

**City of Brownsboro Farm
Regular Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Brownsboro Farm City Commission was held on Tuesday, 4/9/2019 at the Brownsboro Farm Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. Present were Mayor Kim Franklin, Commissioners Lisa Holthouse, Mark McGrath, Tim Quinn, and Harriet Barger, City Clerk Dennis Branson, and residents Bob Bale and Brent Dunn. Also present was City Attorney Jim Hodge and paralegal Ashley Rodi.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

A discussion on the tax ordinance was added to the agenda. Agenda adopted.

Minutes and financials from March were deferred to next meeting.

The insurance commissioner stated that our new ordinance would create a new tax on health insurance. Since it has not been published it has not taken effect. We are going to amend our ordinance. Metro ended up not passing an insurance increase. But our amended ordinance will still handle and increases in the future.

Motion to exclude health insurance from Ordinance 2019-4. Motion by Commissioner McGrath. 2nd by Tim Quinn. Passed unanimously.

Mayor Franklin asked our lawyer, Jim Hodge about the cable franchise. The franchise has expired, but cable companies are still paying the taxes. The issue is to get a new cable franchise put into place. We can do it ourselves or have the cable commission do it. There is a cost to doing this in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to have a lawyer write our own cable franchise. If we have the cable commission do it, we would pay a commission of 20% the first year, and 15% per year thereafter.

There is a possibility of additional revenue. If we pull out of the state telecomm tax and set our own fee at 3% or 5%. The cable commission can get the numbers to compare revenues under different scenarios.

If the old franchise fee was 3% we might want to raise it to 5%. The state already charges 5.4% and it will not change. We need a telecomm ordinance that covers everything that is not covered by the cable franchise agreement. We would have some control over providers before they could operate in our city. Commissioner McGrath asked if we would have a remedy if we approved a provider and they caused damage. Our remedy is to put in the ordinance that they have to repair any damage to right of ways per the Metro Ordinance.

Mayor Franklin asked if we need to hire someone to write a telecom ordinance. There is a telecomm commission that does this.

Parks Board

The Parks Board did not meet this month.

Commissioner Holthouse

David Self will give us an estimate to paint the fence black. The Crepe Myrtles will be planted in the next two weeks. Commissioner Holthouse asked how to handle different calls from residents. Mayor Franklin said that they would put an article in the Gazette regarding different areas they are responsible for.

Pool signup is 6-8 Friday April 26th and 9-1 Sat April 27th.

Commissioner Quinn

We have the new contract signed with David Self. We had the piping de-winterized. He has contacted the pool management company to see when they are going to start getting ready for the pool season. He is going to order the water fountain this

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evening. Renee Leis is getting a list together for the pool cleanup. The estimate for an outdoor weatherproof speaker system is \$450.

Commissioner Quinn made a motion to allocate funds from line 54335 – CCtr – supplies - in the amount NTE \$450 to purchase a speaker system for the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGrath and passed unanimously.

Doug White talked to a contractor that does coping work. He was never able to get a quote. Commissioner Quinn talked to a company about metal coping, and they could not get it done anytime soon. Doug White's company can do a concrete repair to fix the damaged areas in the coping. They will then seal the concrete. It comes in several shades, by Commissioner Quinn is going to recommend a grayish color that will blend in. The repair estimate is \$3,800. The estimate for the sealer is \$1,000.

Commissioner Quinn made a motion to allocate funds from line 55145 – Pool – Capital Project - in the amount NTE \$5,000 to repair and seal the coping at the pool. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGrath and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barger

Greg Burton asked about getting \$150 to have a coffee bar for the pool signup. She is going to further discuss it with him.

Commissioner Barer made a motion to allocate funds from line 54200 – City – Social - in the amount NTE \$450 to pay a DJ for Memorial Day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGrath and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barer made a motion to allocate funds from line 54200 – City – Social - in the amount of \$50 to pay Greg Burton for charcoal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quinn and passed unanimously.

Commissioner McGrath

He is going to contact LG&E to get an estimate for the new light in the parking lot. He is going to price out a tall pole and a decorative pole.

Mayor Franklin is going to follow up on the capital project to repair the tennis court.

Mayor Franklin brought up the previous issue about letting non pool members swim the first day. Commissioners Quinn and McGrath felt that it would not be an issue.

Mayor Franklin

She talked with the company that is going to fix the tennis court. The estimate is \$7,800 which is less than we allocated.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. Motion by Mayor Franklin, 2nd by Commission McGrath.

Kim Franklin, Mayor

Dennis Branson, City Clerk