

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 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 Taylor Diephuis, Stephen Gobush, and Tim Halbrook. Rick Burkett was absent. Kerby Fry arrived at 6:02pm. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Megan Muse; Park Manager, April Smith; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Tracy and Billy Knowles, Holly Turner, and Kris Rankin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve minutes of the regular meeting and Public hearing on September 9, 2024. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Gobush made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Fry and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Fry made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Proposed Sale of Real Estate. Halbrook seconded the motion. Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Browning opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM. No citizen comments or questions. Gobush made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-14, seconded by Diephuis. Roll call vote: Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 4-0. Fry made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Diephuis. Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Browning closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

Kris Rankin from SAFE Coalition discussed Partnership for Success Project, merchant training, cannabis ordinances, and Opioid settlement funds. Council reviewed Sheriff's Quarterly report. Halbrook made a motion to approved Rogers building permit, seconded by Gobush, carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday October 26th from 5:30-7:30pm with Elm St blocked off from Front to 2nd St. Seconded by Fry, Gobush opposed. Motion carried 3-1.

Council discussed citizen complaint on animals and advised letters be sent to all involved.

Council reviewed the Library Report.

No Arts Council report.

No EMS Report

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council annual hydrant flushes completed and need for T-shirts.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April advised of successful Scenic Drive weekend. Tree in front electric will be taken down in next few weeks as well as replace 30amp outlets/boxes in back electric. April applying for more grants to continue improvements on dam and Stone Lodge.

Maintenance Report: Gobush made a motion to approve PO for metal detector with cost split between water/sewer. Seconded by Diephuis, and carried 4-0. Council discussed plow truck for

sale and decided to table due to lack of information and time constraints. Council discussed Wild Rose Park dumpster and port-a-potty. Council discussed ditching, adding traps, street signs, and poles.

No City Buildings Report.

Mayor/Clerk Report: Council set November Council meeting for Wednesday November 6th, 2024 at 6pm due to Veteran's Day holiday. Council reviewed sewer project pricing projections and requested Jim Warner and Tim Oswald attend next meeting to discuss further. Fry made a motion to approve purchase of 2024 Plat books for Van Buren County and Clark County with ad for Indian Lake Park. Seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Gobush made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 55 Requiring Building Numbers and forego second reading. Seconded by Halbrook. Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 4-0. Council reviewed Street Finance Report. Council discussed Clear Gov budget software and decided it is not affordable. Diephuis made a motion to send City Clerk and Mayor to Iowa Living Roadways Community Visioning Celebration. Seconded by Gobush, Halbrook opposed, carried 3-1.

Other Business: Council discussed follow up on nuisance properties.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ _____ Mayor Date: 10/16/24

Signed /s/ _____ City Clerk Date: 10/16/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL October 14, 2024

