

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Janet Browning called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Kerby Fry, Stephen Gobush, Richard Burkett, Tim Halbrook, and Taylor Diephuis. Also present during the meeting were Assistant City Clerk, Becky Fry, City Clerk, Megan Muse; Park Managers, April and Nate Smith; Arts Council Representative, Jenn Hoskin; Van Buren County Sheriff Deputy Brad Hudson; Coalition Representative Kris Rankin and guests, Lori Kaemmerer and Jerod Wolverton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Fry to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Motion by Burkett to approve minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2024, and special meeting of March 25, 2024. Motion was seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Burkett made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Diephuis and carried 5-0. Motion by Diephuis to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0.

Gobush made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Halbrook seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:06 PM. The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year was discussed and reviewed. With there being no public comment or objective, Fry made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Diephuis. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-07 Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. This Resolution approves the FY2025 Budget that was published in the Van Buren County Register on March 28, 2024. Gobush made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 and Fry seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Sherrif Hudson presented quarterly sheriff report.

Kris Rankin presented to Mayor and Council, Van Buren County Safe Coalition Newsletter and family fun night April 25th, 2024.

Council reviewed citizen complaints submitted. Lori Kaemmerer presented a concern about speed and safety on Front Street around her Flower Shop with growing her business this summer. After discussion, Council agreed to look into signage (Yield, extra speed limit signs) and crosswalk with DOT/county. Sonny Hootman filed a complaint with regard to dog bite while out walking. Mayor worked with county health dept and Sonny to resolve. Council agreed that a letter should be sent acknowledging the complaint with a reminder of the requirements of the Ordinance.

Council reviewed Library Report.

EMS Report-Diephuis reported that State Inspection went well. Grant was approved for new mannequins for the dept and CPR dummies have been ordered. They are working on another grant for the dept for fluid warmers for the ambulances.

Arts Council report was presented by Jenn Hoskin. Again, she discussed concerns over trash pickup during the Strawberry festival. She discussed with Council some events and entertainment that are being put into motion for the Strawberry Festival. More information on that at a later date. Sign at community center needs technical services to update and correct.

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council that the department has a full roster. New recruits will be attending training.

Park Managers April and Nate Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April advised of some repairs that were yet needed in a few of the cabins, the progress on the shower house floor, and hillside burn off still needs done. April asked for public bathroom near shelter house to be open for season and will be taken care of by her. She discussed sponsoring a litter cleanup day to beautify around town, park, highways, and river. Council discussed possible grant and/or Adopt a Highway option. April asked for debit card to the Indian Lake Park Activity fund account. After discussion, Fry made a motion to approve debit card with limit of \$500+ to be approved by council. Diephuis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff not present. Halbrook made motion to approve Rathbun to do CCR. Gobush seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Council discussed gas sensor for work within confined spaces needing replaced. Discussion tabled for further information.

City Buildings Report: Council discussed accepting bids for roof repairs to city maintenance building. Motion made by Diephuis to accept resignation of Lisa Patten, Community Center cleaner. Halbrook seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Motion made by Gobush to accept April Smith's offer to clean Community Center at same rate as Patten. Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-08 – Resolution Appointing City Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Signatories and Amending Committee Appointments. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08. Diephuis seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Council had the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 24, An ordinance regulating traffic upon and use of the streets and providing penalties thereof in addition to controlled-access facilities on the primary road Highway #2 and streets within the City of Farmington, Iowa. Gobush made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Ordinance No. 24, to be effective May 1, 2024. Burkett seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0. Copy of the Amendment to Ordinance 24 will also be published and the full text of the ordinance can be accessed at City Hall.

Council discussed The Kut food truck at Shelter house weekly with use of electric, trailer causing parking issues in front of 2nd St businesses, and fundraising efforts for a possible court at Wild Rose Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ Janet Browning, Mayor

Date: 04/10/24

Signed /s/ Megan Muse, City Clerk Date: 04/11/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 8, 2024

