

**Farmersville Main Street Board Minutes
March 12, 2018 City Hall**

Call to Order, Roll Call, Recognition of Visitors:

Meeting called to order at 4:45 PM by President Randy Rice. Present were board members President Randy Rice, Doris Cooks, and Glenda Hart. Also present were Mayor Diane Piwko, Councilman Donny Mason and City Manager Ben White. No one wished to come forward for public comments.

Consider for approval February 12th, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

There was no discussion regarding the February 12th, 2018 meeting minutes; motion to approve was made by Glenda Hart, Doris Cooks seconded. Minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

Consider for approval February 2018 Financial Statement:

The statement was approved as presented.

Consider, discuss with possible action for new cover and sides for Main Street Canopy and weights.

Mr. Rothenberger asked that the Main Street board approve Reagan to approach 4B to ask for \$500 in funding. Doris Cooks made the motion, and Glenda Hart seconded. The board passed unanimously.

National Register District Plaque

Mr. Rothenberger stated that the National Register District Plaque on the west side of the square was hit. The city public works crew has removed the sign and will be working on a way to repair it with a new pole. A new pole can be ordered from Southwell Co. if needed. The future two signs will be attached to the poles with tamper proof screws rather than welding.

Change Order for Historic Marker Plaques for Buildings

Mr. Rothenberger discussed that the previous Main Street Manager, Mrs. Wolf, had ordered plaques for five different buildings in the downtown area. The Texas Historical Commission has refunded this money as they do not provide the plaques any more. Mr. Rothenberger suggested that the money be used on a couple of nicer signs, perhaps one being on city hall, that better describes the building rather than merely denoting it as a historic property. Ms. Cooks asked if it is still important to note these other buildings with plaques. Mr. Rothenberger stated he sees these different buildings with different levels of historicism. Putting a plaque on the city hall will have much more visibility than one on the annex building, so why not have a nicer one on high traffic buildings.

Main Street Manager Report:

Farmers and Fleas at the beginning of the month had a fair attendance but was very cold. Mr. Rothenberger is working very quickly on the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The shopping guides have been edited and are printed and are consistently being delivered to

the businesses. The monthly report was sent to the Texas Historical Commission. Mr. Rothenberger spoke with the Texas Main Street program director Debra Drescher. Mr. Rothenberger met with the potential purchasers of 109 College Street. These individuals were interested in using as a bed and breakfast. Mr. Rothenberger reviewed and edited the Farmersville Comprehensive Plan workbook and prepared for the workshop earlier in the month. Mr. Rothenberger stated that a lot of people have discussed an issues with directional signage. Mr. Rothenberger was able to speak to Rotary Club. There was a successful Audie Murphy Day meeting to get the event off of the ground. Furthermore, Mr. Rothenberger has begun getting involved with the Heritage Museum. Mr. Rothenberger has been managing the Farmersville Main Street Facebook page. Mr. Rothenberger discussed his work on design guidelines in the Historic Preservation Ordinance and how if adopted, this ordinance will help to preserve the downtown. Mr. Rothenberger has stated he met with most of the building owners and has met with Doris Williams several times to discuss progress on the Candy Kitchen building. President Rice asked the board if there were any questions for Mr. Rothenberger; there were none.

City Manager Report and Comments

Mr. White led discussion of several projects. There are discussions for playground equipment that will replace the slides in the city park. Rambler Park splash pad has seen the addition of the new statue. It has been removed and the new plaque will be installed on it very soon and it will be replaced. The senior center is seeing the new parking lot lighting going in. Most of the trenches have been replaced. The library will be opened tomorrow and the new floor is very nice. Mr. White thanked the board for their work and support of the Comprehensive Plan. The city amenities board has thought of the some projects for the LDS Church. The Main Street grant has made progress and the contractor has been selected. Work in the Candy Kitchen may start in April ahead of other work that will take place in May. Work on Camden Park continues and streets will go in fairly soon. Two apartment complexes are potentially online for construction.

Workshop Meeting Review:

Mr. Rothenberger asked if there were any questions about the workshop meeting earlier in the month. There were no comments.

Discussion of placing items on future agendas:

Add Main Street Manager as a signer on the bank account.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Randy Rice at 5:09 PM



Randy Rice, President



Kim Smith-Cole, Secretary