

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Kevin Denly called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Taylor Diephuis, Michael Browning, Stephen Gobush, and Tim Halbrook. Richard Burkett was absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Manager, April Smith; Fire Chief, Kerby Fry; Library Director, Christine Westercamp; Library Board member, Deb Woodward; and guest Janet Browning.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Motion by Browning to approve minutes of regular meeting of October 9, 2023. Motion was seconded by Halbrook and carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Browning and carried 4-0. Motion by Browning to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Tina Welch was not present but asked to be on the agenda to discuss Community Center rent for the event during Festival of Trees weekend. Motion was made by Halbrook to allow her the 3 days use of the Community Center for payment of one day rental. Motion was seconded by Browning, and carried. 4-0.

Library Director, Christine Westercamp and Library Board member, Deb Woodward were present to discuss with the council the library budget. Library board is asking for an increase on the library wage budget line. City Council stated the city is in the beginning stages of the budget process and will take their request into consideration as they work through the process. Council also discussed Paula Pohren Application for the Library board. Motion was made by Browning to approve the application of Paula Pohren. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 4-0. RESOLUTION 2023-20 Approval of Library Board Appointments. This Resolution was passed to approve Paula Pohren appointed to fill the unexpired term of Vuel Smith. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-20, motion was seconded by Gobush. Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye; Diephuis-Aye. Burkett absent. Motion carried 4-0.

No Arts Council, or EMS report.

Kerby Fry, Fire Chief, gave report to the council. Kerby stated the hydrants testing went well and few of the hydrants need oiled. Kerby discussed with the council, fundraiser and grant money. They are in need of purchasing a cascade system to fill the new tanks they have received with the FEMA grant money. The system the fire department would like to purchase will cost about \$8,800.00. Kerby discussed with council using some of the fire department reserve money in savings to help purchase the system. Halbrook made a motion the accept the Fire Chief's recommendation to use 75% of the cost of the system from the Fire Department savings. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 4-0.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April discussed with the council the past fundraisers out at the park and was getting ready for her Light up the Park

Christmas event happening November 25th. April also discussed with council a fundraiser idea of a local calendar that would have Farmington photos submitted by citizens and we would have important dates from Alisha on it like trash/recycling, utility due dates, etc. Browning made a motion to approve the calendar fundraiser. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 4-0. April states the picnic tables that she purchased worked out great. April and council discussed the flooring in the bathroom, she presented the council with a quote from JAK Designs. Gobush made a motion to approve quotes for the bathroom floors, to be paid for out of the activity fund. Motion was seconded by Browning carried 4-0.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff discussed with council DNR reports for Sewer and Water. Bryan stated he is in need of Christmas light replacement bulbs and will be calling around to get pricing, he also stated he will need help putting up the Christmas lights. Halbrook made a motion to approve Kenny Denly at \$13.00 to help put up Christmas lights and remove them. Motion was seconded by Browning, and carried 4-0. The dump truck tire also has a small leak, Bryan discussed with the council who they would like to repair it. Mayor Kevin Denly will do some calling around on the tire.

RESOLUTION 2023-21 City Street Financial report. City Council approved City Street Financial Report from July1, 2022 to June 30,2023. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Halbrook. Motion seconded by Browning. Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye; Diephuis-Aye. Burkett absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Council discussed Employee evals and wages for the 2024/2025 Budget. Halbrook made a motion to adjust full time employee 3%, and part time employee to \$15.00 for Budget purposes starting July 2024. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Council had the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 16, An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Use and Service of the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System of the City of Farmington, Iowa. Browning made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Ordinance No. 16, to be effective upon publication of the same. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye; Diephuis-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Burkett absent. Copy of Ordinance 16 will also be published and the full text of the ordinance can be accessed at City Hall.

Council had the third and final reading of Amendment to Ordinance No. 17, An Ordinance Pertaining to Public Health, Safety and Welfare; Regulation Storage, Collection, Transportation, Processing and Disposal of Waste; Providing for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste; Providing a Penalty for Violation of the Provisions of this Ordinance and Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith, Browning made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Amendment to Ordinance No. 17, to be effective upon publication of the same. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye; Diephuis-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Burkett absent. Copy of Amendment to Ordinance No. 17 will also be published and the full text of the ordinance can be accessed at City Hall.

Council had the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 19, An Ordinance to Establish Water Rates in the City of Farmington and to Provide for the Collection Thereof. Browning made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Ordinance No. 19, to be effective upon publication of the same. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye; Diephuis-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Burkett absent. Copy of Ordinance No. 19 will also be published and the full text of the ordinance can be accessed at City Hall.

Council had the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 42, Flood Plain Management Ordinance. Browning made a motion to approve, pass and adopt Ordinance No. 42, to be effective upon publication of the same. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll Call: Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye; Diephuis-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Burkett absent. Copy of Ordinance No. 42 will also be published and the full text of the ordinance can be accessed at City Hall.

Council discussed FEMA leases.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve Immense Impact Annual subscription for the City Website. Browning seconded the motion, and carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Halbrook to pay Iowa Rural Water Association Membership. Motion was seconded by Diephuis, and carried 4-0.

Council discussed the Community Center, and the employee currently cleaning the community center will no longer be cleaning it as of January 2024. Halbrook made a motion to advertise position for cleaning the Community Center at \$13.00. Browning seconded the motion, and motion carried 4-0.

Other New/Old Business. City Clerk updated council, Alliant Energy rates will be going up, and nothing has changed on the American Tower Proposal, still waiting to hear back from the City's lawyer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed _____ Mayor Date: ___11/16/23___

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: ___11/16/23___

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL NOVEMBER 13, 2023

DNR	\$	576.00	319 CONSTRUCTION CO	\$	1,689.19
DNR	\$	160.00	ACCESS SYSTEMS	\$	69.89
ACCESS ENERGY	\$	44.20	AFLAC	\$	330.44
VISA	\$	152.71	ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$	1,937.00
DNR	\$	449.50	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	2,578.05
WELLMARK BCBS	\$	1,220.24	B & B PROPANE	\$	400.00
CAPITAL ONE	\$	385.59	BRYAN HUFF	\$	59.00
US POSTMASTER	\$	123.93	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$	401.16
DNR	\$	132.00	CREATIVE COMPUTER CONCEPTS	\$	95.00
IOWA DEPT OF REV-WATER	\$	5,810.86	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$	130.00
RATHBUN REGIONAL	\$	3,698.65	EFTPS	\$	2,517.26
ADVANCED MERCH SERV	\$	180.10	FEHSEKE & GRAY LAW OFFICES	\$	1,372.00
PAYSTAR	\$	35.00	GREINER IMLEMNT CO	\$	68.50
WEMIGA	\$	60.00	GWORKS	\$	2,749.00
US POSTMASTER	\$	198.00	HICKENBOTTOM	\$	165.41
DNR	\$	591.00	HUFFMAN	\$	136.41
OCTOBER PAYROLL	\$	8,818.84	IMMENSE IMPACT LLC	\$	605.00
TOTAL PAID	\$	22,636.62	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-WATER	\$	765.70
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-SALE TAX	\$	346.38
			IOWA DOT	\$	126.53
			IOWA GEMT	\$	84.46
			IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC	\$	305.00
			IPERS	\$	1,852.81
			JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$	565.59
			KEOSAUQUA VET CLINIC	\$	66.40
			KNOWLES AUTO	\$	815.92
			LEAF	\$	67.25
			MICROBAC LAB INC	\$	56.00
			QUILL	\$	152.03
			SHORTY PORTY'S	\$	560.00
			SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$	1,453.91
			VAN BUREN COUNTY REGISTER	\$	125.65
			WARNER ENIGINEERING	\$	3,780.00
			WEMIGA	\$	4,151.00
			WESTERCAMP LAWN CARE	\$	650.00
			WILSON PAPER COMPANY	\$	351.36
			WINPUMP CO	\$	54.29
			TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$	31,633.59