

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 10, 2023**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday July 10, 2023, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Kevin Denly called the meeting to order at 5:57 P.M. Council members present for roll call were, Timothy Halbrook, Michael Browning, Stephen Gobush, Richard Burkett, and Taylor Diephuis. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Managers; April and Nathan Smith; City Engineer, Jim Warner; Library Director, Christine Westercamp; Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson; Kris Rankin-Van Buren County SAFE Coalition, and guests Janet Browning, Chad Lamborn, Kristie Griffin, and Dolan Hootman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 5-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve minutes of regular meeting of June 12, 2023, work session June 28, 2023 and special meeting of June 30, 2023. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Gobush, and carried 5-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson presented the Sheriff's quarterly report. He stated 3 new cameras have been put up down town.

Kris Rankin presented to Mayor and Council, Lee County and Van Buren County Partnership for Success Project. Kris also talked about upcoming events, and merchant training dates available to all businesses and employees.

Kristie Griffin from Girl Scouts was present to ask the council for use of the Community Center for free for an event. Motion was made by Halbrook to allow the Girl Scout group use of the Community Center for free on an evening in September from 4-6pm. Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Jim Warner updated the council on the USDA grant for the sewer project and asked permission to be able to work with the USDA on our behalf. Motion was made by Browning to approve City Engineer, Jim Warner to work with USDA and approve Mayor or Clerk to sign any necessary documents. Gobush seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dolan Hootman was present at the meeting to discuss his dog bite with the council.

Janet Browning presented to Council and Mayor the different stages of construction on the American Legion. Janet asked the council for approval on a road closure for stage 1 of the construction, to fix the river banks erosion with rock. Council discussed proper signs needed to temporarily close road. Motion was made by Halbrook to approve American Legion building site with temporary road closure of Olive to Elm for construction from July 15<sup>th</sup>-October 2023. Diephuis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 Gobush abstain.

Library Director; Christine Westercamp presented the library report and asked if the council would be interested in participating in the "meet your" she will be doing in September.

RESOLUTION 2023-13 – Resolution approving Library Board Appointments. Motion was made by Browning, seconded by Gobush approving resolution 2023-13 approving Library Board Appointments. Roll call: Halbrook-AYE; Browning-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE. Diephuis-AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

No Art council, EMS or Fire Dept Report.

April and Nathan discussed upcoming fundraisers and events for the park. April stated the sewer issues have been resolved, and new septic wagon has been working great. The root beer float fundraiser was success along with the Jolly Trio free library. April discussed with council she has one quote and will get another for the back electric area needing another pedestal so all campers can reach electric. Nathan discussed with council he sealed roofs on the cabins, some had been leaking when storms came through. Nathan also stated they will be fixing the rock in the new hookups, starting to wash out. April stated they need about 5 more picnic tables. Halbrook made a motion to approve purchase of 6 backyard frames for picnic tables, wood and hardware with use of Menards rebates. Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Browning made a motion to approve the purchase of new air conditioners needed for two cabins. Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Report. Bryan discussed with council his E. Coli sample from last month did not get picked up by lab, he has a call out to the DNR. Bryan has an ash tree concern on 5<sup>th</sup> street, has a few dead limbs. Council discussed speed bumps and stop signs for the city. Halbrook made a motion to purchase 6, 30-inch stop signs, Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Council discussed with Bryan and mayor, Emergency whistle and looking into a possible grant to be able to operate it by using the sheriff office.

City Building report. Council discussed the cleaning of the community center, and rentals. Browning made a motion for Carrie Cline to be on call for cleaning the Community Center. Gobush seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2023–14 – Resolution setting salaries or wages for employees. Motion made by Halbrook, seconded by Burkett to approve Resolution 2023-14 – Resolution setting salaries or wages for employees. Roll Call: Halbrook-AYE; Browning-AYE; Gobush -AYE; Burkett-AYE, Diephuis-AYE. Motion carried. 5-0

RESOLUTION 2023-15- Resolution proposing the sale of an interest in real estate following public hearing. Motion was made by Burkett seconded by Browning to approve Resolution 2023-15 proposing the sale of an interest in real estate following public hearing. Roll Call: Browning-AYE; Gobush -AYE; Burkett-AYE, Diephuis-AYE. Motion carried. 4-0 Halbrook abstain.

RESOLUTION 2023-16– Resolution Approval of Additional Depository. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16 adding First Iowa State Bank as an additional depositor. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed American Tower lease. Tabled this discussion.

Motion was made by Browning to approve agreement with Van Buren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and approve Mayor or Clerk to sign any necessary documents. Halbrook seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed new B & B contract. Browning made motion to accept new B & B contract. Halbrook second the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

Burkett made a motion to approve \$200 donation to Villages of Van Buren for Scenic Drive Festival. Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed Paystar Credit Card System. Browning made a motion to approve Paystar Credit Card System. Gobush seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1, with Halbrook voting against.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_ 07/12/23 \_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: \_\_\_\_ 07/12/23 \_\_\_\_

### CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL JULY 10, 2023

US POSTMASTER	\$ 24.39	AFLAC	\$ 168.24
DNR	\$ 151.50	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 2,947.03
WELLMARK	\$ 1,220.24	B & B PROPANE	\$ 400.00
DNR	\$ 268.50	BS ELECTRIC	\$ 130.00
ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 44.32	CASEYS	\$ 735.04
VISA	\$ 824.87	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 505.00
US POSTMASTER	\$ 504.00	DON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	\$ 69.88
CAPITAL ONE-WAL MART	\$ 1,047.73	DONNELSON LUMBER CO	\$ 35.96
FARMINGTON FIREWORKS	\$ 500.00	EFTPS	\$ 2,492.34
IPERS	\$ 1,800.52	ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$ 192.00
DNR	\$ 150.50	IOWA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	\$ 588.00
CASTON ISAAC	\$ 90.00	IOWA DEPT OF NAT RESOURCE	\$ 63.71
EICHER RAYLEEN	\$ 211.50	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-WATER	\$ 78.87
US POSTMASTER	\$ 120.00	IOWA DEPT OR REVENUE-SALES	\$ 374.54
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$ 4,583.80	IOWA LEGUE OF CITIES	\$ 673.00
MTOT	\$ 128.17	IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	\$ 90.80
JUNE PAYROLL	\$ 8,768.31	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 565.59
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$ 20,438.35</b>	LEAF	\$ 67.25
		MENARDS	\$ 562.79
		MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH	\$ 736.47
		QUILL	\$ 102.15
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECT	\$ 2,010.59
		VAN BUREN COUNTY REGISTER	\$ 198.50
		VAN BUREN COUNTY TREAS	\$ 12,992.00
		WALLY'S PLUMBING & HEATING	\$ 120.00
		WASKO HARDWARE	\$ 36.15
		WEMIGA WASTE INC	\$ 4,151.00
		WILSON PAPER CO	\$ 606.52
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 554.38
		<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$ 32,247.80</b>