

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Kevin Denly called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Taylor Diephuis, Michael Browning, Stephen Gobush, Tim Halbbrook, and Richard Burkett. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Deputy Clerk, Becky Fry, Park Managers, April and Nate Smith; City Engineer, Jim Warner; Fire Chief, Kerby Fry; Library Director, Christine Westercamp, and guest Janet Browning, and Seeley Fry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Browning to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve minutes of regular meeting of November 13, 2023. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 5-0. Browning made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Motion by Halbbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Engineer, Jim Warner was present to discuss the sludge report on the City Lagoon. Report was good, Jim reported the Lagoon has a mound built up in an area that needs to be fixed. Jim stated the DNR recommends Bryan get a composite sampler to take samples. Jim also discussed lift stations with the council.

Council discussed dog complaint. Bryan will monitor dog.

Browning made a motion to approve the building permit for Jaqueline Trindle. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the request for a one-time adjustment, due to leak, presented by Mark Traman. Browning made a motion for adjustment of water and sewer charges to reduce bill to amount of \$279.37. Diephuis seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Library Director, Christine Westercamp was present and gave the library report. The library has a Christmas Open house, December 19-23. Council also discussed Library budget with Christine.

No Arts Council, or EMS report.

Kerby Fry, Fire Chief, reported to council the fire department received the cascade system, it's up and running. Kerby also stated the fire department is looking into lighting for the fire department building.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April stated the Christmas event at the Lake went very well, including the horse and wagon rides. April discussed with the council Christmas lights for next year's event. April stated Dave Buford has the fence up between the city land and his land to help identify private property. The city will order signs to post on the fence. Council discussed electricity in the lodge, council requested April get two estimates.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff was absent. Council discussed degreaser for the lift stations. Browning made a motion to Approve a 55-gallon drum of Nuke degreaser with free shipping. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Council also discussed Christmas decorations and battery for the wheeler.

Community Center was discussed for cleaning position, city clerk has advertising ready and will post on social media.

Council reviewed mileage rate for the city. Browning made a motion to change mileage rate from \$.38 to \$.50. Halbrook seconded the motion and carried 5-0.

Council reviewed and discussed Employee Handbook. Browning made a motion to change personal time off to full time employees only, starting January 1, 2024. Gobush second the motion and carried 5-0.

Council reviewed and discussed American Tower email from city attorney. Council has further questions for city attorney.

Council discussed FEMA leases. Tabled discussion, more information needed.

Council discussed Porta Potty at Indian Lake Park and Wild Rose Park. Council will leave one Porta Potty at Indian Lake Park for the winter and have Shorty Porty pick up the rest. Halbrook made a motion to have three Porta Potty at Indian Lake Park and One at Wildrose Park from April 1 to November 1. Burkett seconded the motion and carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_12/13/23\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: \_\_\_\_12/13/23\_\_\_\_

Prior to the meeting Mayor elect, Janet Browning and Councilmen elect, Timothy Halbrook and Kerby Fry, were sworn into office. Mayor Kevin Denly and Councilman Michael Browning were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their years of service to the City.

### CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL DECEMBER 11, 2023

DNR	\$ 356.00	ABC FIRE	\$ 580.65
IOWA DEPT OF REV	\$ 133.15	AFLAC	\$ 330.44
WINSTREAM	\$ 772.14	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 2,693.57
WELLMARK BCBS	\$ 1,220.24	B & B PROPANE	\$ 400.00
DNR	\$ 213.50	BRYAN HUFF	\$ 59.00
ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 44.32	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$ 496.69
CAPITAL ONE	\$ 470.72	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 170.00
DNR	\$ 321.50	DON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	\$ 517.60
US POSTMASTER	\$ 264.00	EFTPS	\$ 2,521.99
ROVERPASS	\$ 141.00	ENVIROMENTAL SOLITIONS	\$ 48.00
RATHBUN REGIONAL	\$ 3,632.80	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-WATER	\$ 761.79
ADVANCED MERCH SERV	\$ 151.72	IOWA DEPT OF REVENU-SALES	\$ 372.61
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	\$ 7,772.50	IOWA GEMT	\$ 84.46
DNR	\$ 2,503.50	IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 18.90
WEMIGA	\$ 20.00	IPERS	\$ 1,833.44
NOVEMBER PAYROLL	\$ 8,659.63	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 565.59
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$ 26,676.72</b>	LEAF	\$ 67.25
		MICHAEL BROWNING	\$ 139.08
		QUILL	\$ 361.74
		SHORTY PORTY'S	\$ 225.00
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 1,236.44
		STOREY KENWORTHY	\$ 540.88
		VAN BUREN COUNTY AUDITOR	\$ 674.60
		VAN BUREN COUNTY REGISTER	\$ 248.67
		WEMIGA	\$ 4,151.00
		WESTERCAMP LAWN CARE	\$ 325.00
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 772.17
		<b>TOTAL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$ 20,196.56</b>