

A work session of the Farr West City Council was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Council Members present were Mayor Lee Dickemore, Boyd Ferrin Tom Burkland, Tim Shupe, Ava Painter and Paul Dinsdale. Planning Commission members present were John Stewart, Bonnie Beal. Staff Present were Andrea Zweifel and Sean Lambert. Visitors present were: see attached list.

Mayor Lee Dickemore called the work session to order. Ava Painter led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Burkland offered a prayer.

#### #1 - Discussion - Proposed Pedestrian Bridge on the South side of 2700 North

Mayor Dickemore stated he is getting pressure from Weber School District on what the City is going to do with the bridge on 2700 North. Mayor Dickemore stated the meeting he attended was not called by himself, it was called by the School District. Ava Painter stated she is in favor of the bridge and feels the City will not get much better of an offer from the School District than what we have now. She stated the School District made it very clear that the money they offered is not to participate in building the bridge, as that is in violation of their policies. They stated the money would be for reimbursement for piping done previously. John Stewart stated the first meeting with the School District only talked about widening the deck on the bridge, it didn't include any type of pedestrian bridge. The second meeting they took that back and the City walked away with nothing. John stated after the third meeting, the City at least gets something. Tom Burkland stated there was no intent of making this a sole source deal with Petersen's. He stated Petersen's was contacted to give an estimate due to the fact that they produced the previous 2 bridges that have been installed in the City. Tom explained how the original cost has changed to approximately \$59,000 due to the new weight requirement as provided by JUB engineers. Paul Dinsdale confirmed that this is only a budgetary estimate. Tom stated yes. Mayor Dickemore asked for Tom's feeling. Tom stated he thinks a 4' wide bridge would be fine. Paul stated he would like to make sure that people walking can access the bridge at least 2 people at a time since one of the current bridges does not meet that criteria. He stated more people are walking and it would be nice to hook the bridge into the trails system. Boyd Ferrin asked how much more it would cost to make it 6' wide. Tom stated the trusses would have to be upgraded to support the extra width so it could affect the price significantly. Paul Dinsdale stated that maybe Bona Vista should contribute more money to carry their water line. Bill Malone stated he feels for safety reasons, that bridge needs to be there. Tim Shupe stated he is not against the bridge, in his mind the necessity is there. He stated his only concern is that the City Council is several weeks into the project and they are just doing now what they should have done 6-8 weeks ago and that it deciding as a Council what this should look like. He stated after a decision was made, then it should have gone out for engineering and then out for bids. Tim stated the City's hand has already been shown to the School District at a bid of \$37,000 and he can guarantee that these bids are going to come in over \$60,000. He thinks it would have been easier to get more money out of the School District and Bona Vista with correct bids. He stated that now he feels the City, as in the whole city as taxpayers, is going to get stuck paying for that. Paul Dinsdale stated he is in favor of the project, it was voted number one from everyone as the priority on the Capital Projects list. Paul stated his problem is procedural. He stated he feels the Council should be discussing these things before squandering the City's money. Mayor Dickemore asked if Paul wants to go back to the School District. Paul stated he would absolutely love to go back to the

School District. Boyd Ferrin stated he is looking at this from a timeline perspective. He thinks this is a good example of how the Council needs to do things differently in the future, but this is what it is, the City needs the bridge. He stated the Council needs to figure out how they can go forward and make the best of this situation. Ava Painter stated this engineers estimate was driven by the deadline for the CDBG grant application. Paul suggest that the City Council meet before any meeting where negotiations were made. Tim stated he feels we need to get on damage control and turn this thing around. Mayor Dickemore stated if the City goes back to the School District we won't get any more money. Tim stated the Mayor doesn't know that. Tim stated this needs to go on the City Council Agenda for engineering and then for bids. Mike Grange asked what the goal is here and asked if the School District is participating in the bridge. Mayor Dickemore stated not officially.

### #2 - Discussion - Illegal Fences throughout the City

Mayor Dickemore stated he had Sean drive the City and he has come up with approximately 30 homes with illegal fences. Sean stated the majority of fences have been put up since 2000. Mayor Dickemore stated this issue came to a head due to the problems in Heritage Ranch. He stated the road is recorded at 60 feet, but it is actually 24' with fence right along the edge. Mayor Dickemore stated one particular resident in Heritage Ranch stated he would fight the City if they requested he move his fence. Ava asked Sean if there may be others he didn't see. Sean stated yes. John Stewart asked what we gain by taking the fences down. Paul stated nothing. Mayor Dickemore stated the major concern is the liability to the City. Paul stated the City needs to better define the sideyard and backyard which would take care of most of the 30 homes Sean found because they are not running across a City easement. Ava Painter asked if they are intentionally changing the City ordinances to discriminate against certain properties. Paul stated no, because the other properties are encroaching in the City easements and creating a safety problem. Mayor Dickemore asked how the Council wants to handle this. Paul stated he would like to clarify the ordinance. Bill Malone noted the item for the Planning Commission to work on.

### #3 - Adjournment

**AT 7:00 P.M. TIM SHUPE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. AVA PAINTER SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.**

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Andrea Zweifel, Clerk

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Z. Lee Dickemore, Mayor

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