

**FARMERSVILLE BOND COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2012**

The Farmersville Bond Committee, formed by the City Council, met in a special called session on January 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present: Will Thornton, Will Strawn, Kevin Adamson, Jason McTee, Charlie Whitaker, John Cooper, Wayne May and Charles Casada. Staff members present were Interim City Manager Ben White and City Secretary Edie Sims.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chairman Wayne May called the meeting to order. Edie Sims called the roll and announced a quorum was present. Edie Sims presented the prayer and pledge.

RECEIVE AND DISCUSS PROJECT INFORMATION

First Southwest representatives David Medanich and Keith Kirven were available to the Committee to answer any questions regarding bonds and the bonding process. Chairman Wayne May questioned the need for the Bond Council. Mr. Medanich responded the validation for tax exemption is imperative along with the overall assurance of attaining the best interest rate for repayment. Mr. Medanich continued to inform the Committee that First Southwest and the Bond Committee's fees are paid when the bonds are sold. The Bond Council will draft the propositions, determine the tax exemption and work with the Attorney General's Office to ensure the bonds are presented and processed according to State Statute. The Bond Council will also take care of the bond election if one is required.

Interim City Manager Ben White emphasized to the Committee their roll is to find if the projects presented validates a tax increase for the improvement projects. If the public cannot "stomach" a tax increase, then the Bond Committee has fulfilled their roll. If the projects presented are validated to have a tax increase, the next step is to find how much of an increase the public can bear.

Mr. White reviewed the street projects extensively with the Committee. Mr. White also indicated that all work would be performed by a contractor. The City can put their funds and efforts into some of the work, such as smaller panel replacement on concrete streets, but the overall major projects would be completely performed by a contractor. If the City were to do the work, the progress would be very slow and more time would be required. Will Strawn expressed concern of having warranties. Mr. White explained that if City employees do the work, there is not guarantee, only continued repairs. If a contractor is hired, there will be a 1-2 year warranty. The City employees will be available to ensure proper work is being performed, i.e. the proper amount of rebar and the proper depth of concrete so that a good street is laid.

The street projects presented were considered by engineers who felt the planning of traffic flow needed to be part of the improvement project; therefore truck traffic and major thoroughfares into the City were heavily examined. The street projects presented were also considered for a 5 year plan and a 10 year plan.

With overlay projects, utility relocations or upgrades is usually not required since the overlay is an asphalt product laid directly over the original surface after pot holes have been repaired. Charles Casada brought up a point regarding garbage trucks and other heavy trucks causing the "overlay" to have a shorter lifespan. Mr. White indicated

all streets will have a certain lifespan. Reconstruction streets will require full utility upgrades and those costs have been incorporated into the projected costs presented.

Mr. White then changed the topic to the water projects. Only one project is of high importance which is the North elevated tower which needs a larger line to allow water pressure to cover the fire protection and service requirements. Most of the water line replacements involve increasing water line size to allow better water flows and improve maintenance requirements.

When speaking of wastewater, Mr. White stated that the City has experienced a large infiltration problem. Trees growing into clay pipes and clay pipes collapsing have been a constant issue. Mr. White reviewed the projects where flow issues could be improved with larger lines or straightening lines. The liftstation at Floyd Street will need to be greatly enlarged since the well size is currently too small which causes the pump to cycle too frequently in turn causing the pumps to burn up.

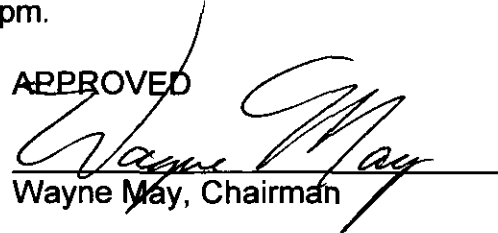
Speaking of drainage, Mr. White indicated that funds were not available to have a Storm Water Analysis performed which would detail specific projects and costs per project. City employees have indicated areas that have been known to have drainage issues during extensive rain events. David Medanich indicated that bond funds could be used for an analysis.

The Committee will meet next Thursday on January 26, 2012 and have a workshop to culminate the information presented for bonds and projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The Bond Committee adjourned at 7:25pm.

APPROVED


Wayne May, Chairman

ATTEST


Will Thornton, Secretary