

Town of Farmerville
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2026

The Farmerville Town Council met in regular session at Farmerville Community Center, located at 407 South Main Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, May 11, 2026. The council members present were Mayor John Crow, Alderman Robert Allen, Kerry Hill, Caroline Gatson, Ricky Johnikin and Thomas Nation.

The roll was called and with a quorum present Mayor Crow called the meeting to order and invocation was offered by Ricky Johnikin.

As state law requires, 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 Johnikin and unanimously approved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2026, regular meeting.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Nation and unanimously approved to approve the payables from April.

On motion by Gatson, seconded by Johnikin and unanimously approved to accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for March as presented.

At this time a public hearing was held Ordinance No 02-26 pertaining to renewal of Delta Utilities Franchise Agreement.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Gatson and unanimously approved to adopt Ordinance No 02-26.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-26

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING DELTA NORTH LOUISIANA GAS COMPANY, LLC., THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS, AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF FARMERVILLE, LA:

Delta North Louisiana Gas Company, LLC., its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Grantee," is hereby granted the right to construct, install, operate and maintain in this municipality, as now and hereafter constituted, pipelines and related facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas ("Facilities") and for such purposes

to use, and excavate in, the public highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds and other publicly owned areas ("Public Rights-of-Way") for a period of twenty-five (25) years. This franchise constitutes a permit to construct, remove, operate, and maintain the Facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way and to park vehicles in the streets and other Public Rights-of-Way when necessary for the construction, removal, operation, or maintenance of Facilities. Grantee and contractors performing work for Grantee shall not be required to obtain any permits in addition to this franchise or to pay any fee in addition to the fee stated below in order to perform such work or to park within the streets and other Public Rights-of-Way. The term shall automatically renew for one-year periods unless either party gives notice of termination at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then-current term; provided, however, that the term shall not exceed a total of sixty (60) years from the effective date of this franchise.

Grantee's facilities shall be installed and operated in a workman like manner, and this Municipality shall be held harmless from any damages caused by the negligence of Grantee's employees in the course of their employment. Grantee shall tunnel beneath paved streets, sidewalks and alleys wherever practical in laying and replacing mains. Grantee shall refill its excavations and restore sidewalks and pavements promptly, and if this is not done within a reasonable time then it may be done by the Municipality at Grantee's expense. Grantee's lines shall be laid so as not to interfere with the present sewer and/or water system, and if a new sewer and/or water line crosses Grantee's pipeline at the same level, then this Municipality may, if Grantee has not done so after reasonable notice, raise or lower Grantee's line at Grantee's expense but only under Grantee's supervision. However, if any relocation of Grantee's pipelines and/or related facilities is required as a result of any project of the United States federal government or any project financed in whole or in part by the United States federal government and by which the Town of Farmerville, LA receives federal funding or monies as a part of said projects, then the Town of Farmerville shall pay the Grantee the costs and expenses incurred by Grantee in relocating Grantee's pipelines and/or related facilities up to but not greater than the total finances provided to the Town of Farmerville in connection with any such projects by the United States federal government requiring relocation of Grantee's pipelines and/or related facilities.

This Municipality may inspect Grantee's construction work at any time or have said work inspected by a qualified engineer.

The point of delivery of gas to the consumer shall be at the inlet to the consumer's meter, and service pipe and facilities necessary to safely receive and utilize the gas at and beyond that point of delivery shall be furnished and maintained by the consumer, except that Grantee shall furnish and connect the gas meter. Title to all equipment installed by Grantee shall remain in Grantee, and Grantee shall have the unqualified right to use, extend, repair, replace, change, abandon or remove facilities installed under the authority of this grant or any other facilities as it may determine to be necessary or desirable from time to time in the conduct of its business. Grantee will not be obligated to commence, extend or continue any particular gas service by means of facilities installed under the authority of this grant or any other facilities except as Grantee may determine the prudent management and use of its present and future gas supply and facilities to permit and in accordance with Grantee's applicable rates, rules, regulations, policies and procedures, including curtailment procedures, as the same may exist and be changed from time to time. Grantee may promulgate and enforce reasonable rules, regulations and requirements governing the sale, delivery, receipt and use of gas furnished by Grantee and the commencement and discontinuance of gas service.

Grantee's rates currently effective in this Municipality for gas service shall continue in effect until raised or lowered in the manner provided by law.

In consideration of this grant, beginning on the date Grantee files its written acceptance of this ordinance and thereafter for as long as this ordinance remains in effect in accordance with its terms, Grantee shall pay to the Town of Farmerville, two percent (2%) of Grantee's gross receipts from gas sales to residential and commercial customers located inside the city limits. Amounts due hereunder shall be computed quarterly for the periods ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, and payments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the month with respect to which payment is due.

This franchise ordinance will not be effective unless it is accepted by Grantee by written notice delivered or mailed to the Mayor within 90 days after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.

The provisions hereof are intended to be separate and severable, and the holding of any portion hereof to be invalid shall not affect the other portions.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of May, 2026.

Gay Nell Pepper, Town Clerk

John Crow, Mayor

At this time a contract for maintenance on our elevated water tanks in town was put on hold for review.

On motion by Hill, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved to close the streets downtown on for Breast Cancer Awareness in October.

At this time the CEA for shooting range was put on hold for further review.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Johnikin and unanimously approved to issue a new Class "B" Retail Liquor license to Wainwright Family Village located at 601 Hickory Street, Farmerville, Louisiana.

On motion by Gatson, seconded by Hill and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No 04-26 setting millage rates for 2026.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Hill and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No 05-26 pertaining to advertising for bids on Mega Ramp.

On motion by Johnikin, seconded by Nation and unanimously approved to continue our "Summer Worker" Program for 2026. Program will be, June 1, 2026 until July 12, 2026

There being no further business to come before the council on this the 11th day of May, 2026. Mayor Crow declared this meeting adjourned upon motion by Gatson, seconded by Allen and unanimously approved.

John Crow, Mayor