

October 4, 2022

The Farmland Town Council met on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:00pm, in the council room at 104 E Henry Street for a Regular Town Council Meeting. Those present were Steve Herrily, Jim Main, Stephen Conner, Jason Welch, Melvin Nott, John Halco, Curtis Cunningham, Maurice Foudray, Chris Hammerstein, and Marcy Yuknavage.

Steve asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Steve opened the Adoption Hearing.

Jason instructed Steve to ask if anyone has any comments. Steve asked if anyone has any comments. Chris Hammerstein asked what he should have comments about. Steve replied the 2023 Budget. Chris asked if everyone was handed copies. Marcy told Chris that it has been published and posted on Gateway. Chris asked what Gateway was and Marcy told him it's a website that DLGF and SBOA uses to communicate with all governmental agencies. Jason asked if anyone has any comments about the actual budget. Chris replied, "How can we have any comments if we don't know what's on it?" Jason said he would take that as a No. No other comments.

Steve closed the Budget Hearing.

Steve opened the regular town board meeting.

September 2022 bank reconciliation recorded as reconciled. Jim reviewed and signed.

Stephen motioned to accept Meeting Minutes as written for September 6, 2022. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

September 12 & September 26, 2022, payroll recorded as reviewed and approved. Stephen said he reviewed them and would like to make a motion to approve. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

City Building – 1. Marcy asked for the approval to purchase Christmas Cards. Jim made the motion to approve. Stephen 2nd. All ayes.

2. Office Closed October 10th for Columbus Day.

3. Holiday Meeting and Date Changes. Marcy explained that when she made the calendars for Holidays and Meetings, she made a mistake. Marcy had election day as November 1st, which was wrong, election day is November 8th. So, our town Board Meeting will be November 1st instead of November 2nd as published. Marcy also asked if we want to change the December 6th meeting because it's the night of the Christmas Walk. Jim thinks we should change it and move the meeting to December 7th. Jason told Marcy that she will need to publish the changes.

4. Jessica Bean signs up as you come into Farmland. Randolph county would like a photo opportunity consisting of the Town board with Jessica Bean. Marcy told the Board that she gave their phone numbers to Randolph County to organize a time. Jim explained that Jessica is a 7-time national champion for midget cars. She grew up on Main Steet and went to Monroe Central. Marcy told everyone that Bob McCoy, Winchester Mayor, organized getting the signs ordered and installed. Randolph County paid for the signs.

5. Sign Tracy's bond. Marcy told the Board that she had the dates changed to be in sync with the calendar year and the other bonds. The Board signed Tracy's bond.

6. Letter from Resident James Wells at 402 S Main St. Stephen said that a few neighbors and the town employees brought the over-grown yard to his attention. He has cut part of it but still has some that needs to be attended to. Stephen said that he feels we do not want an overgrown area in the town limits. Jim asked Melvin to speak about it. Melvin said that James wanted a wildlife area for animals to be. Melvin asked, do we want to fight conservation on this? John asked where the property is located, and Melvin said between Mulberry and S Main. Stephen said it is behind sonny's house and that there is a water main that runs back there to 3 different houses. Marcy said that it runs behind the trailer on Main that had the "Biden" signs. Melvin thinks the letter needs framed because it spoke good about him. Melvin said that James has a good point because the DNR is wanting people to provide refuge to wild animals. Melvin told him that he should come to the board meeting and express his concerns. Melvin feels that the board should go look at it and give their opinion. He said that you would want to get permission to go on his property or walk up from Mulberry on the easement. Jim said that he feels if the neighbors don't complain about it then it isn't a problem. Melvin said that he has never received a complaint, he said that the first time he heard about it was from Stephen. Stephen said that Andy complained about getting to the water line. Melvin approached Andy and Andy said it was a pain to work in the area. Maurice said that the lady who lives just north of him asked what was up with the tall grass. She said that she has seen possums, rabbits, and other animals except deer, and she doesn't want all that in her yard. There has been deer on the property because when Andy was working on the water line there were 2 deer in there. Steve asked is this something anyone can do. Melvin said that if you have the land maybe, but he doesn't know. Jason said that he is in violation right now with the town ordinances. Maurice said that he doesn't have a problem with it. He said that when Clara lived there her family would clear the land every few years. Chris Hammerstein spoke up and asked about New York Street. He said that there is a home that has grass waist deep. Melvin told him that there is not a house on New York Street that is waist deep. Jason told the board that right now Mr. Wells in in violation of

the ordinance and it just depends on if the board wants to direct Melvin to do something about it. Stephen told Chris that if you have something on New York Street to write the address down and present it to the board. Chris said that it's the abandoned house and Melvin told him that he knows exactly what house he is talking about and that it isn't abandoned. Melvin told him that a person lives in the house. Melvin said that you can see through the back of his house. Steve confirmed with Marcy that he doesn't have a meter and Marcy said that he does not have water. Jason said right now we are talking about the house on Main Street. Melvin said that if the board wants, he can go back down there and talk to Mr. Wells. Jim said that he feels if no one complains then we should just let it go. Jason said the only concern we would have is that we can't enforce the ordinance with one person and not enforce with another. Jim agreed with Jason and said that he understands that, and he guesses we should talk to Mr. Wells. Melvin said that he would go talk to him. Melvin said that he knows there is a tree down that would take a little bit more than just mowing. John Halco asked Melvin if Mr. Wells needs help and Melvin said he doesn't think so. Melvin told the board that he would talk to Mr. Wells and report back. Chris Hammerstein asked Melvin if it was cool with the health department to live in a house without running water. Jason said we have an agenda that Chris would have a chance to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

HFUSA – Letter delivered to the City Building concerning Chili Cook-off. Jim asked if anyone wanted to discuss it. Stephen said that they all got it in the mail. Marcy said that it was delivered to her office, so she had to put it on the agenda. Stephen said that it is noted that it was read. Jim asked Curtis if they did good. Curtis said that there was about 200 people in attendance. Jim said so you did good, and Curtis said yes, they did good.

Police – Discuss the police reserves. Melvin said that he talked to Marcy today and he would prefer 5 ½ hours to be considered a full shift to be reimbursed for clothing allowance. Melvin said it really isn't going to matter for the next 6-8 months because Mike Boruff is not allowed to work reserve while going through FTO with Randolph County. He will be going to the police academy in January. Melvin said that he knows it isn't in the budget for next year but that we need to discuss if Mike wants to work parttime then we could pay him parttime wages after he has completed the police academy. He said that the board needs to discuss what would be a fair price to pay a parttime police officer for the 2024 budget. Steve asked if Mike has intentions on coming back and working in Farmland. Melvin said yes, he does have intentions on coming back. Melvin said he wouldn't blame him if he didn't want to work here after his full-time position because it sometimes gets to be too much. Marcy asked about the clothing. Melvin said \$25.00 and Marcy said about the clothing we have already bought. Melvin said that we would have to talk about that. Melvin asked if we hold back the money for the last shifts he has worked. Marcy said she hasn't paid him any since Jason said stop. Jason said that we need to offset his pay until the clothing we bought is paid for.

Fire – Melvin said that fire prevention is this weekend and that it is a big deal because it's the Model T's 100th birthday. Hopefully we will have a lot of Model Ts in the parade. Andy Wagner has been gracious and will let people from out-of-town park their Ts in his auction building overnight at no charge. Joe arranged 10 rooms over in Winchester at cheaper rates for out-of-town people. Jim asked if Melvin knows what year fire prevention started. Melvin said that they don't know for sure. Bill Sunday remembers fire prevention back in the 50s.

Streets – Melvin said that they will start paving tomorrow. He is also going to fix in front of Leslie's shop where Culy dug it up. Melvin said that he knows he called each board member about the additional money. Melvin said that there is no base on Hickory so Dirt Works will lay down felt, lay gravel then pave. Melvin said that Morris Street looks fantastic, and Hickory will be the same way.

Melvin said that next year we would like to do Wolf's Wooded Acres and not mill it out because we need to build a base somehow. They will feather the driveways to the road. We will do Church Street and Pursley Street. He knows they are both bad as well. Those roads will be milled because they have a good base.

Marcy said that she needs to have it mentioned that the board gave her permission to go ahead and appropriate the money for the additional appropriation required to pay Dirt Works for the extra work on Hickory Street. Jason told the board to take a vote that they approved it. Stephen made the motion for the additional appropriation. Jim 2nd. All ayes.

Melvin said that the felt cloth is \$1000.00 per roll. They didn't need to use the cloth on Morris Street so they can use that on Hickory. Steve asked Melvin if there would be a problem at Hazel's corner and Melvin said hopefully that is fixed. Melvin said that there was an old tile or storm pipe that the milling machine found, and they never found the outlet or inlet. Melvin said that there was an old spiral pipe that was kind of at an angle across that road that was completely jamb full of dirt. He said hopefully with Vern fixing it correctly the water should run down to Hoel's yard where the storm inlet is. He said if this doesn't work then the only other answer will be concrete. Steve said he thinks Hazel's yard will still be a little low.

Stephen made the motion to sign and approve the CCMG contractors Application of payment. Melvin mentioned that they found 2 abandoned water lines while working on Morris Street. They also found an old meter in Dean Thornburg's yard that nobody knew existed. Jim made a motion to sign the payment. Stephen 2nd. All ayes. Steve signed the application of payment. Steve asked Marcy if she was getting the additional money transferred. Marcy told him that it would be next meeting because she must do an additional appropriation.

Water – Marcy told the board that Andy was hoping to be back in time but had to go meet with a grant writer. Marcy told the board that she isn't sure what the IDEM letter is all about but if they have any questions, they can call Andy.

Marcy told the board that Andy told her that the meter at the water plant is going out and will cost around \$1500.00 to buy a new one. Stephen motioned to purchase a new meter for the water plant. Jim 2nd. All Ayes.

Received the PER (preliminary engineering report) Report from Curry and Associates. Marcy pointed it out to the board and told them that it would be in her office.

Sewage – Marcy told the board that Andy wanted to see about getting the approval for 2 building for the wells. Jim said that Andy explained it all to him and he thinks it would be a good plan. Jim said if we have to drill more wells then we could move the building to the new well. Jim said it is like a metal shed. Each building would measure 12' x 20' and be approximately \$4,615.00 not including concrete and electricity. Jason asked how much concrete would be required. Does it need a whole floor? Stephen said each building would probably cost about \$10,000.00 with everything included. The Board wants to table the discussion until next meeting. They would like a more accurate cost estimate with concrete and electric. Also, is the \$4615.00 the cost of someone erecting it for us or is that the cost of us doing it ourselves.

Park – nothing

Ordinances & Resolutions – Jim motioned to read Ordinance 2022-05 (2023 Budget) by title only.

Stephen 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Ordinance 2022-05 by title only. Jim motioned to suspend the rules and have the 2nd & 3rd reading by title only. Stephen 2nd All ayes. Steve did the 2nd and 3rd reading by title only. Jim motioned to sign Ordinance 2022-05. Stephen 2nd. All ayes. The board signed Ordinance 2022-05

Stephen motioned to do the 2nd & 3rd reading Ordinance 2022-04 (Parking Restrictions) by title only. Jim 2nd. All ayes. Steve read the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 2022-04 by title only. Jim motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-04. Stephen 2nd. All ayes. Melvin said that he has already talked to the people who the ordinance will affect. The Board signed Ordinance 2022-04.

Stephen motioned to read Resolution 2022-10 (Reduce 2022 Budget) by title only. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Steve read Resolution 2022-10 by title only. Stephen motioned to sign resolution 2022-10. Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Board signed resolution 2022-10.

Claims Docket for October 4, 2022 - \$378,724.62 – Stephen motioned to pay the claims, Jim 2nd. All Ayes. Board will sign docket after the meeting.

Citizens Comments – Steve asked if there are any citizen comments.

Chris Hammerstein asked about the new ordinance for parking clearance on North Plum St. Chris wanted to know why the board was only concerned about North Plum and not all over town. Jim said that they have received several complaints especially from people turning into the alley across from his house going to and from church. Jim said that North Plum is tight and there are a lot of cars. Chris said that he has to bring up the parking the wrong way again. Chris spoke to Melvin and wanted to confirm that there is an ordinance about parking the wrong direction. Melvin told Chris that there is not an ordinance against parking the wrong direction. Melvin said that the town has been through this several years ago and the board did not want to pursue it. Chris asked if anyone could park that way on a state highway. Chris said that there is a pickup truck on Main Street, probably right now, parked the wrong way. Melvin said if the person caused an accident, then it would be his fault, but he is not in violation. Chris said OK.

Maurice said about 2 months ago there were several cars broken into. Maurice wanted the board to know what a great job Melvin did. He said Melvin handled it perfectly.

Steve asked if there were any more comments. Chris said that he has one more question. Chris asked Melvin why the paving people isn't going to use the big roller to roll Hickory Street. Melvin said that we don't want the big roller because it will cause a water leak and delay the road getting finished. Melvin doesn't think we have anything to worry about especially with the felt paper under there. Melvin said we need to trust the experts. Melvin said that an engineer says what needs to be done and Vern

follows that. Vern is in contact with the engineer all the time. Jim told Chris that he was just a kid when Hickory Street was put in and it has lasted this long. Melvin said that Hazel's corner was like walking on a sponge. He said that now it was done right and it's a big difference to what it was before. Melvin said that if you peeled off the clay you could see grass down under the clay.

Steve asked if there were anymore comments. No comments.

Steve closed the meeting @ 6:46pm.



Steve Hernly, President Town Board



Marcy Yuknavage, Clerk-Treasurer