

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

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 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 Halbrook, Michael Browning, Stephen Gobush, and Richard Burkett. Taylor Diephuis was present via phone, Taylor was not able to attend due to being on a family vacation, and military work. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; City Engineer, Jim Warner, and guests Jan Huff and Vecca Ernst.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve minutes of regular meeting February 13, 2023. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Burkett, and carried 5-0. Motion by Burkett to approve the Claims with change of Ferguson to \$2,800.00. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0.

Halbrook made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Browning seconded the motion. Roll call: Burkett-Aye; Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:06 PM. The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year was discussed and reviewed. With there being no public comment or objective, Halbrook made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Browning. Roll call: Burkett-Aye; Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-06 Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. This Resolution approves the FY2024 Budget that was published in the Van Buren County Register on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 and Gobush seconded the motion. Burkett-Aye; Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer, Jim Warner was present to inform council of next step of the sewer project and financial help.

Library report was reviewed by council. Jan Huff and Vecca Ernst were present from the library board to discuss with council employee wages. Jan Huff presented to the council the duties of Library Director Christine Westercamp, and stated she is doing a good job and we have given her a raise; she will now be making \$15.51 an hour.

Art council has asked the City Council to Donate \$100.00 to the Easter Egg hunt. Motion was made by Gobush, motion was seconded by Burkett, carried 5-0.

No EMS report or Fire Department report.

Indian Lake Park report was looked at by the council. Brian Jenkins was not able to make the council meeting. Council discussed opening the park on March 14<sup>th</sup>, decided to leave the date the same, March 20, 2023. Taylor discussed with other council members about a new building

she had recently looked at for Indian Lake Park. Browning made a motion to buy the building as discussed, using Van Buren Foundation grant money. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0. Council discussed ordering the rest of the mattresses needed for the cabins. Halbrook made a motion to purchase mattresses as needed for the park and park managers with the use of activity fund money. Browning seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0. Council reviewed the parks banned campers list. Halbrook made a motion the list stands on banned campers. Motion was seconded by Browning, carried 5-0.

Maintenance Report. Bryan discussed with council the community center is missing a clock and smoke detector. Bryan also let council know he is ready to haul scrap metal from the shop. Bryan discussed with the council DNR is wanting a lead service line inventory, a letter will need to be sent out to Farmington residents asking if they have lead, galvanized, non-lead or unknown pipes. Council discussed mowing and weed eating. Halbrook motioned to accept Westercamp mowing bid at \$325 per time, as needed, not to exceed 20 times with payment coming out of 50 percent parks, 50 percent streets. Browning seconded the motion, carried 5-0. Yard waste pick up was discussed. Halbrook made a motion yard waste will move to the third Friday of the month starting April 21<sup>st</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>. Browning seconded the motion, carried 5-0.

City building report. Council discussed changes to the City Hall furnace system.

Halbrook made a motion to renew the City insurance with Philp Insurance with changes to the deductibles making annual premium to \$51,596. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0.

Council discussed new Holidays off for employees. Motion was made by Halbrook to table this discussion. Browning seconded the motion, carried 5-0.

New Business. Browning updated council the Bluegrass festival is on at Indian Lake Park, and the park is already booked full of campers for the weekend.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_ 03/15/23 \_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: \_\_\_\_ 03/15/23 \_\_\_\_

### CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL MARCH 13, 2023

BRIANS TREE REMOVAL	\$	500.00	ACCESS SYSTEMS	\$	43.82
WELLMARK BCBS	\$	1,220.24	AFLAC	\$	168.24
ROVERPASS	\$	60.00	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	2,901.97
US POSTMASTER	\$	7.88	AMERICAN LEGION	\$	69.95
WALLY'S PLUMBING & HEATING	\$	9,230.00	ARMSTRONG TRACTOR	\$	189.98
VISA	\$	307.70	B & B PROPANE	\$	1,155.00
CAPITOL ONE	\$	121.87	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$	582.08
ACCESS ENERGY	\$	36.80	CREATIVE COMPUTER CONCEPT	\$	100.00
US POSTMASTER	\$	117.60	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$	170.00
ADVANCED MERCHANT SERV	\$	49.90	DON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	\$	1,705.11
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$	2,995.50	EFTPS	\$	1,719.05
FEBRUARY PAYROLL	\$	6,774.29	ENVIROMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$	48.00
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,421.78</b>	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	\$	2,854.32
			HUFFMANS FARM & HOME	\$	20.78
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-WATER	\$	689.90
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-SALES	\$	182.34
			IPERS	\$	1,374.79
			JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$	565.59
			LEAF	\$	67.25
			MEBULBS	\$	307.42
			MENARDS	\$	1,052.40
			MICROBAC LABORATORIES	\$	28.00
			AUDITOR OF THE STATE	\$	1,500.00
			SHORTY'S PORTY'S	\$	130.00
			SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$	1,467.38
			STATE CENTRAL BANK	\$	12.00
			VAN BUREN COUNTY REG	\$	231.36
			VAN BUREN COUNTY TREAS	\$	590.00
			WALLS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$	3,587.00
			WARNER ENGINEERING	\$	8,343.50
			WASKO	\$	29.99
			WEMIGA	\$	4,556.52
			WINDSTREAM	\$	757.20
			<b>TOTAL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,200.94</b>