

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 12, 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, Tim Halbrook, and Richard Burkett. Taylor Diephuis entered the meeting at 6:02pm. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Megan Muse; Park Manager, April Smith; Becky Fry, Shawn Perkins, and Jerod Woolverton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Burkett to approve the Agenda, seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Motion by Fry to approve minutes of the regular meeting on July 8, 2024. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Shawn Perkins discussed the Great Pumpkin Event with the Council. They would like to make this a bigger family event in Farmington and have vendors and events. Halbrook made a motion to approve the closing of 2nd St downtown on Saturday 10/5 from 10am-4pm for vendors. Seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. The council discussed houses needing numbers in town for emergency calls. Fry made a motion to create an ordinance requiring house numbers on every house. Seconded by Halbrook. Burkett opposed. Motion carried 4-0. Becky Fry requested the council take action on the Pearl St ditch as it is getting worse. Council discussed hiring help for Bryan to put in erosion stone and clear traps. Council discussed parking, right away, and shed on Front St. Ordinance 37 given to land owner. Jerod presented idea of movie night on the river in front of Riverfront Flowers. He discussed concerns about traffic, on going issues with speed, and need to close road for the event. Council offered to reach out to County Sheriff for extra patrols and provide additional lighting/flashing lights, and signage but no road closure.

Council Reviewed the Library Report.

No Arts Council report.

No EMS Report

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council they received the FEMA Grant for FD, need for a procurement policy for Grants going forward, and asked to sell tool box from old FD truck. Council advised selling tool box, and reaching out to other cities who may have a procurement policy already. Diephuis made a motion to approve a policy for procurement for the City of Farmington, seconded by Burkett, and carried 5-0.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April advised of repairs needed on residence, Stone Lodge electric completed, roof complete, need a new computer, and additional dam repair. Fry made a motion to approve purchase of new computer from Creative Computer Concepts. Seconded by Diephuis, carried 5-0. Council discussed getting additional quotes on dam to include rock and dirt work along dam line around east corner and apply for grants in the fall. April discussed ideas for Christmas in the Villages with the council. Gobush

made a motion to approve ad in the Christmas in the Villages brochure for Farmington. Seconded by Fry and carried 5-0.

Maintenance Report: Council reviewed LL Pelling proposal for road repair, after removing 3 streets Halbrook made a motion to approve, seconded by Gobush, and carried 5-0. Council discussed part time/seasonal help for maintenance department and putting and ad out for applicants. Halbrook made a motion to purchase 2 no parking signs for in front of south lift station. Seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Fry made a motion to acquire quotes for a fence around there south lift station to address safety concerns. Seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

City Buildings Report: Gobush made a motion to approve quote from Mohrfeld Electric to improve food pantry wiring per our insurance audit. Seconded by Halbrook and carried 5-0. Council discussed sign at community center and cost. Tabled for the time being.

Mayor/Clerk Report: Motion made by Diephuis to approve Alcohol License for Casey's, seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to set a public hearing for the CDBG Grant Application Review on Sept 9th at 6pm. Seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Diephuis made a motion to finalize and accept the agreement from American Tower Company regarding their cell tower. Seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Council would like to advise Fehseke & Gray to let Tower Company know we are not interested in selling that tower at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ _____ Mayor Date: 08/14/24

Signed /s/ _____ City Clerk Date: 08/14/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL August 12, 2024

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ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 44.00	Access Systems	\$ 156.85
ADVANCED MERCH (MTOT)	\$ 241.82	AFLAC	\$ 399.60
Capital One	\$ 283.37	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 3,084.18
DNR	\$ 88.50	B & B PROPANE	\$ 645.00
DNR	\$ 43.00	BRYAN HUFF	\$ 59.00
DNR	\$ 41.50	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$ 655.08
Farmington Baseball Assoc	\$ 75.00	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 545.00
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$ 4,685.95	Don's Service and Repair	\$ 71.80
VISA	\$ 726.53	EFTPS	\$ 3,825.25
WELLMARK	\$ 2,483.13	Environmental Solutions	\$ 293.00
Wemiga-Stickers	\$ 205.00	Fehseke & Gray Law Office	\$ 87.50
July Payroll	\$ 13,992.31	Greiner Implement Co	\$ 1,307.40
TOTAL PAID	\$ 22,910.11	Horstman Lawn Care	\$ 1,300.00
		Huffman's Farm & Home	\$ 29.98
		IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES	\$ 440.99
		IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE WATER	\$ 845.13
		Iowa One Call	\$ 17.10
		IPERS	\$ 2,833.61
		JOHN DEERE	\$ 565.69
		LEAF	\$ 67.25
		MENARDS	\$ 83.83
		Microbac Laboratories	\$ 26.25
		Mt Hamill Lumber	\$ 300.00
		Outlaw Tee's Inc	\$ 491.65
		Shorty's Portys	\$ 450.00
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 2,476.21
		Truck Repair	\$ 10.76
		Uline	\$ 116.41
		Van Buren County Register	\$ 828.43
		Van Buren County Treasurer	\$ 13,917.00
		Warner Engineering Assoc	\$ 7,950.00
		Wells Trucking Inc	\$ 2,600.00
		WEMIGA	\$ 8,913.25
		Wilson Paper	\$ 363.46
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 790.02
		TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$ 56,546.68