

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, 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 and Tim Halbrook. (Taylor Diephuis entered the meeting at a later time.) Also present during the meeting were Assistant City Clerk, Becky Fry, City Clerk, Megan Muse; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Managers, April and Nate Smith; City Engineer, James Warner; and Arts Council Representative, Jenn Hoskin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Fry to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2024, and special meeting of February 19, 2024. Motion was seconded by Gobush 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 Fry and carried 4-0.

Council reviewed citizen complaints submitted. Paula Hamlin had presented a concern about a tree located near her property. After discussion, Council agreed that the tree was on private property and would have to be addressed with the property owner. Jeannie Parker filed a complaint with regard to dogs in her neighborhood and a confrontation she had with the owners. Council agreed that a letter should be sent acknowledging the complaint with a reminder of the requirements of the Ordinance.

No Library or EMS Report.

Arts Council report was presented by Jenn Hoskin. She reminded everyone that Strawberry Festival was less than three months away. She discussed with Council some concerns over trash pickup during the festival and requested Council close some streets during the Festival. Halbrook made a motion to close Front Street from Elm to Washington and 2nd Street from Elm to State both Saturday and Sunday and, additionally, to close Elm Street from Front to 3rd Street and 2nd Street from Olive to State on Sunday. Fry seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0. Fry also indicated that there was some interest in having water fights between Fire Departments during the Strawberry Festival. More information on that at a later date.

City Engineer Jim Warner advised Mayor and Council that the recent survey requested of the city residents had qualified the City to make application for a CDBG grant. He suggested a workshop be set up with he and the representative of Area 15 to discuss the application. Next application deadline is July 1. Council member Taylor Diephuis entered the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council that the department has several new members. He also indicated the cascade system had been sold and the funds would be used towards new lighting in the Fire Department building. He asked that the Council approve purchase of extrication gloves for the department. Gobush made a motion to approve the purchase of up to 20 pairs of extrication gloves for the Fire Department and Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Fry abstaining.

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, that the 110 outlets would all be checked in the next couple weeks, the progress on the shower house floor. She also reminded everyone of the clean up day scheduled for March 16.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff inquired about the dog carrier. Burkett made a motion to purchase a new carrier and Gobush seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Bryan also advised that he needed more rock. Halbrook made a motion to purchase another load of rock, seconded by Burkett. Motion carried 5-0. Bryan advised on maintenance he had been doing at the Community Center. Council told the Maintenance Superintendent that he needed to continue work on the maintenance building and Bryan mentioned the condition of the dumpsters at the maintenance building. Halbrook made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to fix the 3 dumpsters and Burkett seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Fry made contact with Shotts Mobile Welding who verbally agreed to repair the 3 dumpsters for \$1,000.

City building reports. After discussion, Halbrook made a motion to rescind the \$20 deposit required at the time of Community Center rental and Diephuis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed American Tower. Council and Mayor waiting on more information from City Attorney. Mayor Browning advised the Council of the need for the City to issue a Quit Claim Deed to correct a description error on a deed to the Van Buren County Hospital back in the 1990's. RESOLUTION 2024-04 – Resolution Authorizing Quit Claim Deed Pursuant to Affidavit Explanatory of Title. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Van Buren County Memorial Hospital to correct a prior description error. Fry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 authorizing Mayor to sign Quit Claim Deed. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed and reviewed mowing bids that had been submitted. Diephuis made a motion to accept the bid of Chad Horstman for mowing the various city properties at \$325 per mowing for up to 20 times during the season. Halbrook seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Council also discussed the DOT survey that had been conducted and the possibility of moving the speed limit as discussed in the survey. Fry made a motion to proceed with the Ordinance Amendment to amend the east city limit approximately 300 feet east of the current location. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Burkett made a motion to approve the insurance quote with the adjustments in premium for the EMS and Fire Department vehicles. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Council also approved the spring clean up day for May 4 as proposed by Wemiga Waste. Fry made a motion to approve payment for interested city personnel to attend a workshop in Cedar Rapids on April 6. Diephuis seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ Janet Browning, Mayor

Date: 03/13/24

Signed /s/ Becky L. Fry, Assistant City Clerk

Date: 03/14/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL MARCH 11, 2024

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| US POSTMASTER | \$ | 68.00 | 319 CONSTRUCTION CO | \$ | 378.00 |
| PAYSTAR | \$ | 35.00 | ACCESS SYSTEMS | \$ | 50.18 |
| ACCESS ENERGY | \$ | 44.32 | AFLAC | \$ | 330.44 |
| VISA | \$ | 260.01 | ALLIANT ENERGY | \$ | 2,686.27 |
| WEMIGA | \$ | 20.00 | B & B PROPANE | \$ | 400.00 |
| WELLMARK | \$ | 675.18 | BES WATER SOLUTIONS | \$ | 2,672.50 |
| ADVANCED MERCHANT | \$ | 54.85 | BRYAN HUFF | \$ | 59.00 |
| RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER | \$ | 4,114.60 | CASEY'S GENERAL STORE | \$ | 929.47 |
| DNR | \$ | 43.00 | CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO | \$ | 1,021.99 |
| FEBRUARY PAYROLL | \$ | 10,649.72 | CULLEN PEST CONTROL | \$ | 80.00 |
| TOTAL PAID | \$ | 15,964.68 | DINGES FIRE COMPANY | \$ | 233.91 |
| | | | DON'S SERVICE & REPAIR | \$ | 19.50 |
| | | | DONNELSON LUMBER CO | \$ | 39.72 |
| | | | ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS | \$ | 48.00 |
| | | | EFTPS | \$ | 3,083.11 |
| | | | FEHSEKE & GRAY LAW OFFICE | \$ | 105.00 |
| | | | HUFFMAN'S FARM & HOME | \$ | 113.40 |
| | | | IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES | \$ | 127.02 |
| | | | IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE WATER | \$ | 838.10 |
| | | | IOWA GEMT | \$ | 96.01 |
| | | | IPERS | \$ | 2,230.07 |
| | | | JANET BROWNING | \$ | 39.50 |
| | | | JOHN DEERE | \$ | 565.59 |
| | | | KNOWLES AUTOMOTIVE | \$ | 404.41 |
| | | | LEAF | \$ | 67.25 |
| | | | MEBULBS | \$ | 30.05 |
| | | | MENARDS | \$ | 53.88 |
| | | | MILLER & SONS | \$ | 314.18 |
| | | | PAYSTAR | \$ | 35.00 |
| | | | ROB SAND, AUDITOR OF STATE | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| | | | QUILL CORP | \$ | 558.94 |
| | | | SHORTY'S PORTYS | \$ | 80.00 |
| | | | SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC | \$ | 1,241.03 |
| | | | STATE CENTRAL BANK | \$ | 12.00 |
| | | | VAN BUREN COUNTY REGISTER | \$ | 233.32 |
| | | | VAN BUREN COUNTY TREASURER | \$ | 593.00 |
| | | | WASKO HARDWARE | \$ | 21.18 |
| | | | WEMIGA | \$ | 4,151.00 |
| | | | WILSON PAPER COMPANY | \$ | 230.57 |
| | | | WINDSTREAM | \$ | 772.28 |
| | | | WINPUMP CO | \$ | 112.06 |
| | | | TOTAL TO BE PAID | \$ | 26,556.93 |