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MINUTES**  
**Farmersville City Council  
Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 14, 2016 • 7:00 p.m.**

Gregorio Gomez, Mayor  
Paul Boyer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Don Rowlett, Council Member  
Matt Sisk, Council Member  
Leonel Benavides, Council Member

**Meeting held in Civic Center Council Chambers – 909 W. Visalia Road  
Farmersville, California**

- 1. Call to Order: 7:00pm**
- 2. Roll Call Present:** *G. Gomez, P. Boyer, M. Sisk, D. Rowlett*      *Absent: L. Benavides*
- 3. Invocation** *Led by Mayor G. Gomez*
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance** *Led by Mayor G. Gomez*
- 5. Presentations:** *None*
- 6. Public Comment:** *None*
- 7. Consent Agenda**

7.I Recommendation by City Clerk: Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2016. Consideration of Approval of draft meeting minutes from regular City Council meeting of 02-22-2016.

7. II Recommendation By Finance Director: Warrant Register For February 1, Through Feb 29, 2016. Recommendation to Approve Warrant Register for the period of February 1, through Feb 29, 2016.

7.III Recommendation By City Manager: Consideration Of Draft Resolution No. 2016-010 Recycling Program. Recommend that City Council Adopt draft Resolution 2016-010 in support of City Recycling Program.

*A motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.I-7.III was made by Councilmember D. Rowlett. Second was made by Councilmember M. Sisk. Motion passes with a vote of 4-0-1.*

*Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer is abstaining from the Warrants (Item 7.II) due to Self Help Enterprises.*

*Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, M. Sisk, D. Rowlett    Noes: 0    Abstain: P. Boyer (7.II)    Absent: L. Benavides*

## **8. Discussion Action Items (New Business)**

**8.I Recommendation By City Manager: appointment To Planning Commission  
Recommend appointment of Mr. Raul Casas to serve new term on Farmersville Planning Commission.**

*City Manager J. Jansons – presenting the re-appointment of Mr. Raul Casas as Commissioner for the Planning Commission.*

*A motion to approve the re-appointment of Raul Casas as Planning Commissioner was made by Councilmember D. Rowlett. Second was made by Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer. Motion passes with a vote of 4-0-1.*

*Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, M. Sisk                      Noes: 0                      Absent: L. Benavides*

**8.II Recommendation By City Manager: Appointment To Planning Commission  
Recommendation to Appoint Mr. Jerry Luna to new term on City of Farmersville Planning Commission.**

*City Manager J. Jansons – presenting the re-appointment of Mr. Jerry Luna as Planning Commissioner. I did invite both Commissioners here tonight but as you can imagine they had prior engagements.*

*A motion to approve the re-appointment of Jerry Luna as Planning Commissioner was made by Councilmember D. Rowlett. Second was made by Councilmember M. Sisk.*

*Motion passes with a vote of 4-0-1.*

*Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, M. Sisk                      Noes: 0                      Absent: L. Benavides*

**8.III Recommendation By City Manager: Amendment Of Farmersville Municipal Code  
Section 1.08.010 Pertaining To Meeting Agenda Posting Locations And Section 2.21  
Pertaining To Recreation Advisory Committee.**

**Recommend City Council approve proposed amendments to Farmersville Municipal Code  
Section 1.08.010 pertaining to Meeting Agenda Posting Locations, and Section 2.21  
pertaining to Recreation Advisory Committee.**

*City Manager J. Jansons – presenting Item 8.III. We want to be fully transparent so that is why we are having this discussion.*

*Councilmember D. Rowlett commented – I am all in favor of it (posting) being a courtesy rather than a mandatory thing. At the old fire station, that is empty now so that is unnecessary.*

*Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer – I think it's a good idea to post it in real paper at locations where people frequent even though we have a Council and Staff that have the right attitude about posting, but someone might not find out about it and that is important. The fire station makes no sense anymore. The community center should take the place or even the library. It's good to have it on the internet, at City Hall, the Post Office and Community Center.*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – one possible alternative is that we work closely with the Boys & Girls Club. Can we send it to someone there to post, maybe even relocating the display case?*

*Mayor G. Gomez commented – can we direct people to go to the website and where it is going to be posted and have it in English and in Spanish?*

*A motion to take the old fire station (Fire Station No. 2, 846 North Magnolia) off the posting route and have the post office, the community center in place as well as City Hall amendment to the Municipal Code Section 1.08.010 was made by Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer. Second was made by Councilmember M. Sisk. Motion passes with a vote of 4-0-1.*

*Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, M. Sisk                      Noes: 0                      Absent: L. Benavides*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – the second part of this item is the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee/Commission, Section 2.21. Due to the fact that there is a conflict of meetings, staff thought it would make more sense for the Recreation Advisory Committee/Commission to meet quarterly or as needed. In January when we (Recreation Advisory Committee/Commission) met, there was the desire to have flexibility and that it is a quarterly meeting, as needed rather than to have meetings just to have meetings. It helps staff to work on the work at hand so it's not taking time away from our other meetings.*

*Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer – there is wording that is interchangeable with committee versus commission. Can we make it a committee so that those who are not in the city limits participate as well?*

*Discussion.*

*Mayor G. Gomez commented - this (section) is old code and we made an amendment when Mr. Miller was in office. The amendment increased the allowable members to 9 and opened it up to nonresidents. A motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 8.III, Section 2.21 was made by Councilmember D. Rowlett (with all needed changes to Municipal Code). Second was made by Mayor G. Gomez. Motion passes with a vote of 4-0-1.*

*Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, M. Sisk                      Noes: 0                      Absent: L. Benavides*

**8.1V. Code Assistance, Compliance And Enforcement Program. Recommendation that City Council discuss City Code Assistance, Compliance and Enforcement Program, with possible direction to staff.**

*City Manager J. Jansons – presenting Code Assistance, Compliance and Enforcement Program. These fall as a division in the police department. We currently have one fulltime FTE worker. We are strategizing and focusing our resources currently on graffiti, weed abatement and signs (businesses).*

*Discussion ensued.*

*Mayor G. Gomez commented – for me, my priorities are Farmersville Blvd. and Visalia Road. That these are presentable and no cars parked for sale. That graffiti and weeds up and down the Blvd. are taken care of. That's the first impression people get when they come into Farmersville and I think it would be good to get it as close to pristine as possible and see what the businesses are willing to do to help out.*

*Councilmember D. Rowlett commented – I think this should be on a complaint basis. But if the neighbor has an issue, then it's a problem.*

*Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – the three items that top my list are: Unsanitary living conditions, endangerment of children and vicious animals/cruelty to animals. Those are things that you don't wait for a complaint about. For staffing I would like to see if we can get CDBG money so we can look at other priorities and project out for the next couple of years. I don't want to spend general fund money on this if we can get by. For staffing I'm wondering if it has to be a code compliance officer or if there is a charge code other staff can charge to. Lastly on the dog catcher vehicle, maybe that is something program income can cover. I think we got 3/4 ton pickup truck for public works. Maybe we can share the cost of a clean air, dog-catcher vehicle.*

*Mayor G. Gomez commented - CMAC helped us get the sweeper. I don't know if there is money there but can we look at that as an option? Assembly Bill Ab2 passed a year ago, can we use that?*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – we can begin to look at those as we begin to talk about this program more.*

*Alice Lopez, resident of Farmersville commented – canopies in the front yard are a problem. If I wasn't on the Planning Commission I never would have known they were illegal in the City. My husband bought a large canopy for our RV, drilled holes in the concrete, we did everything right but didn't know canopies weren't allowed. We are now storing our RV. It can be as simple as a warning on the water bill. For all the animal control issues in town, you can have a "round-up" on one day for all the cats and dogs. It is crazy, you have to wait for animals to pass/cross the street just to get by. Tall grass is a problem too. There is a house for sale and the grass is almost as tall as the fence. People will start to sneak in and graffiti or burglarize the home before it sells.*

### *Discussion.*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – we have a list of homework to research and continue this discussion as we refine and present some options to you during the budget process and what resources we can identify to make progress on these duties.*

## **9.1 City Councilor Reports**

### **1) Individual City Council Member Reports**

### **2) City Council Representatives to External/Internal Organizations and Committees.**

*Councilmember D. Rowlett – does the car wash on Farmersville Blvd. pay sales tax?*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – it might be a service instead of a sale of a goods.*

*Councilmember D. Rowlett – when I was a little boy we had a library opened 5 days a week. Due to budget concerns it was only opened one day a week then it was closed. On my tax bill it shows I am paying for a library but we don't have one. How is the County helping with this?*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – it is a partnership, the County of Tulare will help train but make no mistake we will be paying for that. Once we provide the seed money the County will take it over and operate*

*it as a full-fledged library. We will look further into how that taxing is being used and see if we can find out more.*

*Councilmember D. Rowlett commented – we approved the budget and added a few social programs, I have no problem with, but I would like a ball park figure to make the alley ways behind the carwash and behind Pepper and Ash (post office) resurfaced.*

*Discussion.*

*Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – maybe we can check with the State as we come up to ways to pay for things like the alley-ways.*

*Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented– a short term solution for the alley behind little Caesars is maybe to put some granite in there. I know we have a whole lot of projects out there but maybe we should focus on the ones we can move ahead: 1. Visalia Road project, 2. Sewer project, 3. Water treatment plant.*

*Mayor G. Gomez commented – donations to the youth wrestling groups that we passed, is that being resolved?*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – yes at the 2/22/16 meeting you passed the funds be equally split between the two groups and that is being taken care of.*

## **10. City Manager Report**

*City Manager J. Jansons commented - tomorrow evening is a school board meeting. I will try to attend that meeting as we have an interest there.*

*Wednesday is the Planning Commission meeting and they will conduct a public hearing on the Housing Element.*

*Tomorrow morning 7am at Café 210 is a District 1 candidates forum at the Visalia Chamber of Commerce to hear what potential supervisors have to say.*

*21<sup>st</sup> is the TCAG meeting*

*We survived our first week of ramp closures. So far so good. We have had some rain events but the contractors continued to move dirt. Escrow closed so we received our right of way acquisition.*

*Mayor G. Gomez commented – I didn't realize they were going to close one of the entrances to the Shell station.*

*Tom McCurdy from Quad Knopf commented – it was the only way to go about taking care of the projected work there. It should be less than 10 days and be re-opened.*

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – we (staff) have been attending Memorial Day planning meetings. We will plug representatives from the city in as it relates to Public Works on closing streets, Police Department on public safety, etc. We want to share and help make this a successful parade.*

*Dump the Junk event is coming in April 14-16<sup>th</sup> I believe.*

*I fielded a call from a resident that wanted to compliment Mid Valley Refuse Company on their driver who helped an elderly lady and her sister get their garbage cans to the curb.*

*We received the final contract from the Urban Streams Restoration Project. We will get that signed and returned back to the State. We also want to provide you with an updated timeline that takes you through the project.*

**11. City Attorney Report:**

None.

**12. Future Agenda Items**

**12.I Utility Assistance Programs Discussion of existing utility assistance programs**

*City Manager J. Jansons commented – I am currently working on a memo with help from Finance Director Steve Huntley where we lay out our current process of when you get your first late fee, that sort of thing, to put things into context. It will include information about various programs that are available through SoCal Gas Company and Edison Electric that can provide assistance to some of our residents. I will provide you information that you can review so we can help members of the community.*

**13. Adjourn to Closed Session or Adjourn to Next Meeting 8:33pm**

13.I Adjourn to Closed Session

PERSONNEL (Government Code§ 54957(b)). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session to:

Consider public employee performance evaluation for the position of: Deputy City Clerk, City Clerk, Fire Chief and City Manager.

**14. Reconvene to “Report Out” of closed session**

Item 13.I was discussed by City Council with no reportable action.

**15. Signature Line**

ATTEST:

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Gregorio Gomez  
Mayor

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City Clerk