

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2023**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday May 8, 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, Timothy Halbrook, Michael Browning, Stephen Gobush, and Richard Burkett. Taylor Diephuis entered the meeting at 6:25 PM. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Managers; April and Nathan Smith, Fire Chief Jacob Drummond and guests Ken Mercer, Todd and Jenn Hoskin and Mike Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 4-0. Motion by Burkett to approve minutes of regular meeting April 10, 2023. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Browning, and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 4-0.

Mike Thomas was present to discuss with the council City Ordinance 37 on building fence on property lines.

Motion made by Browning to approve Rena Philp building permit. Motion seconded by Halbrook and carried 4-0.

Mayor and Council discussed taking over the electric bill for spot lights on the flags at Greenglade Cemetery. Currently the cemetery board is paying for this. Motion was made by Halbrook to acquire electric charge. Browning seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

Council looked over Library report.

Taylor Diephuis entered the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Jenn Hoskins from Arts council discussed with the council what streets to close for the Strawberry Festival. Motion was made by Halbrook to close on Friday, Front St, Olive to Walnut. 3rd Street, Elm to State. On Saturday, 2nd Street, Elm to State. On Sunday 2nd Street Olive to State, Elm, Front to 3rd. Browning seconded the motion, carried 5-0. Jenn also stated needing more trash bins this year for the festival.

No EMS Report.

Jake Drummond, Todd Hoskin, and Ken Mercer were present to give the Fire Department Report. Jake stated several guys have been attending training this year and will be attending more in the months to come. Ken Mercer discussed with the council the grant application they have submitted to the Van Buren Foundation. Mercer also updated the Council on the recent FEMA grant that has been awarded to the Fire Department. Fire Department has been approved for \$80,570.00 to spend on updating equipment, Fire Department is looking at new air packs.

April and Nathan discussed upcoming fundraisers for the park. April did have a group from Van Buren middle school come out and volunteer for a day at the park. Kayaks and Canoes

are out and ready for rental, dock is in place and the buoy will be out soon for swimming. Sand had been delivered for the beach. April discussed with council; spot needs to be decided for the new cabin. Council discussed bids for wire issues at new campsite and shelter house, council has asked to receive more bids before deciding. Clean up needs to be done at the 81 shed, to organize and get rid of what is not needed. Ken Mercer has been helping deliver wood chips to Indian Lake Park for the playground. Council discussed wanting to buy a new honey wagon for disposal of waste. Council would like to apply for the Hoaglin Foundation Grant to help with this purchase.

Maintenance Report. Bryan discussed patch mix and streets needing repaired by L.L. Pelling with the council. Bryan also stated he would like wood chips out at Wildrose Park.

RESOLUTION 2023-08 – Resolution Approval of Additional Depository. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 adding Libertyville Savings Bank as an additional depositor. Diephuis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Halbrook to increase City Clerk wages by \$2.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Browning. Motion carried 5-0. Wage increase will take effect with first check issued in July.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve signing 36-month Windstream contract for the Fire Department account. Browning seconded motion, carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Burkett to approve renewal of Dollar General cigarette permit, and renewal of Casey’s cigarette permit. Seconded by Gobush. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed Tax deed for 202 S 5th street. Council has requested more information on this property to decide on what is best for property.

Taylor made a motion to pay for the renewal advertisement with the Farmington Baseball Association in the amount of \$75.00. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

New Business. Jake Drummond discussed with council changes will be happening next year with the 4th of July fireworks. He will be looking into a company doing them instead of himself, he will keep the council updated. Council also discussed number of dogs in certain areas of town that are not friendly and are running at large. Safety concern for people that are walking in town. Council has asked we post ordinance on dogs. Council reviewed rate increase letter from Rathbun Regional water.

Old Business. Council discussed nuisance properties.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Signed _____ Mayor Date: ____ 05/11/23 ____

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: ____ 05/11/23 ____

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL MAY 8, 2023

FARMINGTON ART COUNCIL	\$	500.00	ACCESS SYSTEMS	\$	36.62
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	36.05	AFLAC	\$	168.24
DNR	\$	351.50	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	2,498.86
US POSTMASTER	\$	126.00	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	25.57
DNR	\$	318.50	ARMSTRONG TRACTOR	\$	962.00
VISA	\$	394.19	B & B PROPANE	\$	1,155.00
ACCESS ENERGY	\$	44.20	BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	\$	120.35
CAPITOL ONE	\$	275.27	BS ELECTRIC	\$	162.50
DNR	\$	133.50	CASEYS	\$	821.90
WELLMARK	\$	1,220.24	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$	260.00
US POSTMASTER	\$	118.56	EFTPS	\$	2,473.00
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$	2,719.40	HUFFMANS FARM & HOME	\$	239.56
VAN BUREN CO RECORDER	\$	17.00	IOWA DEPT OR REVENUE-WATER	\$	88.21
VAN BUREN CO TREAS	\$	25.00	IOWA DEPT OR REVENUE-SALES	\$	540.62
DNR	\$	455.50	IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	\$	64,475.00
ADVANCED MERCH SERV	\$	158.30	IPERS	\$	1,802.78
APRIL PAYROLL	\$	8,710.91	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$	565.59
TOTAL PAID	\$	15,604.12	KNOWLES AUTOMOTIVE	\$	504.79
			LEAF	\$	67.25
			MENARDS	\$	860.05
			MICROBAC LABORATORIES	\$	28.00
			MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$	737.49
			MT HAMILL ELEVATOR	\$	592.80
			PHILP INSURANCE	\$	1,817.00
			QUILL CORP	\$	257.19
			RANDYS PLUMBING	\$	1,400.00
			RATHBUN WATER	\$	100.00
			SHORTYS PORTYS	\$	420.00
			SOUTHERN IOWA ELECT	\$	1,406.98
			US POSTMASTER	\$	114.00
			VAN BUREN COUNTY REGISTER	\$	119.88
			VAN BUREN COUNTY TREAS	\$	10,759.00
			WALLYS PLUMING & HEATING	\$	486.00
			WASKO HARDWARE	\$	56.58
			WEMIGA WASTE INC	\$	4,621.52
			WESTERCAMP LAWN CARE	\$	650.00
			WILSON PAPER CO	\$	134.40
			WINDSTREAM	\$	341.90
			WINPUMP CO	\$	50.49
			TOTAL PAID	\$	101,921.12