

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

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 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, Timothy Halbbrook, Michael Browning, Taylor Diephuis and Stephen Gobush. Richard Burkett was absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; City Engineer, Jim Warner; Fire Chief Jacob Drummond and guests Ken Mercer, Todd and Jenn Hoskin and Shirley Robertson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 4-0. Motion by Gobush to approve minutes of regular meeting January 9th, special meeting January 31st, and special meeting February 3, 2023. Motion was seconded by Halbbrook and carried 4-0. Halbbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Gobush, and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Taylor and carried 4-0.

Halbrook made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy. Browning seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:08 PM. The proposed property tax levy was discussed and reviewed. With there being no public comment or objection, Browning made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Gobush. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbbrook-Aye.

RESOLUTION 2023-05 Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Property Tax Dollars and Setting Public Hearing on FY 2023-2024 Budget. This Resolution sets the total maximum levy for affected property tax levies at \$150.00. It also sets the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget for March 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Farmington City Hall, Farmington, Iowa. Gobush made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 and Browning seconded the motion. Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Burkett-Absent.

Engineer, Jim Warner was present to discuss sewer project. Jim advised with Council and Mayor they have found 44 man holes needing repair so far. Jim discussed grants the city can go through to finish the sewer project.

Council discussed citizen concerns on vehicles being parked on streets that are in the way or not up to date on license. Motion was made by Halbbrook to send nuisance letter out to those approved by maintenance supervisor following city ordinance. Motion was seconded by Browning, carried 4-0.

Library report was reviewed by council. Motion by Taylor to approve report, seconded by Browning, carried 4-0.

Jenn Hoskin and Shirley Robertson were present for Arts Council. Jenn discussed with the council about the city building that would benefit the arts council and the community. Council

discussed with Jenn and Shirley the City Sign. Motion was made by Halbrook for the arts council to take over the sign, pay rent of \$500 a year, and pay utilities for the city building. Motion was seconded by Browning, carried 4-0.

No EMS report.

Jake Drummond, Todd Hoskin, and Ken Mercer was present to give the Fire Department Report. Fire department has a jaws system that was donated to them several years ago, Jake stated this system will come off the truck until the fire department has been certified and trained on the system. Todd stated this month has been the busiest they have been in years with calls. Mercer and Todd talked about the fire department budget and delinquent fire shares for Missouri. Mercer discussed competitive bidding policy with the council that is needed now on some grants.

Indian Lake Park report. Indian Lake Park Managers are moved in, and getting settled. Council discussed prices at Indian Lake Park and decided to leave prices alone for the up coming season.

Maintenance Report. Bryan discussed with council he is looking into a new degreaser to use at the lift stations. Bryan stated he is starting the playground equipment at Wildrose Park, also discussed sewer smoking and new meters. Bid for the maintenance building was discussed, council decided to look at grants for this project. Council discussed the mowing position and would like to advertise this position offering \$13.00 an hour.

City building report. Council discussed deep cleaning needed for the community center, a motion was made by Halbrook to hire Amanda Buford at \$13.00 to deep clean community center once a month. Motion was seconded by Gobush, carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-06 Providing for Financial Support of Area 15 Regional planning commission was discussed, Halbrook made a motion to table the resolution. Browning seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.

Diephuis made a motion to approve renewal of the alcohol license for the American Legion. Halbrook seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0 with Browning abstaining.

Council discussed renewal contract with Windstream. Motion was made by Browning to approve the 36-month contract with four of the accounts. Gobush seconded the motion, and motion carries 4-0.

New Business. Post office is having problems with furnace and needs replaced. Halbrook made a motion to purchase a furnace from Wally's Plumbing and Heating for the Post Office. Motion was seconded by Browning, motions carried 4-0. Waste disposal was discussed for Indian Lake Park.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Signed _____ Mayor Date: 02/16/23

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: 02/16/23

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL FEBRUARY 13, 2023

WELLMARK BCBS	\$	1,133.38	ACCESS SYSTEMS	\$	81.03
US POSTMASTER	\$	120.00	AFLAC	\$	168.24
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$	3,225.90	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	2,956.97
ACCESS ENERGY	\$	36.59	B & B PROPANE	\$	1,155.00
VISA	\$	358.37	BS ELECTRIC LLC	\$	181.97
US POSTMASTER	\$	119.52	CASEY'S	\$	590.12
ADVANCED MERCHANT SERV	\$	49.90	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$	610.00
JANUARY PAYROLL	\$	10,704.40	DONNELLSON LUMBER CO	\$	12.39
TOTAL PAID	\$	15,748.06	EFTPS	\$	2,512.00
			FARMINGTON FIRE DEPT	\$	404.94
			FEHSEKE & GRAY LAW OFFICE	\$	646.06
			HUFFMANS FARM & HOME	\$	74.19
			INTERSTATE BATTERY	\$	465.90
			IOWA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	\$	294.00
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-SALES	\$	152.73
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-WATER	\$	88.05
			IOWA GEMT	\$	640.28
			IOWA ONE CALL	\$	9.00
			IPERS	\$	1,767.23
			JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$	565.59
			LEAF	\$	134.50
			MICROBAC LAB	\$	30.00
			PERSONAL CONCEPTS	\$	265.34
			QUILL CORP	\$	284.53
			RANDY'S PLUMBING	\$	100.00
			SHORTY'S PORTY'S	\$	130.00
			SOUTHEAST IA CITY CLERK ASSN	\$	20.00
			SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$	1,502.84
			STICK THIS GRAPHICS	\$	20.00
			VAN BUREN COUNTY REG	\$	422.70
			VAN BUREN COUNTY TREAS	\$	10,759.00
			WALLS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$	330.00
			WARNER ENGINEERING	\$	22,775.00
			WASKO	\$	45.48
			WEMIGA	\$	4,511.52
			WINDSTREAM	\$	747.40
			WINPUMP	\$	143.23
			TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$	55,597.23