

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Kevin Denly called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Stephen Gobush, Timothy Halbrook, Michael Browning, Richard Burkett, and Taylor Diephuis. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Manager, Tony Walford; and guests Emily Starnes from Village of Van Buren, Todd and Jenn Hoskin, William Cline, and Andy Bunnell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Browning to approve the Agenda with the addition of a dog complaint received today, seconded by Halbrook and carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Burkett, carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Andy Bunnell was present to ask council for approval for tree removal. Tree is on City property, but is dying and needs removed. Halbrook made the motion to approve request of the tree removal, with two bids. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Emily Starnes from Villages of Van Buren presented to the council and Mayor, how the annual membership worked and was able to answer any questions. Emily is also on Great Places Committee and discussed needs the city may have for our parks. Halbrook made a motion to approve \$355.00 for our Annual Villages of Van Buren Membership. Motion was seconded by Browning, and carried. 5-0.

Marshall Meek was not able to attend the meeting but made a request for a dumpster to be placed at 301 Olive. The dumpster will be placed and will have to be over the sidewalk just while they work. Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the request of the dumpster, motion seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0.

Discussion of curb removal for Taylor Diephuis. Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the curb removal if done by a professional. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0, with Diephuis abstaining from the vote.

Council reviewed Holly Turner's letter of termination for city building rent. Council is very thankful for Holly and what she has done for the community.

Council reviewed Library report, as well as a request from Kathy O'Day to resign from her position on the library board. Browning made a motion to accept the library report and Kathy O'Day's resignation, with regrets. Halbrook seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Jenn Hoskin was present for Arts Council. She reported they did not have the best turn out for Santa, but she understands a lot going on right now. Jenn discussed city building for the arts council. Council will table discussion for next meeting.

William Cline was present to give EMS report. Problems still with the generator not working correctly, looking at options. EMT class will be held in Keosauqua, starting in January. County is in need of more EMT'S. Also, training will be held late January, early February for renewals in March.

Todd Hoskin was present to give the Fire Department Report. Foam board has been purchased and placed in the fire house to help insulate for cold weather. Two plaques have been ordered and will ship soon, hopefully get these before Christmas. Fire Fighter 1 class will be held in Mt Pleasant in February. The Fire Department would like to purchase a desk top computer, Council asked for more information on what the Fire department is wanting for a desk top.

Indian Lake Park Manager Tony stated the dumpsters will now be picked up monthly at the park instead of weekly. He stated he has been working on the platform in Cabin 2, wiring in the pole barn and continues cleaning up trees. They have started closing Tuesday and Wednesdays with the park not being busy. Council reviewed letter of resignation from the Caretakers, Tony and Julie Walford. Motion was made by Halbrook to accept the resignation, with regrets. Motion was seconded by Browning and motion carried 5-0. Tony stated to the council he will have appliances for sale if the city would be interested in purchasing them. Appliances for purchase would be a stove, refrigerator, and microwave for \$600.00. Council discussed, motion was made by Halbrook to offer \$600 for the three appliances, motion was seconded by Browning and motion carried 5-0. Council tabled hiring of new caretakers and grants for Indian Lake Park for a work session.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff reported a pad lock that was placed in a water pit had been broken and damages to city property. Further investigation will be done.

Council discussed cleaning of the Community Center. After much discussion a motion was made by Halbrook to terminate Community Center cleaning position, motion was seconded by Browning. Motion carried 5-0

City Hall new furnace has been ordered. It was brought to the attention of the council and mayor; city hall will be losing storage closet due to new furnace.

City Clerk updated Council and Mayor, new website was up and going.

Council discussed the city website and sign position. A motion was made by Halbrook to terminate City website and sign position for 2023, and incorporate the duties to the City Clerk positions. Motion was seconded by Gobush, and motioned carried 5-0.

Work session has been scheduled for December 15th at 6:00pm.

Council reviewed City Health Insurance, tabled till next meeting. Dillon from Farm Bureau will be present at next meeting to go through City Health Insurance.

Vacant Property was discussed, sewer bill delinquent and property has been sold at a tax sale. City received a check from County treasurer towards special assessment. Motion was made by Halbrook to accept recommended approval abatement; motion was seconded by Browning. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed dog complaint. Letter will be sent to owner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent.

Signed _____ Mayor Date: _____ 12/14/22 _____

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: _____ 12/14/22 _____

(Claims attached on next page)

