

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday March 9, 2016
Fairbury City Hall Basement**

The Planning Commission held a meeting at 12 Noon. Tracy Taylor, Ron Schlipf, Scott Rathbun, Rick Wilson, Superintendent Leroy McPherson, Mayor Lynn Dameron and PC Secretary Stephanie Houser were present. Leroy Rodriguez was a guest speaker.

Review of minutes for January 13, 2016– Motion by Tracy, second by Ron

Review of minutes for February 20, 2016– Motion by Scott, second by Tracy and Ron.

Leroy Rodriguez President of the Fairbury American Legion Speedway spoke about the bathroom renovations and upcoming events at the fairgrounds. The bathrooms which are over 100 years old have been torn down and are currently being expanded and updated. The South side bathroom has been moved southeast and enlarged from 17'x30' to 34x44'. It will now have block walls, new stalls, LED lights, and the trough has been removed in the men's restroom. It will be ready for opening day at the racetrack. The Northside bathrooms have also been enlarged and showers are being added. There will be 3 showers in each bathroom.

The bleachers on the North side of the track will be expanded 5 more rows and 20 rows high. They will go from seating 900 people to 1400. The pit risers are being extended another 60 feet, which will seat an additional 250 people.

The Fairbury American Legion Race Track was voted the #1 Dirt Track in the country in 2015. There are people from countries such as Canada, Australia, and New Zealand as part of the World of Outlaws that attend the races each year. A group from New Zealand is interested in mapping out the FALS racetrack, so they can build a track exactly like ours.

The FALS website Fairburytickets.com is currently able to take online reservations for camping and seating. Visitors and vendors of the website will eventually be able to buy and sell shirts and merchandise as well.

Popejoy Plumbing recently purchased a 2 seater late model race car and will be auctioning off raffle tickets at the races. The raffle winners will be able to ride with a driver for 5-6 laps between races.

Cobblestone Hotel is still looking to build in Fairbury. Lisa Pennau from Core Distinctions will be coming to Fairbury to do a hotel feasibility study. The study will determine if Fairbury has a need for a Hotel.

Rick Wilson expressed interest in forming a Toastmasters Club. It helps develop speaking skills, leadership skills, how to hold a meeting, as well as sharpens listening skills. There are competitions in the local, state, and national levels. The club requires at least 20 people and members must be 18 or older to join. Rick gave an overview of requirements, fees, and advantages of the club.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Greg, Second by Scott and Tracy.

Stephanie Houser, PC Secretary