



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES  
For  
September 5, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- Mayor Piwko called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Craig Overstreet, Donny Mason, Mike Hurst, Todd Rolen, and Michael Hesse were all present. City staff Ben White, Sandra Green, Rick Ranspot, Daphne Hamlin, and Adah Leah Wolf were also present.
- Prayer was led by Craig Overstreet followed by the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Second Public Hearing on Tax Rate Increase to allow proponents and opponents of the tax rate to present their views.
- Mayor Piwko stated the tax rate of \$0.78000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Farmersville. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate. She explained this is a slight decrease from last year's rate. She asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak for the tax rate to please step forward.
  - Jim Foy, who resides at 211 College Street, addressed Council and stated he was not for or against the tax rate. He wanted to correct a statement that was made last month and that was placed on Facebook to give complete transparency. The tax rate is not a decrease as stated, but in fact an increase of 5.65% for the taxes of the citizens of Farmersville. To say the tax rate is down slightly is misleading if you do not tell the full story. The appraised value of Farmersville properties is up 12% from last year. On homes the appraised tax value is up 15%. The tax rate that is

being proposed is only a 1% decrease from last year. A result of that is a 5.65% increase. It is right up against the rollback rate. All he is asking is that the Council call it a tax increase not a tax decrease.


- Mayor Piwko closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.
    - Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the tax rate made by Mike Hurst
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Todd Rolan
  
  - Mayor Piwko stated if everyone is doing such a good job in Farmersville to where property values are increasing 12% a year, then it is attributed to Collin County and the growth that everyone is experiencing. The home owners should be grateful that their property values are increasing so dramatically when they try to resell. A small 5.65% increase, because the value of the housing has gone up, is out of our control and at the county level. Property owners should be appreciative because of the value they are getting.
    - All council members voted in favor
- B. Public hearing to consider, discuss and act on the proposed projects for the Farmerville Economic Development Corporation's Fiscal Year Budget 2017-2018.
- Mayor Piwko stated they are proposing to spend \$261,400.00 this year.
  - Craig Overstreet asked Mr. Maguire if they have anything that Council could look at to see past projects they have accomplished.
  - Kevin Maguire stated they could not be shown at the meeting since he did not have those documents with him. They have gone back in the past and reviewed the items they have completed. Daphne Hamlin can get those to the Council if they would like.
  - Closed public hearing at 6:07 p.m.
    - Motion to approve the 4A budget made by Craig Overstreet
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Donny Mason
    - All council members voted in favor
- C. Public hearing to consider, discuss and act on the proposed projects for the Farmersville Community Development Corporation's Fiscal Year Budget 2017-2018.
- Mayor Piwko stated there was a representative from 4B in the audience to answer any questions. They are proposing to spend \$155,538.00 this year.
  - Craig asked if there was any marketing included in the budget.
  - Adah Leah stated there was not a separate line item this year for marketing.

- Ben White said some of the Main Street Manager's job is marketing.
- Mayor Piwko asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak for or against the 4B budget. No one came forward, so she closed the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.
  - Motion to approve the 4B budget made by Donny Mason
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Michael Hesse
  - All council members voted in favor

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

APPROVE:

  
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Diane C. Piwko, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Green, City Secretary

