

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 8TH, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8th, 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, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Managers, April Smith; City Engineer, Jim Warner; Fire Chief, Kerby Fry; Kris Rankin-Van Buren County SAFE Coalition, and guest William Cline.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Gobush to approve the Agenda, seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Motion by Diephuis to approve minutes of regular meeting of December 11, 2023. Motion was seconded by Fry and carried 5-0. Burkett 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 Burkett and carried 5-0.

Engineer, Jim Warner was present to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report and Facility Plan. Council did not see any changes needed to the report. Jim also discussed recommendations for the sludge in the Lagoon.

Deputy Sherrif Hudson was not present to go over Quarterly sheriff report.

Kris Rankin presented to Mayor and Council, Van Buren County Safe Coalition Newsletter. Kris also stated they need data for local substance abuse, and community members to join the coalition. County Board of Supervisors have just put into motion, new employees hired need to have online training done. If the employee failed the online training, they will need to do in-person training.

Burkett made a motion to approve renewal of the alcohol license for Bridge Café and Supper Club. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Fry made a motion to approve renewal of the alcohol license for American Legion. Diephuis seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed Library Report.

Art Council Report. Taylor Diephuis reported Arts Council will be having a trivia night again as a fundraiser in February.

William Cline was present to give the EMS report. William stated EMS has a rig out of service but would hopefully be back tomorrow. Iowa United First Aid program is now officially active in Van Buren County, with 3 starting the program, but will be rolling out more soon.

Kerby Fry, Fire Chief reported to council the fire department would like to sell the old cascade system, and donate the old air packs. Hillsboro Fire Department is interested in buying the cascade system, and a Fire Department in MO has interest in the air packs. Motion was made

by Burkett to sell old cascade system to Hillsboro Fire Department for \$600. Diephuis seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0 with Fry abstaining.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April stated we need to look into possibly a new dock, our current one is starting to leak, Cabin 4 hot water heater from 1998 rusted through and needs replaced. RV sites are having 110 outlet issues. Barricade has been placed by Full hook up to Cabins 1,2,3, and 4.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff was present and discussed L.L. Pelling quotes for roads this year. Bryan also discussed his upcoming IAWEA conference on February 6 and 7 for CEU's. City truck is also in need of two front tires, council advised Bryan to get quotes.

City building reports. EMS building is needing heat repaired in an office area. Council discussed and will call to get it looked at. EMC insurance was scheduled to do a walkthrough of city buildings on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, this has been moved to January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm due to incoming weather.

Council discussed American Tower. Council and mayor waiting on more information from City Attorney.

RESOLUTION 2024-01 Committees and Appointments for 2024. This Resolution sets the committees, appointments, bank signatories, and mileage rate for the calendar year 2024. Burkett made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 Committees and Appointments for 2024 and Diephuis seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE; Fry-AYE motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-02 – Resolution approving employee handbook written and prepared December 2023. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 and Diephuis seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE; carried 4-0 with Fry abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2024-03 – Resolution Providing for the Financial Support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. As Farmington is a part of the commission, Gobush made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 and agree to pay \$306.87 to cover financial operating costs of Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Diephuis seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-AYE; Gobush-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Halbrook-AYE; Fry-AYE motion carried 5-0.

Halbrook made a motion to authorize and approve publication of the Annual Earnings Summary 2023 presented. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Fry abstaining.

Council reviewed application for Community Center cleaning position. Burkett made a motion to hire Lisa Patton at \$13.00. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0 with Fry abstaining.

Council reviewed and discussed Employee Health Insurance. Motion was made by Gobush to approve new insurance premium. Motion seconded by Burkett and carried 4-0 with Fry abstaining.

Council discussed stamped windowed envelopes for utility billing mailings. Halbrook made a motion to purchase up to 10 boxes,500 per box stamped windowed envelopes from the Post Office. Fry seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed and discussed IDOT Speed study regarding the 45mph zone near Dollar General. Halbrook made a motion to move forward with extending the speed zone. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mayor and Council discussed the potential of extra meeting dates with the changes made to the budge procedures. Mayor also recommended workshops for preparation of the budget.

Other New/Old Business. Council discussed Semi going through town and dog issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_01/11/24\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: \_\_\_\_01/11/24\_\_\_\_

