



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
For
December 12, 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, and Todd Rolen were all present. Michael Hesse was not in attendance. City staff members Ben White, Sandra Green, Rick Ranspot, Kim Morris, Mike Sullivan and City Attorney Alan Lathrom were also present.
- Prayer was led by Kim Morris, Fire Chief for the City of Farmersville, followed by the pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag.
- The calendar of upcoming holidays and meetings were provided in the agenda packet.
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 - City offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 and Tuesday, December 26, 2017 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
 - City offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of New Year's.
 - The Library will be closed from through February 3, 2018 due to renovations.
 - The Civic Center will be tentatively closed from January 1, 2018 through January 13, 2018 for renovations.
 - The North Central Texas Council of Governments has a Regional Transportation Public Input opportunity for everyone. Go to www.nctcog.org/input to review and comment.
 - Mayor Piwko stated Chief Sullivan received a lot of news coverage for his efforts of having citizens personal packages delivered to the Police Department during the day. The Police Department was hoping to cut down on stolen packages over the holiday season.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Hart who resides at 18601 CR 646 addressed Council and spoke about the videos on the website he had discussed at a previous meeting. He stated clips like those on websites are a way for terrorist groups to recruit people. He requested a future agenda item regarding the prayer before the meeting. He is wanting diverse mix of denominations to say the prayer.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Items in the Consent Agenda consist of non-controversial or “housekeeping” items required by law. Council members may request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda that one or more Items be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and considered individually. Following approval of the Consent Agenda, excepting the items requested to be removed, the City Council will consider and act on each item so withdrawn individually.

- A. City Council Minutes for 11-14-17
- B. City Council Minutes for 11-28-17
- C. Police Department Report
- D. Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report
- E. Fire Department Report
- F. Municipal Court Report
- G. Warrant Officer Report
- H. Public Works Report
- I. Library Report
- J. City Manager’s Report

- Mayor Piwko pulled the Public Works Report and the City Manager’s Report to discuss.

- Motion to approve A-G and I was made by Todd Rolan
- 2nd to approve was Donny Mason
- All council members voted in favor

- Mayor Piwko asked about the 2194 drainage issue at the Chaparral Trail.
- Ben White stated they tried to slow the water down by placing diverters and digging out some of the ditches, but it did wash out some of the decomposed granite. It is still not draining correctly so there is a continuing issue.
- Mayor Piwko asked for it to be placed on the Public Works Report to show the City is tracking the issue because she stated there was nothing on the report about it.

- Donny Mason asked about Hamilton Street.
- Ben White stated the City has been given a list of items and he has forwarded the list to the attorney who will create an agreement.

- Mayor Piwko moved on to the City Manager's Report. She had a question regarding the contract for the interlocal agreement with the City of Lavon for public works services. She wondered why it was labeled as "in progress" because she thought it was already signed.
- Ben White explained the agreement is with the City of Lavon waiting for approval. He stated this was something they were asking the City of Farmersville for.
- Sandra Green stated there were some changes the City of Lavon wanted and it would have to go before Council again in the future. She explained the agreement was currently with the City of Lavon's attorney.
- Mayor Piwko asked if the franchise agreement with Texas-New Mexico was in regards to the Sharyland/Oncor transfer.
- Ben White stated it did not have to do with Sharyland but it was an update that is completed periodically for use and payment.
- Alan Lathrom indicated it was payment exchange for the City's rights-of-way for their equipment.

- Mayor Piwko stated she wanted to compliment Paula Jackson in regards to the customer service area because the payment plan backlog had been knocked down.

- Mr. Hurst asked about the status of the bullet proof glass that is going to be placed in the lobby area of City Hall.
- Ben White stated he had no new updates other than we have all the glass except for one piece and they are having trouble cutting it.
- Mr. Hurst asked if some of the glass could be installed and then install the other piece later.
- Ben White stated he could put everything in except that one piece. He indicated they were going to conduct a test fit but he was waiting on special machine parts.
 - Motion to approve the Public Works Report and the City Manager's Report made by Mike Hurst
 - 2nd to approve was Todd Rolen
 - All council members voted in favor

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

These Informational Items are intended solely to keep the City Council apprised of the actions and efforts of the various boards and commissions serving the City of Farmersville. Council members may deliberate and/or request further information or clarification regarding any one or more of the items contained in this provision. City Council approval of, or action on, these items is not required or requested.

- A. FEDC (4A) Meeting Minutes
- B. FEDC (4A) Financial Report
- C. FCDC (4B) Financial Report
- D. Main Street Report
- E. Texoma Housing Partners Agenda
 - Motion to approve made by Mike Hurst
 - 2nd to approve was Todd Rolen
 - All council members voted in favor

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consider, discuss, and act upon revisions to the Farmersville Little League Contract.
 - Ben White stated this items was brought back to Council because corrections that had been requested were made.
 - Mike Hurst asked whose responsibility it would be if the property was owned by the City and something was broken or needed repaired. He also asked if the Little League's insurance has been received by the City yet.
 - Ben White stated the City has not received the insurance policy yet. He explained the City always tries to determine who damaged the property and then who will pay for the damages.
 - Mike Hurst wanted the contract to reflect the Little League may be responsible for some damages.
 - Ben White stated he typically would go to Chief Sullivan and he would conduct an investigation to see who was at fault. He explained he does not feel they should include that information in the contract because that is something that is handled separately. He stated he would have Sandra Green check their insurance before the agreement is signed.
 - Craig Overstreet asked how many agreements the City had with other properties. He compared the Little League Agreement with the Riding Club

Agreement and he stated they are not the same. He would like to see all the Joint Use Agreements the same around the board. He does not want to sign the agreement for the Little League until insurance has been presented.

- Ben White stated there may be agreements with football and cheer.
- Mike Hurst asked how valid the sign at the riding arena that stated "not responsible for accidents" was. He explained he is not sure who that would pertain to.
- Craig Overstreet asked if anyone knew who was in charge of the Riding Area.
- Todd Rolen stated his first name was Vincent, but he was not sure of his last name. When he talked to him he was in California.
 - Motion to table made by Craig Overstreet
 - 2nd to approve was Todd Rolen
 - All council members voted in favor

B. Consider, discuss, and act upon priority list for street repairs.

- Ben White stated he built the list located in the monthly report based on complaints he has received over time. He reprioritizes them when needed. Rike Street is funded by a grant the City has received. That street was chosen because it was in the right neighborhood for the grant. There is no scientific plan to the list.
- Mayor asked if there were any streets incorporated off of the 2012 bond package.
- Ben White stated a previous Public Works Director had a spreadsheet with a list of streets on it. Since then, an engineer who was associated with the bond project came in and went through the streets to determine the priority list. The current list has been modeled after that based on complaints and how vocal people were in their complaints.
- Mayor Piwko stated she wanted to have a more scientific way of making the list. She explained she wants to use a scoring system to determine the priority of streets that need to be repaired. She indicated she and another citizen has volunteered to walk every street to determine a scoring system.
- Ben White stated he could leave it up to the politicians but there could be accusations of favoritism. He indicated it requires time, effort and money.
- Mayor Piwko acknowledged the time, effort and money it would take and that was why she believed it should be the same people scoring the roads to have consistency.

- Ben White stated the streets fall in the realm of the City Manager's job. He thinks to get politics involved would be negative. He stated a third party may need to be consulted.
- Mayor Piwko stated a scientific list should be used instead of complaints. It should not be associated with who was more vocal. She explained N. Washington was on the top of the list because of the flooding issue at the school.
- Ben White stated that N. Washington Street is unraveled because the City replaced a waterline that tore up the street and there was no money to fix it. He indicated the City did fix some of the curbs so there would not be drainage issues.
- Mayor Piwko asked Council if they wanted a more scientific approach to having the list of streets that needed repair.
- Mike Hurst stated he did not know if there would be a more scientific way of doing it because it all depends on funds.
- Mayor Piwko stated she understood that, but she knows if the UPS and FedEx drivers were asked to rank the streets they would be different from what is listed now.
- Craig Overstreet stated he would like to leave it with the Public Works Director/City Manager but add a little more meat to the list.
- Ben White stated in the Capital Improvement Plan that will come before Council in January some of the streets will be listed. The question he will ask Council is going to be funding to see what streets the City would repair based on funds.
- Mike Hurst asked about the cost to repair the street from the football field.
- Ben White stated it would be around \$150,000.
- Mayor Piwko questioned how much money goes in to panel replacing compared to pothole filling.
- Ben White explained that most of the money is used for pothole repairs and a few spot panel replacements.
- Mayor Piwko stated maybe there needed to be subcategories that stated which ones needed full replacement, pothole repair or panel replacements.
- Ben White stated he could do something more detailed, but he felt it would be better to show how much money each specific road would cost.
- Mayor Piwko asked if they could tentatively say April to have the list redone.
- Ben White stated we could come back to make a more scientific method to the list after some current big projects have started.
- Donny Mason indicated he believed Ben White would do a good job of handling the roads.

- Council directed staff to come up with a more scientific way to identify priority list.
- C. Consider, discuss, and act upon contract from Daniel & Brown Inc. for the 2017 - TxCDBG Street Improvements Project 7217129 for a section of Rike Street.
- Ben White stated this item was the upfront step to getting the Rike Street grant started.
 - Mayor Piwko explained the funds were not to exceed \$40,000 from a previous meeting discussion and that was what DBI had transferred over to this contract. She stated Council had already approved the funds and this was just saying who was to conduct the work.
 - Mike Hurst asked if DBI had to use subcontractors would they be under the City's insurance or would they have to provide their own.
 - Ben White stated those items are all handled with the construction contract and this contract was only for engineering.
 - Alan Lathrom stated the base agreement the City already has with Daniel & Brown requires worker's comp., business auto, general liability insurance and professional liability coverage.
 - Ben White stated those requirements would be in the contract we signed with the DBI years ago in order to be the City Engineering Firm.
 - Motion to approve made by Craig Overstreet
 - 2nd to approve was Donny Mason
 - All council members voted in favor
- D. Review the City of Farmersville 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals.
- Ben White stated the City does this every year and also gives a copy to the Farmersville Times so they can pick some accomplishments to publish.
 - Mayor Piwko asked if Council thought the projected goals have the boards headed in the proper direction. She also inquired about the Municipal Court becoming a City Marshall's Office.
 - Rick Ranspot stated that economically being a Marshall's Office would have no impact. He stated at this point in time he is being a drag to the police department. He explained that he is not reflected in the police department's statistics, but they carry his license. There are things he would like to accomplish that he cannot do because he does not have his own department. He would like to have part-time officers to help with warrants and phone calls. Becoming a Marshall's Office would allow him to be in his own department separate from other departments.

- Ben White explained it would prepare for the growth of the office in the future.
- Mayor Piwko asked where the definition of Warrant Officer and City Marshall come from.
- Rick Ranspot said they come from the state.
- Chief Sullivan stated a Marshall's Office is created in other agencies and cities and it would allow Rick Ranspot to hire more Marshall's in the future if needed. The police department currently covers his police officer commission through TCOLE. He explained that he does not answer to the police department and he cannot hire reserve officers to help with activities. He indicated becoming a Marshall's Office would give him more flexibility.
- Mayor Piwko inquired as to whether Rick Ranspot had asked if the PD and Marshall's Office would be equal and would there be more financial allowances for weapons and other items that are not currently received.
- Rick Ranspot stated they should be treated equally as far as how they are thought of. Uniforms would be different and with growth there would be more funds. He explained right now it would be a shift in paper transactions, managing, and other minor things.
- Mayor Piwko asked if changing would need to go through the County Commissioners Office.
- Rick Ranspot explained it would need approval from the state.
- Chief Sullivan stated it was really an easy process to change over.
- Craig Overstreet stated Council should recognize and be proud of what city staff and boards have accomplished over the past year.


VI. REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Mike Hurst wanted an update on boundary agreements. He also stated he wanted the Charter to be completed. He wants it to start being reviewed by Council and citizens so they can publicly acknowledge the people who served on the Commission.
- Donny Mason wanted an update on 607 Waterford Street Status.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

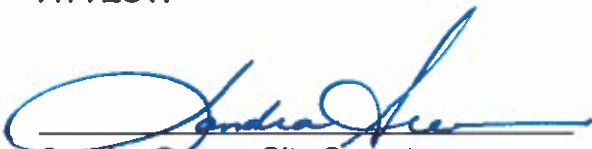
Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVE:



Diane C. Piwko, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Green, City Secretary

