

**FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD (4B)**

**MINUTES ~ November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**5:45 P.M. City Council Chambers**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation Board met on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. President John Politz called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call. The following board members were present: John Politz, Cynthia Craddock-Clark, John Garcia, Jesse Nelsen, and Tobey Ferguson. Others recognized were Daphne Hamlin, City of Farmersville Finance Director; Mayor Diane Piwko; Lisa Eastman, Leaca Caspari, Donna Williams, Randy Rice, Randy Smith and City Manager Ben White.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President John Politz opened the floor for comments; no one spoke.

**CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OCTOBER 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Cynthia Craddock –Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2017 as written. Motion was seconded by John Garcia and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT**

Cynthia Craddock Clark made a motion to approve the items as presented for payment. Motion was seconded by Tobey Ferguson and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017 AND ANY REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Tobey Ferguson made a motion to approve the October 2017 financial statements as presented. Jesse Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Cynthia Craddock Clark made a motion to amend the budget in the amount of \$5,000 for North Texas Trail Coalition, John Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSS MAIN STREET MANAGER SEARCH PROGRESS**

Ben White explained there are no real updates to provide other than to say, there is a desire on the Main Street Board to increase the salary. Main Street Board feels we are not able to hire within the pay range currently offered. Mr. White stated the Main Street Board has scheduled a workshop for December 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the position and compensation package.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT – BEN WHITE**

Ben White handed to the board an update of the City's accomplishments starting with the JW Spain Complex. City has received the updates to create final set of bid documents. But there has been no other activity on this in the last month.

In regards to the City Park and Parkway we have also installed the Rotary International sign at the Splash Pad. The City Amenities Board has selected a slide for the City Park. Ben showed on the overhead projector the layout of the slide in the City Park. Ben White said the slide the Amenities Board recommended is an 8 foot spiral slide. Ben White pointed out the slide the Amenities Board recommended is not ADA compliant, but meets all the safety requirements. Ben White stated currently the budget for playground equipment is \$8,188.00. Ben White explained the playground equipment at Southlake is need of repair. City Amenities Board is recommending to buy new playground equipment for the City Park and move the existing playground equipment to Southlake. Ben White stated the

approximate cost is \$24,000.00 for the climbing equipment. Ben White is not asking for a decision but to review the playground equipment. Ben White also stated benches in the park need to be replaced. Ben White suggested to bring back to the board for further discussion.

Ben White stated in the downtown area plans for repainting the gazebo, a service order was issued. Tree pruning program continues with Bill Daniel. City Christmas lights set for turn on before Thanksgiving Holidays. Some lights are up on public areas. Still need to work on building owner permissions. Southlake Park has received a recent complaint regarding the playground equipment near the gazebo. Planning on moving City Park playground equipment to the playground equipment spot by the gazebo. The following projects have been funded by the Centennial Committee and 4B. Senior center parking lot, \$20k funded by Centennial Committee, parking lot lighting \$15k funded by 4B, repair of mold damage at the library (flooring), \$35k, funded by the Centennial Committee. Library will be closed until repairs to the flooring and ventilation are complete. City wide cleanup day a success, 160 trips recorded, 15-30yard containers filled, and approximate 200 tires. Main Street grant for ADA improvements going forward. Engineering is complete and awaiting environmental approval. Received Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to rebuild Rike Street from Beech Street to the railroad (\$316k grant, \$41k match). Work on the Camden Park development continues. Received the funding for the wastewater system improvement (\$5.8m). Awaiting environmental clearance. Engineering work has begun on west side lift station. We have 180 days to complete the west side lift station. Historic marker received for downtown. Plans to install on the west end of the square in front of the post office. This will be the first thing you see when you come into downtown. North East Texas Trail Coalition met in Farmersville last Saturday.

John Politz stated he went around town today and snapped a few pictures of the playground equipment in the City Park and Southlake, asking Ben if it would be possible to replace or repair the existing equipment. Ben said we can. John Politz said he also took pictures of the dock at Southlake, looks very nice. Ben White to bring back more competitive bids on playground equipment, look into cost to repair existing equipment. Ben White to bring final numbers on the City wide clean up.

#### **MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE**

John Politz stated search continues and asked the CDC board to attend the next Main Street Board meeting. Main Street Board currently is taking up the slack and making sure that all the reports are submitted timely.

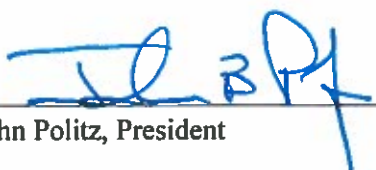
#### **DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

The next board meeting will be held on December 11, 2017.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, John Politz adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Signatures:

  
John Politz, President

  
Cynthia Craddock-Clark, Secretary