



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
For
October 9, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Mayor Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Craig Overstreet, Donny Mason, Mike Hurst, Michael Hesse and Todd Rolan were all present. City staff members Ben White, Sandra Green, Rick Ranspot and Kim Morris were also present.
- Prayer was led by Craig Overstreet followed by the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.
 - Main Street Manager, Reagan Rothenberger has given his resignation and has accepted another position. Friday, October 12th will be his last day.

II. WORKSHOP

- A. Consider, discuss and act regarding the proposed widening of U.S. Highway 380, the general locations of possible alignment(s) of a U.S. Highway 380 by-pass and methods of working with entities responsible for such U.S. Highway 380 planning.
- Ben White addressed Council and spoke of the upcoming TxDOT meetings. He explained a TxDOT slide show to the Council. He stated the goal of TxDOT with the new green route would be to limit impact on commercial business and historical areas. He stated one alignment would be chosen by the end of the year. He proceeded to show the right-of-way widths that TxDOT were recommending. He stated there are a few feet of water lines and sewer lines that are in the right-of-way that the City of Farmersville would have to move. The City would have bear the expense for those to be moved if the road came down the current U.S. Highway 380. TxDOT would pay to move the utility lines that are located in private easements. More than likely the City would take out a loan to move those in private easements and then

TxDOT would reimburse the City. He feels confident the City would have to pay close to \$1 million in order to move the utilities, but he believes it could be less.

- Craig Overstreet stated the numbers shown in the spreadsheet are not accurate and misleading because he does not feel the businesses would be lost. He believes they would relocate.
- Ben White explained that businesses would relocate and they would still be in the TIRZ, so the City would not see the money directly. The City might see more sales taxes than ad valorem.
- Mike Hurst asked how Collin College felt about the proposed alignments.
- Ben White stated he is hearing they would be okay with the alignment going through town. He explained the new proposed green route shifts north and south to avoid as many businesses as possible. He asked Council if they wanted him to spend more time collecting data on specific impacts and numbers.
- Michael Hesse thinks everything was pretty clear and believes Council should start deciding what route to choose. He asked when Council should express their views and thoughts regarding the alignment they want to promote.
- Ben White stated he would talk to citizens and possibly wait until TxDOT comes to present to the Council on November 13th, or they could make a decision before that.
- Donny Mason stated he believed there was enough information at this point to make a decision, but he would like to see the effects on sales tax.
- Craig Overstreet asked if we could move the TIRZ area.
- Ben White stated he is not sure if it could be changed.
- Mayor Rice asked if information can be placed on the City's website so people could see the new proposed alignments.

III. ADJOURNMENT


Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVE:



Jack Randall Rice, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sandra Green, City Secretary

