also like documentation to show how it is permissible to circumvent the Clean Water Act. Ben White responded that the project has been cleared based on the former requirements from the EPA. The EPA has since made changes to their requirements.

- c. Leaca Caspari questioned why the requirements were changed. Ben White commented that graphs are available to show the repercussions should we face a catastrophic drought conditions.
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Foy agrees with Council member Caspari's concern in bypassing the 404 permit, but does not believe Council needs to take any action regarding letters. Caspari conceded that she will not take any action without having more information. Council member Hesse commented that there is a need for the project, but he too would like further explanations regarding the project.
- e. Ben White suggested that NTMWD do a presentation at a future council meeting
 - No action, no motion; consensus that more information is needed on the Lower Bois d'Arc Reservoir plan

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No one came forward for public comment

VI. REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Michael Hesse addressed the issue of trash disposal. He asked that Council brainstorm on possible public education and marketing ideas to address this ongoing issue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Session was adjourned at 6:29pm.

APPROVED



Jim Foy, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST



Paula Jackson, Interim City Secretary