

Town of Farmerville
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2022

The Farmerville Town Council met in regular session at Farmerville Community Center, located at 407 South Main Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, September 12, 2022. The council members present were Mayor John Crow, Alderman Robert Allen, Thomas Nation, Kerry Hill, Caroline Gatson, and Ricky Johnkin.

The roll was called and with a quorum present Mayor Crow called the meeting to order and Invocation was offered by Robert Lloyd.

At this time a public hearing was held to hear the views and opinions from citizens concerning Ordinance No 04-22 pertaining to Tapping Fee rates.

As state law requires, Town Clerk, Gay Nell Pepper, offered the public the opportunity to voice their opinion on all agenda items at this time. There were no comments.

On motion by Gatson, seconded by Nation and unanimously approved to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022, regular meeting.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Gatson and unanimously approved to approve the payables from August, 2022.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Hill and unanimously approved to accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for July as presented.

On motion by Hill, seconded by Johnkin and unanimously approved to adopt Ordinance No 04-22 pertaining to Tapping Fee Rates.

**ORDINANCE # 04-22
TOWN OF FARMERVILLE
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9
SECTION 9-20 PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR
NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Farmerville desires to amend Chapter 9 Section 9-20 pertaining to charges for new water service connections.

BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 9 Sections 20 is hereby amended as follows, to-wit:

Sec. 9-20. Charges for new service connections.

Charges for new water service connections are as follows:

5/8-inch meter.....\$500.00

3/4-inch meter.....Time and

Material

1-inch meter.....	Time and	Material
1 ½-inch meter.....	Time and	Material
2-inch and larger meter.....	Cost of	
	Meter installation plus ten per cent	
Second meter for residential yard use only	\$150.00	

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced the 8th day of August, 2022.

After reading of the above, section by section, the vote was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: GATSON, HILL, JOHNIKIN, NATION, ALLEN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The ordinance was declared adopted this 12th day of September, 2022.

GAYNELL PEPPER
Town Clerk

JOHN T. CROW
Mayor

At this time Ordinance No 05-22 pertaining to Prohibiting Smoking in all Workplaces and public places was introduced by Alderman Allen. A public hearing will the held to hear the views and opinions of citizens at the next regular council meeting which will be held on October 10, 2022

At this time Ordinance No 06-22 pertaining to surplus property was introduced by Alderman Hill. A public hearing will be held to hear the views and opinions of citizens at the next regular council meeting which will be held on October 10, 2022.

On motion by Hill, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to approve a new Class “B” Retail Liquor License for Ekam, LLC, S Mart 8, located at 604 N Main, Farmerville, Louisiana.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Gatson and unanimously approved to purchase a new 40 CY receiver container to be placed at Foster Farms for the Sanitation Department and to amend the budget by adding \$11,000 to Compactor Expense to cover the purchase.

On motion by Gatson, seconded by Johnikin and unanimously approved to add 2.84M to Capital Improvements for the 2022 Street Overlay Project.

On motion Hill, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to advertise for bids on the "2022" Street Overlay Project.

On motion by Nation, seconded by Johnikin and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No 17-22 pertaining to LGAP Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-22

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Farmerville, a municipality located in Union Parish, Louisiana, by motion offered by NATION, and seconded by JOHNIKIN hereby stating that we as a governing body of the Town of Farmerville support a grant application to the Office of Community Development.

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmerville Police Department is in need of a patrol unit with necessary patrol equipment

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmerville does not have sufficient funding to purchase the patrol unit and the equipment that needs to be installed in patrol unit.

WHEREAS, this project will help insure the safety of our citizens and the efficiency of our Police Department.

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmerville is looking for various sources to help in financing this project.

THEREFORE, this resolution having been submitted to a vote on this the 12th, day of September 2022, thereon was as follows:

YEAS: GATSON, HILL, JOHNIKIN, NATION, ALLEN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

On motion by Allen, seconded by Johnikin and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No 18-22 pertaining to authorizing the mayor to sign all necessary documents pertaining to Capital Outlay Project for Lake D'Arbonne Mega Ramp.

RESOLUTION NO 18-22

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmerville has been awarded State Capital Outlay funding from the State of Louisiana for a Lake D'Arbonne Mega Ramp; and

WHEREAS, under the Capital Outlay Act, the State office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) administers capital outlay appropriations for non-state entities; and

WHEREAS, in administering the awarded funds, FP&C requires a resolution designating an official from the Town of Farmerville to act on behalf of the Town of Farmerville in all matters pertaining to the project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Farmerville authorizes Mayor John Crow to act on behalf of the Town of Farmerville in all matters pertaining to the project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

With the above resolution having been properly introduced and duly seconded, the vote was as follows:

AYES: GATSON, HILL, JOHNIKIN, NATION, ALLEN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

and the resolution was declared adopted this 12th day of September, 2022.

On motion by Hill, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No 19-22 pertaining to DOTD Road Swap Program.

TOWN OF FARMERVILLE
RESOLUTION NO 19-22

WHEREAS, The Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen agrees to accept ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD” or “Department”), may own, with the exception of any and all mineral rights, in and to the following described property and agrees to accept all future rights, obligations and liabilities, including, but not limited to, all future operation, maintenance, and repairs associated therewith, for its operation and maintenance as a town street, subject to the conditions stated herein below:

State route LA 3281 (known as Park Street) in its entirety from its junction with state route LA 15 (known as South Main Street) proceeding west approximately 0.378 miles to its terminus as a state route and continuation as a local road at a point located approximately 0.05 miles southeast of the intersection of the local roads known as West Bayou Street, Betty Street and Park Street.

WHEREAS, The Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen agrees to accept ownership of whatever rights the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development, may have acquired as a consequence of the performance of its obligations upon satisfaction of Condition III herein below and all future liabilities, including, but not limited to, all future operation, maintenance, and repairs, associated therewith.

The Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen agrees to accept ownership of whatever rights the Department may own in and to the aforesaid described property at the proper time and under the conditions specified herein below:

CONDITION I: Provide repairs to include base rehabilitation where required, overlay with hot mix asphaltic concrete, and striping the resurface pavement for state route LA 3281 (known as Park Street) in its entirety to be transferred to the Town of Farmerville.

CONDITION II: Provide \$165,091.00 in road transfer credit for state route LA 3281 to be transferred to the Town of Farmerville in its entirety. At DOTD's sole discretion, DOTD may either 1) provide funds to the Town of Farmerville in an amount not to exceed its road transfer credit balance, provided that any funds so provided must be used for purposes authorized under Article VII, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution; 2) apply the road transfer credits to the repairs in Condition III; or 3) provide any combination of funds and road transfer credit applied to projects, as provided in options 1) and 2) above.

- (a) The amount of Road Transfer credit to be provided under this condition is calculated pursuant to a present worth 40-year maintenance valuation whereby DOTD determines the cost of maintaining the road in the state highway system for 40 years from the present date.

CONDITION III: Apply the road transfer credit described in Condition II not provided in the form of funds herein above to the construction of a future roadway project in the Town of Farmerville to be identified by letter no later than December 1, 2024 as mutually agreed to by the Department and the presiding Mayor of the Town of Farmerville. Otherwise the road transfer credit will be applied, at DOTD's sole discretion, towards the Town's share of funding under a program of the Department affecting the Town.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen shall accept ownership of whatever rights the Department may own in and to the aforesaid described property as a binding agreement between the Department and the Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen, provided the Department shall comply with the relevant condition(s) stated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen authorizes the presiding Mayor of the Town of Farmerville to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Department and the Town of Farmerville, and any amendments or necessary modifications thereto, memorializing the agreement between the parties relative to the above-stated property transfers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen authorizes the presiding Mayor of the Town of Farmerville to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the transfer of the aforesaid described property at the proper time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town of Farmerville Board of Aldermen hereby represents that it has received approval from a majority of the state legislative delegation from Union Parish of the actions contemplated herein.

This resolution was declared adopted this the 12th day of September, 2022

On motion by Hill, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to enter into an agreement with the Union Parish Police Jury to take sewer from the Union Parish Landfill. The Jury is to construct and maintain a pump station at the landfill and to lay a force main to our Lift Station No 10. Upon completion of said force main the UPPJ will donate the line to the Town of Farmerville.

On motion by Gatson, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to advertise to take bids on the Love Louisiana Outdoors Splash Pad Project.

On motion by Johnikin, seconded by Hill and unanimously approved to purchase public works and license management software from IWORQ Services.

On motion by Gatson , seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to approve the following action taken by the Zoning Commission.

1. To change the zoning classification of property belonging to Union Growth and Development at 301 Anthony St. To B1.

There being no further business to come before the council Mayor Crow adjourned this meeting the 12th day of September, 2022. Upon motion by Gatson, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved.

Gay Nell Pepper, Town Clerk
John Crow, Mayor