

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2009

The Farmersville City Council met in special session on July 28, 2009 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Don Smith, Fred Langford, Paul Kelly, Bobby Bishop and Kevin Green. Staff members present were Interim City Manager Shirley Horton, Police Chief Phillip Pannell, Fire Chief Kim Morris, Financial Officer 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

No one spoke on non-agenda items.

CONSIDER NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER MONTH PROCLAMATION

On a motion by Paul Kelly and seconded by Bobby Bishop, the Council approved the Proclamation dedicating the month of August as National Health Center Month. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER LEASE CONTRACT WITH T-MOBILE FOR WATER TOWER SPACE

T-Mobile has presented a long term contract expiring September 2034 for space on the City of Farmersville's water tower for use of their cellular phone equipment. Bobby Bishop moved to approve the contract as presented with Paul Kelly seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER PROPOSED TAX RATE, SET TWO PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR THE TAX RATE, AND DIRECT STAFF IN THE PREPARATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SELECTED RATE

Mayor Smith opened this item for the Council to review the proposed tax rates which will establish the budget for 2009-2010 Fiscal Budget Year. Bobby Bishop moved to approve the tax rate of \$0.5861091 with an estimated assessment of \$153,975,946; setting the public hearing dates for August 11, 2009 and August 25, 2009; and directing the staff in the preparation of an ordinance for the establishment of the selected rate. Paul Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE AND FILE PROPOSED 2009-2010 CITY OPERATING BUDGET WITH THE CITY SECRETARY; SET DATE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009-2010 CITY OPERATING BUDGET AND FOR SETTING THE 2009 TAX RATE

Mayor Smith requested to table this item.

CONSIDER BUDGET REVISIONS FOR 2009-2010 CITY OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Smith opened this agenda item to Chief of Police Phillip Pannell who presented a Power Point presentation which offered information of area police department salaries in comparison to the City of Farmersville. Chief Pannell requested the Council to review the budget to find funds for raises in his department. Mayor Smith expressed full support of the Police Department; however he also added that the

Council is in the midst of hiring a new City Manager. Our new City Manager should be involved with this process.

Fire Chief Kim Morris came before the Council to express his concerns of his department's budget for 2009-2010. Equipment, gear and continuing education were his main concerns. Interim City Manager Shirley Horton expressed that needed equipment and gear will not be denied to the department, however with the new equipment, maintenance should be very minimal.

No Council action was taken on this item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER PERMITTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 551.074 (HIRING A CANDIDATE FOR CITY MANAGER POSITION)

Council convened to Executive Session at 6:55 pm.

COUNCIL TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTION TAKEN DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council reconvened to Regular Session at 7:18pm with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Bobby Bishop and a second by Paul Kelly, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVED

Donald C. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

Edie Sims, City Secretary