

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 9, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 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, Kerby Fry, Stephen Gobush, Tim Halbrook, and Richard Burkett. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Megan Muse; Park Manager, April Smith; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Janet Huff, Brandon Dicks, and Jim Warner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Motion by Fry to approve minutes of the regular meeting on August 12, 2024. Motion was seconded by Burkett 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 Fry and carried 5-0.

Fry made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Proposed CDBG Activities. Gobush seconded the motion. Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Browning opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM. Brandon Dicks presented information on the grant timeline and process. No citizen comments or questions. Halbrook made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Fry. Diephuis-AYE; Fry-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Browning closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM.

Council discussed citizen complaint on dilapidated property and advised letter be sent to owner. Janet Huff advised council of parade route for Harmony Homecoming parade on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Halbrook made a motion to approve parade route, seconded by Gobush, and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the sale of City owned land (old alley) on Olive Street to Coty Miller be it that he incurs any administrative costs and maintains the property. Seconded by Burkett, carried 5-0.

No Library Report.

No Arts Council report.

No EMS Report

Fire Chief Kerby Fry reported to the Council they are reviewing burn rules/regulations with the department. They have to replace broken glass on the fire department window again and plan on adding wire/mesh over the window to prevent continued vandalism. Procurement policies reviewed and will continue to finalize.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April advised of broken window on manager house, deck and wall of manager house needing repair. Diephuis made a motion to accept 319 Construction's bid to fix wall. Seconded by Burkett, and carried 4-0, Fry abstained. April discussed success of Blue Grass Festival and completion of Rainbow bridge. Council discussed plans to work on new cabin, draw plans, and examine costs. Highway signs tabled for 30 days to gather more details.

Maintenance Report: Halbrook made a motion to approve PO for tires on work truck. Seconded by Burkett, and carried 5-0. Council reviewed applicants for part time/seasonal maintenance. Halbrook made a motion for Mayor Browning to choose candidate and move forward with hiring. Seconded by Fry, carried 5-0. Fry made a motion to have Horstman's Lawncare finish out the year of mowing as needed under the direction of Mayor Browning. Seconded by Diephuis, carried 5-0.

No City Buildings Report.

Mayor/Clerk Report: Council reviewed house # Ordinance and advised clerk to type up for our city. Council advised to purchase 2 new Christmas decorations per year to replace old. Halbrook made a motion to approve sending Paulette McDowell and April Smith to Grant Writing 101 course in Keosauqua. Seconded by Fry, carried 5-0. Council set Trick-or-Treating for Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

Other Business: Council discussed several car/parking issues in town and advised letters be sent to these residents. Council discussed a couple properties in town posing safety concerns and advised letters be set to these home owners.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ \_Janet Browning\_ Mayor Date: 09/11/24

Signed /s/ \_Megan Muse\_\_\_City Clerk Date: 09/11/24

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL September 9th, 2024

