

FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 1, 2015

The Farmersville City Council met in regular session on December 1, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Helmberger, John Klostermann, John Politz, Michael Hesse, Leaca Caspari and Jim Foy. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, David Ritter sitting in for City Attorney Alan Lathrom from Brown and Hofmeister Law Firm, Police Chief Mike Sullivan, Fire Chief Kim Morris, Librarian Trisha Dowell and City Secretary Edie Sims.

**ITEM I) CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Helmberger called the meeting to order. Edie Sims called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Mike Phillips with Pathway Church offered the invocation. Mayor Helmberger led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Mayor Helmberger announced the next Council meeting has been changed due to the upcoming Christmas holiday. The next meeting will be held December 15th. All monthly reports will be presented at this meeting. Mayor Helmberger also announced the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade starting at 7pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This coming weekend is Farmers and Fleas and motorcyclists with Toys for Tots will be traveling through Farmersville about 11:15am.

Mayor Helmberger thanked Farmersville Community Development Corporation for funding the lighting downtown. The entire downtown area looks beautiful.

Mayor Helmberger proudly boasted winning the Battle of the Bridge canned food drive between the City of Farmersville and the City of Princeton. Both food pantries win through this competition and Mayor Helmberger would like to have this challenge opened again in the spring.

To date, there are 197 Angels needing adopted through the Farmersville Angel Tree program. Lastly, John Klostermann announced his younger brother is a first time grandparent and congratulations were given.

**ITEM II – A) SECOND READING TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL; CHANGE TIMING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS; REQUIRING MEETINGS TO BE HELD MINIMALLY ONCE PER QUARTER AND AMEND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER BOARD**

With no changes being made, Leaca Caspari motioned to approve the ordinance as presented with John Politz seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse yes, Leaca Caspari yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – A) RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM LEXINGTON MEDICAL LODGE**

Don Miller, President of Foursquare Healthcare, Ltd., came before the Council to offer an update of Farmersville's new nursing and physical therapy facility. The journey for this f started almost 4 years ago through the State, then site selection followed. With zoning, construction and finally a completed facility, Mr. Miller was happy to report the following information for our facility.

Currently Lexington Medical Lodge has 90 employees with a payroll of \$275,000 since the inception. The facility now has 49 residents with 25 of the 49 being rehabilitation patients. Since opening on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the facility has had a total of 70 new admissions.

There have been 14 residents successfully discharged home from rehabilitation. Short term care is one of the main focal points of this facility, although long term options are also high on the list. Mr. Miller stated approximately 485 people attended the Grand Opening in October and appreciation was expressed to all who attended.

Lastly, Mr. Miller gave statistics of areas where admissions are coming from including admissions from other facilities 30%; admissions from home 16%; Medical Center of McKinney 19%; Baylor McKinney 9%; Hunt Regional in Greenville 6% and Dallas hospitals 14.2%. The facility is excited about the Dallas admissions and the word is getting out.

City Manager Ben White expressed his delight the median area has been landscaped even though the property does not officially belong to the facility. Mr. Miller stated he spoke with the landowners of the median area and they were pleased to allow landscaping be installed which improved their property and improved the face of the Lexington Medical Lodge. Mr. Miller stated a separate water line for irrigation was installed so the landowner could take over at some point in the future.

Mayor Helmberger thanked the Lexington Medical Lodge for their involvement in the community with Mr. Miller stating in order to be successful, one must partner with the community.

**ITEM III – B) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON RESIGNATION FROM TODD ROLEN FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

Mayor Helmberger expressed his appreciation for Mr. Rolen's service to the City. Jim Foy motioned to accept Mr. Rolen's resignation with Leaca Caspari seconding the motion. A poll of the Council was taken as follows: John Klostermann yes, John Politz yes, Michael Hesse, Leaca Caspari yes and Jim Foy yes. Motion passed with full Council approval.

**ITEM III – C) UPDATE ON ADA COMPLIANCY**

City Manager Ben White stated the Main Street grant was denied. There was not enough time allotted for training which affected the scoring. The grant cycle will be opened in March and we will re-apply for the same project. Training and further scoring methods will be approached in a timelier manner. Mr. White proposed all ADA projects be placed on hold until after the grant cycle which were related to downtown. If this grant does not fund, then the City will have to inch forward according to funding. The funds are in place for the grant match.

**ITEM IV) PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward during the public comment section.

**ITEM V – D) EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF MATTERS PERMITTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551 AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 551.086, COMPETITIVE MATTERS OF A PUBLIC POWER UTILITY 1) CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMPETITIVE MATTERS OF THE CITY-OWNED PUBLIC POWER UTILITY AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 551.086 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY MATTERS ENGAGED IN OR TO BE ENGAGED IN BY THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE**

Mayor Helmberger announced the Council to exit into Executive Session at 6:18pm.

**ITEM VI) RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:36pm.

**ITEM VII) DISCUSS/CONSIDER/ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PERMITTED BY SECTION 551.086 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPETITIVE MATTERS OF THE CITY-OWNED PUBLIC POWER UTILITY**

Mayor Helmberger announced no action there is to be taken by Council.

**ITEM VIII) REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Jim Foy requested an item to discuss changes to the Sign Ordinance to define types of signs and what types of signs are allowed.

Mr. Foy also requested an item to discuss the TAPS situation. No one else requested items be placed on future agendas.

**ITEM IX) ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned at 6:38pm.

APPROVED

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Joseph E. Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

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Edie Sims, City Secretary