

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2009

The Farmersville City Council met in regular session on October 13, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Don Smith, Fred Langford, Paul Kelly, Billy Long, Bobby Bishop and Kevin Green. Staff members present were: City Manager John Moran, Police Chief Phillip Pannell, Fire Chief Kim Morris, Finance Director Daphne Hamlin and City Secretary Edie Sims.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Edie Sims called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Mayor Smith welcomed our visitors who were Joe Jaynes, Eric Ravsten, Tyler Ravsten, Kyle Ravsten, Pansy Hundley, Angela Pannell and Wyndi Viegel.

Joe Jaynes informed the Council that Collin County had finished their budget implementation cycle, and for 17 years in a row no tax increase has been implanted by the Commissioner's Court. Additionally, the Highway 380 construction project should commence by November 2009.

CONSIDER ADDING JOHN MORAN AS A SIGNOR ON THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Bobby Bishop moved to approve having City Manager John Moran as a signature on all city financial accounts. Paul Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER REPLACING PEGGY JAMES ON THE LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER BOARD

Mayor Smith opened this item for nominations. David Reynolds was nominated for the position. Paul Kelly moved to approve David Reynolds for the position on the Library/Civic Center Board, with Fred Langford seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM GRAYSON-COLLIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (GCEC)

Fred Langford moved to approve accepting the donation for the Police Department with Paul Kelly seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE FINANCIAL SOFTWARE FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000

City Manager John Moran informed the Council of the need for a Purchase Order module added to our current financial system, which would give better control of the budget and would pay for itself over a period of time. Paul Kelly stated he liked the idea; however, he would rather have the budget revamped and have employee pay increases implemented before spending funds on other items. Bobby Bishop was concerned of the budget impact for this expenditure. City Manager John Moran informed the Council of possibility of utilizing contingency funds. Bobby Bishop moved to approve the expenditure with Fred Langford seconding the motion. FOR: Fred Langford, Billy Long, Bobby Bishop and Kevin Green. OPPOSED: Paul Kelly. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH MUNICODE CORPORATION FOR ORDINANCE CODIFICATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000

City Manager John Moran informed the Council the services provided by Municode would be of great benefit to organizing ordinances passed by the City Council. The contract with Municode will allow funds to be dispersed over a two year budget cycle. Paul Kelly stated again that the budget needs to be revised to implement the employee's pay increase before making other purchases. Bobby Bishop moved to approve the expenditure. The motion died for a lack of a second. Paul Kelly moved to table this item, with Fred Langford seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #2009-29 FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES

Per City Manager John Moran, the city absorbs all credit card processing fees at this time. A fee up to 5% will be accessed as a pass-thru to the customers who pay with their credit card. The maximum fee allowed by State Law is 5%. Paul Kelly moved to approve Ordinance #2009-29 with Billy Long seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #2009-30 FOR A JUVENILE CASE MANAGER FUND

Per City Manager John Moran, courts could be mandated by legislation to have a Juvenile Case Manager. The funds attained will be set aside until said time a Juvenile Case Manager is required. The Municipal Judge will have the authority to waive the fee upon proof of financial hardship. Paul Kelly moved to approve Ordinance #2009-30, with Fred Langford seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION #2009-31 DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Fred Langford moved to approve Resolution #2009-31 designating the Farmersville Times as the official newspaper for the City of Farmersville, with Kevin Green seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Margaret Wisdom and Angie Rios were nominated to replace two seats on the Parks and Recreation Board. Bobby Bishop moved to approve Margaret Wisdom and Angie Rios to fill said seats, with Fred Langford seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS COUNCIL MANDATORY TRAINING

As required by State Law, the majority of the City's boards should be certified in the Public Information Act and the Open Records Act. To help facilitate this requirement, the City Secretary will conduct 2 or 3 posted meetings where the Board Members, including Council, P&Z, EDC, CDC, and Main Street can meet and have the required training. Council gave their consensus to hold these meetings for training.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES

Paul Kelly moved to authorize the City Manager to issue a Request for Qualification for City Engineering services. Bobby Bishop seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Billy Long moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with Paul Kelly seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager John Moran expressed his concern with the employees' financial well being, as well as the overall operations of the City thru the current budget. Council will be informed throughout the process of revamping the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Smith requested the Council adjourn to Executive Session per Texas Government Code 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.

Council exited into Executive Session at 6:43pm.

Council convened from Executive Session at 7:30pm.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL BY AND CONTRACT WITH LLOYD GOSSELINK TO ASSIST THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE IN LOCATING AND CONTRACTING WITH AN OPERATION AND MANAGER OF THE MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY UPON EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH CAP ROCK

Paul Kelly motioned to approve contracting with Lloyd Gosselink law firm in locating and contracting with an operation and manager of the municipally owned electric utility. Billy Long seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST(S) TO PLACE ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT CITY OPERATIONS

Fred Langford requested a discussion of changing split street names, particularly North and South Rike and North and South Austin due to possible confusion for emergency response staff.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Paul Kelly and a second by Billy Long, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED

Donald C. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

Edie Sims, City Secretary