

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

MINUTES

Farmersville City Council Regular Meeting Monday, January 25, 2016 • 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM

2. Invocation *Led by Councilmember L. Benavides*

3. Pledge of Allegiance *Led by Mayor G. Gomez*

4. Roll Call Present: *G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, M. Sisk, L. Benavides*

5. Presentations

None

6. Public Comment

None

7. Consent Agenda

7.I Consideration of Draft Minutes of January 11, 2016 City Council regular meeting.

7.II Approval of City Council Resolution 2016-006 in support of Urban Streams Restoration Grant.

7.III Replacement of Sports Fields Goal Posts at Dr. Richard Armstrong Park.

A motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1-7.111 was made by Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer. Second was made by Councilmember M. Sisk. Motion was carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. New Business (Discussion Action Items)

8.1 Consideration of Resolution 2016-005 Authorizing City Manager to complete an execute amendment to contract with Omni Means Inc. for revised North Farmersville Blvd. Widening Project.

City Manager J. Jansons presenting. Turning Power Point presentation over to T. McCurdy from Quad Knopf.
Viewing Power Point on Farmersville Boulevard Widening Project.

Mayor G. Gomez commented – does it include street lighting?

T. McCurdy commented – yes, decorative street lighting and storm drainage as well.

Councilmember D. Rowlett commented – would this create more work for Department of Public Works?

D. Wyckoff Public Works Director commented – yes, it will be more work but we will take care of it.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – this is the main entrance to town, it should look attractive and if we can keep it looking nice with the water restrictions, I think that it would be good. Are we looking at a design feature, has that been talked about?

T. McCurdy commented – we looked at doing some enhancements perhaps something on the East side. There might be a place to have a monument-type sign but we haven't been able to establish that yet. It has been an ongoing conversation.

Mayor G. Gomez commented - Instead of a monument how about a planter that would be a compost for the City? We have plenty of artist around town and they can put an art piece there.

Move to approve Resolution 2016-05 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem P. Boyer. Second by Councilmember M. Sisk. Motion passes 4-0-1.

Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, M. Sisk, L. Benavides

Noes: D. Rowlett

Abstain: 0

8.II Consideration of Special Event and Community Activity Funding Program and Policy.

City Manager J. Jansons presenting. Are there any questions for staff?

Discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem P. Boyer commented– possibly do some re-wording with this policy.

Mayor G. Gomez – I agree with what P. Boyer is saying, especially with the “in-kind” portion. Maybe a third form needs to materialize out of this.

City Manager J. Jansons commented – we want the forms to be user-friendly so we will take your advice. We will stay flexible and make it effective as we hear from the public, they will tell us if it works or if it is arduous.

Councilmember L. Benavides commented – have we had a problem with running out of money for soccer or football? The other question is how are we going to let all these groups know there are funds available and not leave anyone out?

City Manager J. Jansons commented – yes it is my understanding that you have run out of money in the past. In the more recent times you have had an understanding of who is looking for funds. It becomes incumbent on staff to get flyers out like a notice of availability, give folks 30 days to hear about it. This is a process so we can predict in our budget so we aren't scrabbling if we have a great idea come to us but have nothing to give them.

Discussion.

Approve recommendation to establish a community activity funding program and policy and volunteers for the ad-hock committee noted.

Volunteers for the committee: G. Gomez, L. Benavides, M. Sisk as alternate.

9. Council Reports

9.1 Council on Cities

City Manager J. Jansons commented - there wasn't a quorum but interesting information nonetheless.

Councilmember L. Benavides has an EDC meeting tomorrow. Thank you to Chief Krstic for putting the speed sign up on Front Street. Also, who takes care of the lighting? And lastly, people are dumping in church dumpsters. I brought in an address and gave it to Erika, has anything been done?

D. Wyckoff Public Works Director commented – Edison takes care of the lighting.

Chief Krstic commented – I will look into that the information you gave Erika.

Councilmember D. Rowlett – on Brundage there is a house that burned 3.5 years ago and it is still boarded up, still appears to be an attractive nuisance. Kids or the homeless can get into trouble. It has been brought up before, are we doing anything about this?

City Manager commented– let me try to address that. It is what I have heard from Councilpersons in my one on one meetings. The failure to maintain and care for property is a problem and I share in that. With that in mind Chief Krstic, myself and Richard Philips sat down last week. It has been explained to me that there have past tries to work with the property owners. That hasn't been working so we have to try plan B. As a result Richard is going to put together more background info and see what that looks like. The whole management team can brainstorm and see what can have a positive effect. That can include permission to obtain a demolition permit, etc which costs us, (the City). I would like to make it a goal, even if it's working on one at a time. We will be looking for your support and ideas as we come forward with strategies and see change. We have also contacted our attorneys as this has come up over and over again.

Mayor Pro-Tem P. Boyer commented– I was told that property sold. I don't know what the legality is.

Mayor G. Gomez commented – I had a Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) meeting today. One of the issues is the loss of sales tax due to decreased gas rates. We need to prepare for that and make sure our projects get the funding they need. Thank you to staff for taking care of the issues we addressed last meeting. There are a couple of pot holes in the center medium, turn lane in front of apartments.

Also, thank you to Police Department for answering my questions this weekend. Thank you to City Manager for reporting on city meetings.

10. City Manager Report

City Manager J. Jansons commented – On the Quad Knopf status report, I asked if they would re-order and highlight their reports and then give us the history. I hope you find that easy to consume and we will keep them coming to you.

The next item is a letter you received tonight. It was fielded by our City Clerk. I am looking for guidance using the rental policy to use the Community/Event facility. I wanted to make you aware of this and see if anything comes from it.

Mayor Pro-Tem P. Boyer commented – were you thinking there would be separate fees?

City Manager J. Jansons commented – the rental policy is a per event fee. They would have to pay a series of daily fees. Staff recommends we don't go down this road due to HUD and CDBG funding not getting to us in the past.

Discussion

11. City Attorney Report

None.

12. Future Agenda Items

1. Consideration and action for City to Support the 2016 Memorial Day Parade and authorize Mayor to sign "fly over" request. (Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer)

2. Request by FUSD to present to City Council information on "Pathways to Success Vocational Education Program". (City Manager)

3. Councilmember L. Benavides commented – are we looking at a full time code enforcement officer?

4. Mayor G. Gomez commented – I would like to see crime statistics from police department. I was at a meeting this week and talked to a man from Hanford asking about homicides. Just something in our packet, like the water report we get from Dale.

13. Adjourn to Closed Session 8:18pm

14. Reconvene to "Report Out" of closed session

A. City Attorney provided City Council with an update in the matter described below.

Closed Session: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:

Conference with legal counsel – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)).

Initiation of litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)).

Number of potential cases is: 1 .

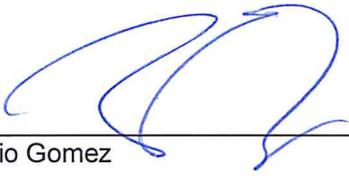
- B. City Council provided direction to it labor negotiator and City Manager in regard to the matter listed below. 5-0

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S) (Government Code § 54957.6). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session to review its position and to instruct its designated representatives:

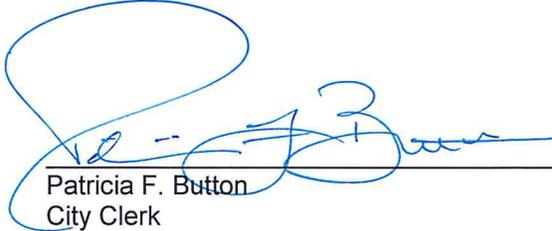
Designated representatives: City Attorney

Name of employee organization: Teamsters Local 517 / Farmersville Fire Dept. Officers.

ATTEST:



Gregorio Gomez
Mayor



Patricia F. Button
City Clerk

