

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 13, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 13, 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 via speaker phone. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Megan Muse; Park Manager, April Smith; Arts Council Representative, Jenn Hoskin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Burkett to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Motion by Gobush to approve minutes of the regular meeting on April 8, 2024, Public Hearing on April 8, 2024, and special meeting on April 22, 2024. Motion was seconded by Halbrook 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.

Burkett made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. The budget amendments for the current fiscal year were discussed and reviewed. With there being no public comment or objective, Gobush made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Fry. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-09 Resolution Approving Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This Resolution approves the FY2024 Budget Amendment that was published in the Van Buren County Register on May 2, 2024. Fry made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09 and Burkett seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gobush made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Sale. 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 6:04 PM. Documents were discussed and reviewed. With there being no public comment or objective, Halbrook made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Burkett. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-10 Resolution Passed Pending Negotiations. This Resolution allows further negotiations on proposed sale that was published in the Van Buren County Register on May 2, 2024. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10 and Gobush seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Fry-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed building permits. Fry made a motion to approve Denly building permit, seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve Philp building permit, seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve Cline building

permit, seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve Wittenberg building permit, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Council reviewed citizen complaints submitted. Nuisance dog barking constantly on Front St. Second letter to be sent to citizen regarding ordinance.

Council reviewed Library Report.

No EMS Report

Arts Council report was presented by Jenn Hoskin. Again, she discussed concerns over trash pickup during the Strawberry festival and need for barricades. Sign at community center awaiting technical services to update and correct.

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council working on furnace.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April advised of some repairs that were yet needed at cabins, shower house, and manager’s residence. Gobush made a motion to purchase 2 loads of gravel for RV sites, and paint needed for shower house. Seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve roof repair on manager’s residence. Seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. April getting quotes to apply for grant to upgrade and repair Stone Lodge.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff not present. Council discussed pump repair and pot holes needing repair before Strawberry Festival.

City Buildings Report: Council discussed Maintenance building bids and budget for repairs. Discussion tabled.

Burkett made a motion to approve Alcohol License for Dollar General, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Burkett made a motion to approve training course for city clerk June 19-21, 2024, seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Council reviewed and discuss Tower Company proposal. Discussion tabled to focus on first tower. Council discussed adding a pet vaccination policy to ordinances. Mayor to research with other towns and bring back to the table at a later date. Employee committee to discuss employee raises for next FY after review of current salaries. Council approved Bean Pot setting up vendors on their sidewalk for Strawberry Festival.

Fry made a motion to approve \$500 donation for Farmington 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Council reviewed and discussed bids again for ditching project. Halbrook made a motion to suspend the project due to budget and use local forces, seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Work session with Warner Engineering set for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6pm. Council discussed issues with unsightly properties in town needing clean up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: 05/15/24

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: 05/15/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL MAY 13, 2024