

FARMERSVILLE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
December 14, 2015

The Farmersville Citizens Advisory Committee met in special session on December 14, 2015 at 7:19 p.m. at the City of Farmersville Council Chambers with the following members present: Bryce Thompson, Sarah Jackson-Butler, Mark Vincent, Craig Overstreet and Chad Dillard. Commissioner Charles Casada was absent. Staff members present were City Manager Ben White, City Attorney Alan Lathrom and City Secretary Edie Sims. Council Liaison John Klostermann was present.

CALL TO ORDER AND RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:19pm. Edie Sims called roll and announced that a quorum was present.

Item II – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND REVIEW PLANNING-RELATED ISSUES AND THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SUCH DISCUSSIONS

City Manager Ben White presented the Utilities and Public Facilities section of the Comprehensive Plan. The water goal is ongoing and many of the goals have been met or are in constant planning including reviewing and updating existing City standards for consistency with North Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. With the improvements, Farmersville has an ISO rating of 2 which is amazing for a Volunteer Fire Department and City of our size. We are in good shape with our water storage.

Water Goal 2 opens up to exploring funding mechanisms to efficiently pay for needed improvements. Water impact fees have been improved and completed. And although very little has been placed in the TIRZ Account, funds are growing and will increase over time.

The Farmersville Economic Development Corporation is working with Rick Justiss regarding property west of the East Industrial Park for lots to be sold for Commercial and Industrial uses.

All the Sewer Goals are ongoing including the planning for a new wastewater treatment facility. We currently have crumbling wastewater infrastructure. City crews are constantly monitoring, operating cameras and identifying problem areas. Inflow and infiltration has been an ongoing issue for years. Storm-water has been flowing into our sewer system through bad manholes, miss-joints and crumbled pipes. Great strides have been made to reduce the amount of inflow and infiltration, but the work continues.

Funding mechanisms are always on our City’s radar to pay for needed improvements. Sewer Impact Fees have been improved and finalized which will make a difference in funding with new development.

Mr. White proudly addressed the Electric Department since the City has returned the Electric System under the City and not through a subcontractor. All the goals planned for the Electric System from January 2013 have been met and it is now time to set new goals.

The last utility to be discussed is Broadband. With our new Electric System in place, a fiber optic loop is being created from the Public Safety Building to City Hall. A

plan is in place continue the loop to the Service Center which will loop around the west end of the downtown area connecting City Hall to the Public Safety Building to the Service Center and back to City Hall. The next phase will be to connect to the Library. The hope through this looping process is to provide broadband to the downtown area and expand from there. Currently the City uses Time Warner Cable.

The ultimate goal is to own fiber optic broadband throughout the City. When a new development comes in, plans need to be ready for the developer to install the fiber optics as an additional utility which the City can franchise.

The Public Facility Goal is here to help guide the preservation of existing public facilities. This is definitely being accomplished with the joint venture for the Farmersville Heritage Museum.

Item III) ADJOURNMENT

The Citizen Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:42pm.

ATTEST:

Bryce Thompson, Vice-Chairman

Edie Sims, City Secretary