



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
for
August 23, 2016**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order, Roll Call, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
 - Council members John Klostermann, Donny Mason, Michael Hesse, Mayor Piwko, Michael Hurst, and Leaca Caspari were all present. In addition, City staff members Ben White, Chief Sullivan, Chief Morris, City Attorney, Alan Lathrom, Daphne Hamlin, Paula Jackson, Rick Ranspot, Adah Leah Wolf, Trisha Dowell, and Mary Tate were in attendance.
 - Warrant officer, Rick Ranspot, offered the invocation. Mayor Piwko led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.
- Calendar of upcoming holidays and meetings
 - John Klostermann stated that the Bugtussel Classic Car event is Saturday, August 27th.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Barry Pollard addressed Council and requested that he be put on the next regular session agenda to discuss the flooding to his property. He would like to discuss the financial hardship he experienced due to the flooding and believes the city should provide some type of assistance. Mayor Piwko commented that Mr. Pollard's request would be met during the regular agenda section of the next meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Minutes
- B. City Financial Report
 - There were no questions or comments related to the Minutes or Financial Report

- 2nd to approve was made by Donny Mason
- All council members were in favor thereby approving the motion

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. City Manager's Verbal Report: The verbal report is intended to give Council timely updates on city business when a written report is not part of the agenda package. Ben White addressed the following items in a verbal report:

1. Solid Waste RFP
 2. Bid for City Hall Reconstruction
 3. Water leaks on McKinney Street and 2 other major leaks
 4. Haislip Reconstruction
 5. Waste water easements
 6. Generator installation
 7. Jackson Street Electrical Improvements – will be starting in the next few weeks after contract is signed
- Mayor Piwko asked that Ben brief the Council on the Hwy 380 Limited Access Roadway (LAR) item from Monday's (08/22/2016) County Commissioners' Court meeting. Ben White informed the Council that the Commissioners discussed the positive and negative economic impact that a LAR could have on the area. Ben White stated that he and Princeton City Manager, Derek Borg, expressed their concern to the Commissioners regarding the impact specifically on Princeton and Farmersville and requested that the impact study have models that will be applicable and useful for Princeton and Farmersville.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing to consider, discuss and approve proposed projects for the Farmersville Economic Development Corporation's Fiscal Year Budget 2016-2017

- No one came forward
 - Motion to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - 2nd to approve was made by John Klostermann
 - All council members were in favor thereby approving the motion

B. Public Hearing to consider, discuss and approve proposed projects for the Farmersville Community Development Corporation's Fiscal Year Budget 2016-2017

- Mike Goldstein spoke on behalf of the 4B Board stating that he believes the budget is fair with little fluff.
- Mayor Piwko said that the Spain Athletic Project and the continuation of the Main Street Program are the top priorities.
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VI. READING OF ORDINANCE(S)

the signs it is difficult to enforce. Mr. Hurst said he is referring specifically to Gaddy and Sycamore Streets.

- Ben White said he will bring a map to the next council meeting to determine the exact locations for the desired signage. Mayor Piwko asked Ben if he would be able to find room in the Budget for this. Ben White responded he would.
- Mayor Piwko also asked if the blinking that was knocked down at Tatum had been replaced. Ben White responded that he was not aware of that situation, however, he was aware of the light at Main Street and 2194, in which the school zone light and sign were taken down and replace with just a light without the sign. He stated that he will call TxDOT to follow-up on both locations.

- No motion, no action

C. Consider, discuss, and act upon a briefing related to City Hall and Public Safety Building renovations and modifications

- Ben White addressed council and stated that he understands Mr. Pollard's frustration since City Hall is undergoing renovations due to the flooding several months ago. Mr. White received reconstruction bids from three contractors. ServPro was the lowest bidder. Mr. White reviewed the list of repairs and addressed a few additional items that will be added during the time of reconstruction. Mr. White added that the stated costs may increase a bit as other repairs come to his attention. He also believes that the Public Safety Building repairs that were approved by the previous council should be added to this project. At this time, Mr. White would like to come to a decision and add the reconstruction costs to the Budget. The monies for this will come out of the surplus funds.
- Mike Hurst stated that the safety of the employees is priority, and if the city is going to spend that much then we need to get it done correctly.
- Michael Hesse asked if there is a chance that the flooding could happen again or if there is anything that can be done to the exterior of the building to assist in preventing flooding. Ben White responded that he has implemented processes in monitoring storm water that were not previously done.
- Mayor Piwko pointed out that the restroom in City Hall is not ADA compliant and readily accessible to the public. Ben White agreed and said that technically the restroom should be located within council chambers. The current location of the restrooms poses a security issue. Mr. White said the topic was discussed extensively, and the best option at this time is to extend the building to the south east for the construction of restrooms. Leaca Caspari asked if Ben and the City Engineer discussed this. Mr. White clarified that he discussed the topic with the contractor providing the bids.
- Mayor Piwko asked if the door to the chambers will be replaced. Ben White said that the Court Clerk has available funds for security items. He will ask that the door be added to the list as a limited access door. He added that the court would also like to pay for cameras in the customer service areas.
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be the first location for EOC and the Public Safety Building will be the second location.

- Leaca Caspari stated that she would like to go back to the topic of ADA restrooms. Ben White said that at this time, we do not have a bid for that work. Mayor Piwko added that there is no money in the budget. Leaca Caspari said that we cannot have people sitting for hours without a bathroom, but stated that she understands that staff safety is most important at this time. She requested that the bathrooms be kept on Ben's project list.
- Ben White requested that council give him the ability to contract with selected parties for the reconstruction.
 - Motion to move forward with City Hall renovations and Public Safety Building repairs was made by John Klostermann
 - 2nd to approve was made by Leaca Caspari
 - All council members were in favor thereby approving the motion

D. Consider, discuss, and act upon authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for solid waste disposal services and/or recycling collection and disposal services with the highest ranking proposer(s) from the proposers who submitted responses to the City's Request for Qualifications and Proposals for City-wide Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services

- Ben White told council that he along with Paula Jackson and Alan Lathrom oversaw the RFP and the selection of the companies for solid and hazardous waste disposal and recycling services, all of which had a representative in attendance at the meeting. City staff would like to request the ability to negotiate a contract with Sanitation Solutions for the disposal of solid and hazardous waste and with CWD for recycling services.
- Mayor Piwko requested that the two companies provide a brief overview of their companies for council.
 - Josh Bray of Sanitation Solutions stated that they own the landfill giving the capability to provide lower rates. He also added that the city will receive street sweeping services once a quarter at no cost and two demolitions per year at no cost. Sanitation Solutions will also award two student scholarships per year.
 - Greg Raymer, President of CWD, said they have been servicing Farmersville for 10 years and he looks forward to continuing that relationship.
 - Motion to approve was made by Donny Mason
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E. Consider, discuss, and act upon proceeding forward with Request for Proposals/Qualifications for administrative/application services and for professional engineering services for the 2016 Texas Capital Fund Main Street Program and 2017/2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

- Ben White told council that this item is simply a vote of confidence to move forward with grants. He added that the CDBG grant has to be used for blighted areas. The grant will be used for streets, hopefully Rike Street. Mayor Piwko

asked if the entire length of Rike will be covered. Mr. White said probably not, but it will be a significant improvement.

- o Motion to approve proceeding with grant application process was made by Donny Mason
- o 2nd to approve was made by Michael Hesse
- o All council members were in favor thereby approving the motion

F. Consider, discuss, and act upon setting the date and place for a Farmersville City Council strategic planning session to 9:00 am, Saturday, 8 October 2016 at the Civic Center

- Ben White stated that we are using the Citizen Satisfaction Survey results to drive a strategic planning session in conjunction with students from UTA. Mayor Piwko asked Ben who he expected to participate in the session. Leaca Caspari asked if other board chairs had been notified of this. Ben White responded that he has not notified anyone else, but wanted to run the date by council first. Michael Hesse asked how long the session will run. Ben White said expect it to go for about six hours.
 - o No motion, no action: Move forward with date

VIII. BUDGET WORKSHOP UPDATES

- Daphne Hamlin reviewed the dates for the Public Hearings for the tax rate. There were no other questions or comments regarding the budget.


IX. REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Mayor Piwko asked that Mr. Pollard present his case at the next meeting
- Michael Hesse questioned tree trimming around stop signs. Chief Sullivan said it is being addressed. Mr. Hesse said this does not need to be an agenda item.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm

APPROVED:



Diane C. Piwko, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Tate, City Secretary