



**FARMERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
For  
January 22, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- Mayor Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members Craig Overstreet, Donny Mason, Mike Hurst, Michael Hesse and Todd Rolan were all present. City staff members Ben White, Sandra Green, Rick Ranspot, Mike Sullivan, Kim Morris, Daphne Hamlin, Paula Jackson, and City Attorney Alan Lathrom were also present.
- Prayer was led by Sandra Green, Farmersville City Secretary, followed by the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.
  - Calendar of upcoming holidays and meetings.
  - Applications are being accepted for the May City Council election. Packets can be picked up at City Hall.
  - City Offices will be closed on February 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.
  - Council members are invited to tour the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) on Friday, February 15, 2019, focusing on the upcoming chlorine maintenance period. The tour will start at 1:30. Please let the City Secretary know 2 weeks in advance if you plan to attend.
  - Chief Sullivan explained that on March 7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> there would be a Citizens Police Academy.
  - Donny Mason thanked the City for sending flowers to his family due to a death in the family.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- George Crump who resides at 401 N. Main Street, and is the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) liaison for the City, addressed Council and

invited each member to the NTMWD tour and session on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

- Jim Foy who resides at 211 College Street addressed Council and explained he had been elected as the new President of the Chamber of Commerce. He discussed some topics in the past and how the people today still want to improve the City. He indicated the Chamber has monthly networking business opportunities and the annual banquet. He explained they have other annual events that bring people to town. He stated that several people and businesses have commented positively on having the music playing in the streets downtown.

### 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 Council members may request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda that one or more items be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.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
- B. Police Department Report
- C. Code Enforcement/Animal Control Report
- D. Public Works Report
- E. Library Report
- F. City Financial Report
- G. City Manager’s Report
  - Mike Hurst pulled the City Manager’s Report.
    - Motion to approve reports A-F made by Craig Overstreet
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Mike Hurst
    - All council members voted in favor
  - Mike Hurst asked why Reliable Concrete was going through the county for permitting.
  - Ben White explained they just have not finished the permitting, but they were working on it.
  - Mike Hurst asked if the holdup had anything to do with the City.
  - Ben White stated not as far as he knew. He stated the City was pressing them for the performance bond.

- Craig Overstreet wanted to know if the City was receiving any push back from Reliable Concrete.
- Ben White stated he just believed they were not as far along as they had hoped they would be. He explained he sends them a weekly reminder concerning the bond.
  - Motion to approve reports G made by Mike Hurst
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Donny Mason
  - 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 who serve as a liaison to a particular board or Commission may report to the City Council regarding that body's most recent and/or upcoming meetings and activities. Council members may also 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. **Matters that require City Council action shall be considered and acted on only if an item related thereto is included in the Consent Agenda or the Regular Agenda.**

Consideration and discussion regarding the following matters, minutes and reports, which consideration and discussion may also include or pertain to individual items and projects set forth in such matters, minutes and reports, as well as related background information and plans for future completion, performance or resolution as may be necessary to understand such individual items and projects and the City's related operation:

- A. City Amenities Board
  - 1. Minutes
  - 2. Possible Council Liaison Report
- B. Farmersville Community Development Board (Type B)
  - 1. Financials
  - 2. Possible Council Liaison Report
- C. FEDC Farmersville Economic Development Board (Type A)
  - 1. Financials
  - 2. Possible Council Liaison Report

- Mike Hurst said they were moving along with setting up business meetings.

D. Main Street Board

1. Main Street Report
2. Possible Council Liaison Report

E. Planning & Zoning Commission

1. Possible Council Liaison Report

F. Building & Property Standards Commission

1. Possible Council Liaison Report

V. **REGULAR AGENDA**

A. Presentation from OpenGov.

- Meredith with OpenGov introduced herself and she demonstrated how the system works and how people can access the information when it becomes live on the City's website.

B. Presentation regarding last year's accomplishments and this year's goals and budgets.

- Ben White explained since the last meeting he updated the form to show the Charter Commission.
- Jason Lane, President of the FEDC (4A), addressed Council and stated they have discussed designating six thousand acres as primarily industrial when the future land use map is changed. He also discussed some items on the form they accomplished over the past year.
- Craig Overstreet asked about the sales tax revenues and wanted to know if they estimated the same amount as last year.
- Jason Lane stated they budgeted the same amount as last year, but they are keeping a close eye on those revenues as they come in and they will adjust their budget accordingly.
- Craig Overstreet asked Mr. Lane about the spike in the façade grants.
- Jason Lane stated they funded a couple of larger projects.
- Craig Overstreet asked if they were going into their reserves to fund any façade grants this year.
- Jason Lane stated they would.

- C. Presentation regarding the Crisis Response Team.
- Chief Kim Morris stated that every year fire and police departments lose people to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He explained that most departments utilize Chaplain's to help their people get through traumatic experiences they see every day. He stated unfortunately the Chaplain's do not have the skills to treat the ones who truly need the help. He indicated the Farmersville Fire and Police Departments are taking steps in trying to prevent PTSD in their staff by entering into an agreement with Joseph Brigandi.
  - Joseph Brigandi addressed Council and stated the Crisis Response Team could counsel and help first responders who see critical incidents such as fatalities. It provides a debriefing of the event and they conduct a health and stress interview. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is the leading cause of suicide among first responders. He stated that it requires someone to be a licensed practitioner to provide the services. They are going to serve the Farmersville community as well as others.
  - Craig Overstreet asked how many people make up the team.
  - Joseph Brigandi stated that currently there were two behavioral health professionals. He explained he and his wife, who is a licensed professional counselor make up the team. But, he is hoping to grow the team soon.
  - Craig Overstreet asked how larger cities are handling PTSD.
  - Joseph Brigandi stated they were starting to send people to training classes to help first responders.
  - Craig Overstreet asked if there was any kind of peer review to see if it has been working.
  - Joseph Brigandi explained there had been studies done.
  - Craig Overstreet asked if the Crisis Response Team reported back to the agency requesting the service for one of their first responders.
  - Joseph Brigandi stated that a summary was given back to the agency and they also gave those agencies referrals to other support systems so the first responder could receive the best possible care.
  - Mayor Rice asked if an individual firefighter or police officer could go to the Crisis Response Team themselves to get help or did they have to be referred.
  - Joseph Brigandi stated that was absolutely possible. He explained that most of the time active listening and caring would keep someone from committing suicide. He said a part of the program was mutual aid in the case of natural disasters.

- D. Consider, discuss and act concerning possible water additive program and water additive injection point at the water plant.
- Ben White went over the Power Point presentation that was included in the agenda packet. He stated he has six public works staff, outside of the Electrical Department, that was taking care of field work. He explained of those employees, he has one staff member that handles the water. When the chlorine burn takes place it burns out the build up in the pipes and keeps the bacteria down. He explained that flushing lines tends to be needed more in the hotter months. He indicated the water system has lost money over the years, but the rate increase a few months ago should help the system. He stated chlorine residuals are critically low and it is a public health issue. He explained the solution is to add automated chlorine injection points throughout the system to maintain a controlled chlorine residual level. He stated the Medora ResidualHQ was the recommended design that he would like to purchase. He indicated it seemed to be the most beneficial system for the City's water system. He wanted to revise the accounting to correctly handle impact fees because the City has money that is earmarked for projects like this. He wanted to use the pilot program because it would reduce the City's risks and if we do not like the system we could stop using it. Then we would ask Eddy Daniel with DBI to make the City a custom system that would be compatible with our water system. He explained if we like it, next budget year we would fund the remainder of the chlorine injection hardware.
  - Craig Overstreet stated he does not see the need to be a part of a pilot program.
  - Eddy Daniel, with Daniel & Brown, stated the City could participate in the pilot program because of the installation price cut of nearly \$20,000. He explained the system was being used in North Dakota right now. He stated the North Texas Municipal Water District just gives the cities water with the amount of chlorine that meets the guidelines. He stated if the City could get an automatic adjusting system it would give the City constant feedback. In the summer the City has serious issues because the chlorine gasses off, he said. TCEQ makes the City keep a chlorine disinfectant in the water. He explained if the City has a zero residual then there is no way to know if all the bugs in the system have been killed. If it is a zero the City would have to go under a boil notice.
  - Craig Overstreet asked what impact fees could be used for.
  - Eddy Daniel stated you cannot use them for maintenance.
  - Alan Lathrom stated they could be used for capital projects for new development.

- Michael Hesse asked if the company would be liable if something went wrong with the system.
  - Eddy Daniel explained the City staff would still go out and take samples from the system. He explained the City gets SCADA readings and we get manual ones as well. He indicated the City would only risk money each month if it did not work and he has other clients moving on the system right now.
  - Ben White stated the other problem the City's faces right now was manpower. He explained that every time a line is flushed out of a fire hydrant it affects the streets.
  - Donny Mason asked how long it would take to get the automated system in place.
  - Ben White stated six to eight months.
  - No decisions were made and Ben White stated he just wanted to present the information at this point.
- E. Consider, discuss and act upon Resolution #R-2019-0122-001 calling a general election for May 4, 2019 to elect Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember Place 3, and Councilmember Place 5.
- Motion to approve made by Donny Mason
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Michael Hesse
  - All council members voted in favor
- F. Consider, discuss and act upon donations to the Senior Citizens Center.
- Motion to accept with gratitude made by Craig Overstreet
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Michael Hesse
  - All council members voted in favor
- G. Consider, discuss and act upon capital improvement projects for U.S. Highway 380 west wastewater.
- Eddy Daniel, with Daniel & Brown, stated they have been working with Palladium in regards to their wastewater system. Originally, Palladium was looking to relocate the current lift station at Brookshire's and move it to Palladium's site for their use. He stated they have run the analysis and they could use a gravity main to take it all the way to the regional lift station. He explained the older lift station could be dismantled and it would provide gravity main service to a number of tracks in the future.
  - Donny Mason wanted to know how that would be affected if TxDOT came down the current U.S. Highway 380 alignment.

- Eddy Daniel stated he did not believe it would affect the lift station or the line. He stated that Palladium had allocated \$70,000 to \$150,000 to relocate the lift station. He indicated the City would have to come up with the rest of the money to fund the line.
- Donny Mason asked about the potential cost to the City.
- Eddy Daniel stated they had prepared a budget for the rest of the line and it was approximately \$200,000.00. He stated Council needed to keep in mind that impact fees would be collected from the tracks that would develop in the future. He explained that impact fees the City has already collected could be used to pay for the line because it would be providing capital improvements for new development. He explained they wanted to bring the option to Council to see if they thought it was a good idea to construct the line and use impact fee money to build it.
- Ben White started discussing another issue in the sewer system.
- Eddy Daniel stated the City had a 6" bottleneck that needed to be fixed. He indicate they have a 10" pipe coming together with a 6" pipe that is causing flow issues.
- Ben White stated the City could also use impact fees to fix this problem as well.
- Eddy Daniel stated that Palladium, Camden Park, and Collin College would use the line so it did need to be addressed.
- Ben White explained they would gather more information and bring it back to Council at another time.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Mayor Rice read the statement below and said the Council would enter executive session at 7:49 p.m.
- A. Discussion of Matters Permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY:
1. Consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation and settlement offer with United States Department of Justice.
- B. Discussion of Matters Permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.072, DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY and 551.086, CERTAIN PUBLIC POWER UTILITIES: COMPETITIVE MATTERS:
1. Consultation regarding purchase of land and equipment for electrical substation and professional services necessary for operation.

## **VII. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND DISCUSS/CONSIDER/ACT ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PERMITTED BY:**

- Mayor Rice stated the Council would reconvene from executive session at 8:15 p.m.



A. Texas Government Code Section 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY:

1. Pending or contemplated litigation and settlement offer with United States Department of Justice.

- Motion to for the City of Farmersville to enter in to a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the document be signed by a City representative and forwarded to the U.S. Department of Justice made by Craig Overstreet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve was Mike Hurst
- All council members voted in favor

B. Texas Government Code Section 551.072, DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY and 551.086, CERTAIN PUBLIC POWER UTILITIES: COMPETITIVE MATTERS:

1. Purchase of land and equipment for electrical substation and professional services necessary for operation.

- Mayor stated no action would be taken.

IX. REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Donny Mason wanted an update on Hamilton Street.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVE:

  
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Jack Randall Rice, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Green, City Secretary

