

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023 at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Kevin Denly called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Stephen Gobush, Timothy Halbrook, Michael Browning, and Richard Burkett. Taylor Diephuis was absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Park Manager, Tony Walford; and guests Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson; Kris Rankin-Van Buren County SAFE Coalition, Dillon Smith, Todd and Jenn Hoskin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 4-0. Motion by Gobush to approve minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting, Work Session on December 15, 2022, and Special meeting on December 20, 2022. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Burkett, and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Kris Rankin presented to Mayor and Council, Lee County and Van Buren County Partnership for Success Project. The SAFE Coalition was also rewarded the STOP Act Grant by SAMHSA. Kris also talked about two speakers coming to the county, and the upcoming merchant training dates available to all businesses and employees.

Dillon Smith was present to discuss plans for Employee Health Insurance. Motion was made by Halbrook to approve new insurance premium as stated to us for March 1st, motion seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Complaint has been reviewed. No action necessary at this time, owner is moving.

Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson presented the Sheriff's quarterly report. He stated an officer has retired and the spot has been filled.

Council reviewed Library report, as well as a request for Library Board of Trustees Application for Vecca Ernst. RESOLUTION 2023-2 Approval of Library Board Appointments. This Resolution was passed to approve Vecca Ernst appointed to fill unexpired term of Kathy O'Day. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2, motion was seconded by Burkett. Motion carried 4-0. Library has requested their own credit card to be able to purchase items when needed. Council discussed options. Motion was made by Browning to approve a Debit Card for the Farmington Public Library; motion was seconded by Gobush. Motion carried 4-0.

Jenn Hoskin was present for Arts Council. Jenn stated not much going on at this time, but they will be having Trivia night, March 3 at the Legion. Spots are filling up fast. Jenn discussed city building for the arts council. Council and Jenn discussed needing more information on how much utilities are for the building for next meeting.

No EMS report.

Todd Hoskin was present to give the Fire Department Report. Fire Department is having problems with two trucks, they are in the process of getting these fixed. Todd stated they have three fire fighters attending the Fire Fighter 1 class in Mt. Pleasant. They will be using the Community Center this Saturday for ISU Extension training.

Indian Lake Park Manager Tony stated everything at the park is now winterized. Cabin 3 motor on heater needs a new bearing. Light is up on the Pole barn. Mayor Kevin informed the council we received our letter back from Iowa Department of Revenue, and it states campsites are exempt from sales tax. The rental of cabins are subject to Iowa’s hotel motel tax.

Maintenance Report. Council reviewed the quotes left by LL Pelling for road work. After discussion, Browning made a motion to approve L.L. Pelling quotes. Halbrook seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0. Motion was made by Halbrook approving Bryan attending class in Centerville on January 25th. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 4-0.

Council discussed City buildings. Community Center boiler was having issues but should be fixed. Council will discuss rental of city building next meeting when they have more information on utilities.

RESOLUTION 2023-01 Committees and Appointments for 2023. This Resolution sets the committees, appointments and bank signatories for the calendar year 2023. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 Committees and Appointments for 2023 and Browning seconded the motion. Browning-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed maximum tax levy and proposed budget figures. After review and discussion, Halbrook made a motion to set the Maximum Levy Public Hearing for February 13, 2023, with notice of said hearing to be published and posted as required. Browning seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Browning made a motion to authorize and approve publication of the Annual Earnings Summary 2022 presented. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Burkett made a motion to approve renewal of the alcohol license for Bridge Café and Supper Club. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Council reviewed Tree bids for tree on South 4th street. Halbrook made a motion to accept Brian Jenkins bid for tree removal on South 4th Street, pending all proper guidelines of D.O.T. are followed. Motion was seconded by Browning, and carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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

Signed _____ Mayor Date: ____01/11/23____

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: ____01/11/23____

