

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 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 City Clerk, Megan Muse; Park Manager, April Smith; Arts Council Representative, Jenn Hoskin; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Ken Mercer, Janet Huff, Brady Martin, Ken Martin, Morgan Martin, Page Martin, Mindy Cormier, and Kyla Yates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Fry to approve the Agenda, seconded by Diephuis and carried 5-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve minutes of the regular meeting on May 13, 2024, and work session on May 20, 2024. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Burkett made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Halbrook and carried 5-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Fry and carried 5-0.

Mindy and Kyla from VBCH discussed new doctor specializing in geriatrics coming to Farmington, and asked for any feedback about the clinic in town and how they can improve. Brady Martin discussed nuisance complaints. Council will send letters advising of nuisance ordinance. Mayor has spoken with Brad Hudson and council advises contacting Sheriff's department anytime when citizen is escalated/dangerous.

Janet Huff asked council for permission to put culvert in ditch running along S 3rd St to make mowing easier. Fry made the motion to approve culvert at Janet's expense and city will install for her. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Council reviewed building permit. Fry made a motion to approve Muse building permit, seconded by Diephuis and carried 5-0.

Council reviewed Library Report.

Arts Council report was presented by Jenn Hoskin. Jen discussed success of Strawberry Festival with record number of cars at car show and almost ran out of Strawberries and ice cream. Suggestions of what to address for next year: festival maps, trash, underage drinking.

Mayor Browning exited meeting at 6:30pm appointing interim Mayor Gobush to run remainder of meeting.

No EMS Report

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council they raised \$5,200 at the Strawberry Festival fish fry Friday night which exceeded their \$5,000 goal. Ken Mercer discussed purchase and need of brush truck. FD has funds and plans to pickup truck July 1. Fry discussed driver training occurring 6/11.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff discussed need to run camera in sewer/water pipes in 2 trouble spots in town. Council discussed need to fix drainage in front of Horsey's Paint and

Body, continue filling pot holes, flammable cabinet for maintenance shop, and 3 bids for dam leak at Indian Lake.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April advised of repairs that are needed at manager’s residence and RV sites (broken hydrant and dead tree). Council advised getting 3 quotes for roof on manager residence. Council advised calling DNR for assistance with dam leak at lake as well as seeking 3 bids to repair.

City Buildings Report: Council discussed updates on EMC audit. Food pantry still needs rearranged and need to purchase flammable cabinet for maintenance building.

RESOLUTION 2024-11 – Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers. This Resolution authorizes transfers to and from various funds in accordance with State guidelines. Motion made by Burkett, seconded by Fry to approve Resolution 2024-11 – Resolution Authorizing Fund Transfers. Roll Call: Burkett-AYE, Halbrook-AYE, Diephuis-AYE, Fry-AYE. Motion carried. 4-0

Motion was made by Burkett to approve re-enrollment in the B&B smart pay program, seconded by Diephuis. Halbrook opposed. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Halbrook, seconded by Burkett to Donate \$200 to Scenic Drive Festival for Indian Lake Park and the City of Farmington. Motion carried 4-0.

Council decided to table discussion of Utility bill liens to assess cost, course of action, and collect further details.

Council discussed computer security and advised reaching out to Rhonda Ford-Gares of Creative Computer Concepts for direction.

Council set work session to discuss towers for May 17th, 2024, at 6pm.

Council decided to table discuss on pet vaccination till Mayor could present her findings from other towns.

RESOLUTION 2024–12 – Resolution setting salaries or wages for employees. Motion made by Halbrook, seconded by Diephuis to approve 5% raise for full time city employees Muse, McDowell, Huff, and April Smith to include Nate Smith and Fire Chief effective July 1. Roll Call: Burkett-AYE, Halbrook-AYE, Diephuis-AYE, Fry-AYE. Motion carried. 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ _____ Mayor

Date: 06/12/24

Signed /s/ _____ City Clerk

Date: 06/12/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL JUNE 10, 2024

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ACCESS ENERGY	\$	44.08	AFLAC	\$ 163.60
ADVANCED MERCH (MTOT)	\$	188.28	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 2,690.38
Capital One	\$	157.93	Armstrong Tractor	\$ 266.44
DNR	\$	107.50	B & B PROPANE	\$ 400.00
DNR	\$	435.50	BRYAN HUFF	\$ 59.00
DNR	\$	339.00	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$ 719.76
DNR	\$	157.00	Cessford Construction	\$ 678.62
JOHN DEERE	\$	53.81	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 130.00
Paystar	\$	35.00	Dinges Fire Company	\$ 905.70
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$	4,206.15	Donnellson Lumber Company	\$ 43.99
VISA	\$	623.68	EFTPS	\$ 2,509.99
WELLMARK	\$	2,483.13	Environmental Solutions (ION)	\$ 104.00
Wemiga-Bulk Stickers	\$	175.00	Horstman Lawn Care	\$ 1,043.25
May Payroll	\$	8,617.58	Horstman Lawn Care	\$ 1,738.75
TOTAL PAID	\$	8,615.77	Huffman's Farm & Home	\$ 35.96
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES	\$ 493.78
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE WATER	\$ 782.48
			Iowa Prison Industries	\$ 196.46
			IPERS	\$ 1,725.54
			JOHN DEERE	\$ 565.69
			LEAF	\$67.25
			MENARDS	\$ 222.20
			Microbac Laboratories	\$ 26.25
			Miller & Sons	\$ 292.07
			Mohrfeld Electric	\$ 112.35
			QUILL CORP	\$ 96.98
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			Shorty's Party's	\$ 450.00
			SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 1,702.25
			Van Buren County Register	\$ 211.13
			WEMIGA	\$ 525.00
			Wilson Paper	\$ 94.65
			Wilson Paper	\$ 254.95
			Wilson Paper	\$ 157.92
			WINDSTREAM	\$ 787.98
			TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$ 20,341.35