

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 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, Richard Burkett and Timothy Halbrook. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Becky Fry; Deputy City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Park Manager, Tony Walford; Fire Chief, Jacob Drummond; and guests, Ken Mercer and Jan Huff. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 5-0. Motion by Diephuis to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting, and the February 8, 2022 work session. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Browning made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Halbrook. Carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve the Claims, with the addition of: Riverfront Flowers-\$50.00, Access Systems-\$50.47, GEMT-\$522.08 and RawInk-\$1969.56. Motion was seconded by Halbrook and carried 5-0.

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; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:05 PM. The proposed property tax levy was discussed and reviewed. With there being no public comment or objection, Halbrook made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Browning. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-03 Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Maximum Property Tax Dollars and Setting Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Budget. This Resolution sets the total maximum levy for affected property tax levies at \$151,739, greater than 102% of the maximum property tax dollars requested for the current fiscal year. It also sets the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget for March 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM at Farmington City Hall, Farmington, Iowa. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 and Gobush seconded the motion. Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place for the Public Hearing and meeting on the matter of the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City and the Iowa Finance Authority, and the issuance to the Iowa Finance Authority of not to exceed \$100,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes to evidence the obligations of the City under said Loan and Disbursement Agreement, in order to provide funds to pay costs of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extending, remodeling, improving, repairing and equipping all or part of the Municipal Sewer System, and that notice of the proposed action by the City Council to institute proceedings for the authorization of the Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of the Notes had been published pursuant to the provisions of Sections 384.24A and 384.83 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

The Mayor then asked the Council whether any written objections had been filed by any City resident or property owner to the proposal. The Clerk advised the Mayor and the Council that zero written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections to the

proposal and zero were made. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the time for receiving oral and written objections to be closed. The City Council then considered the proposed action and the extent of objections thereto.

Whereupon, Council Member Halbrook introduced and delivered to the Clerk the Resolution hereinafter set out entitled " Resolution Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for the Authorization of Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of not to Exceed \$100,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes.", and moved that the Resolution be adopted. Council Member Browning seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was, Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the measure duly adopted as RESOLUTION 2022-04 - Resolution Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for the Authorization of Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of not to Exceed \$100,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes.

Council Member Halbrook introduced the following Resolution entitled "Resolution Amending Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Form of Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and Between the City of Farmington and the Iowa Finance Authority, and Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Securing the Payment of \$100,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes Anticipation Project Note, Series 2022, of the City of Farmington, Iowa, Under the Provisions of the Code of Iowa, and Providing for a Method of Payment of Said Note", and moved its adoption. Council Member Browning seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Whereupon the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION 2022-04A – Resolution Amending Resolution Approving and Authorizing a Form of Interim Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and Between the City of Farmington and the Iowa Finance Authority, and Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Securing the Payment of \$100,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes Anticipation Project Note, Series 2022, of the City of Farmington, Iowa, Under the Provisions of the Code of Iowa, and Providing for a Method of Payment of Said Note.

Council reviewed Library Report provided. Library Board Member, Janet Huff, presented information to the Council on the proposed Lighting Energy Analysis and Cost Savings Proposal for the Library. For full replacement of the lighting, the total cost would be \$2,477.40, with a \$520.00 rebate. Additionally, the Food Pantry will donate \$300 towards the replacement, leaving a balance of \$1607.40. The Library Board is requesting the City to pay half of the balance, with their Board paying the remaining half. After discussion, Halbrook made a motion that the City pay \$803.70 toward lighting replacement at the Library, with the request that the City be allowed to keep all old bulbs and ballasts. Burkett seconded the motion and, on vote, motion carried 5-0.

No Arts Council or EMS Reports available.

Ken Mercer presented Council with the annual report for the fire association. He also advised that the Fire Department was in need of a new battery charger. They had located what they needed at a cost of \$329.99. Halbrook made a motion to approve purchase of a battery charger for the Fire Department from Farm & Home at a cost of \$329.99. Browning seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Fire Chief Jacob Drummond informed Mayor

and Council of recent fire calls and advised that three members of the department were planning on attending a special training in mid-March.

Indian Lake Manager Tony Walford reported on winter work being completed and indicated that he had been working on cutting firewood to get the shed filled before spring. Discussion was held on the campground expansion and the various options available. It was determined that at least three bids should be obtained for work to be completed. Browning made a motion to table any decisions until next meeting, seconded by Halbrook. Motion carried 5-0.

Halbrook made a motion to approve the bid for street work previously submitted by LL Pelling and authorize Mayor Denly to sign the same. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Mayor and Council also discussed concerns with outside dumping at the lagoon. After discussion, Browning made a motion to no longer allow outside dumping at the lagoon and direct that the gate should be padlocked. Gobush seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0. Mayor Denly also advised Council that the City had received the renewal option letter from the US Postal Service for rent of the post office and informed them of various spec's that were being required.

RESOLUTION 2022-05 – Resolution Providing for the Financial Support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission. As Farmington is a part of the commission, Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-05 and agree to pay \$295.29 to cover financial operating costs of Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Browning seconded the motion. Roll Call: Diephuis-Aye; Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was presented with two options from Iowa DOT to receive payment for the use of secondary roads during the recent closure of Iowa Highway 2 east of Farmington. After review of the options, Browning made a motion, seconded by Gobush, to authorize Mayor Denly to sign the necessary forms to comply with the Gas Tax Method to receive payment of \$1,083.86. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Council reviewed the Lighting Energy Analysis and Cost Savings Proposal for replacement of the lighting at City Hall. After discussion, Halbrook made a motion to also approve the lighting replacement at City Hall, with the City retaining the bulbs and ballasts at the cost of \$478.40. Diephuis seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Denly advised Council of the grant that had been received from the Hoaglin Foundation in the amount of \$17,500.00 towards cabin replacement. Also discussed was the need to address clean up from the recent fire downtown and other properties that may need addressed in the near future.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Signed _____ Mayor Date: 2/15/22

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: 2/15/22

(Claims attached on next page)

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL FEBRUARY 14, 2022

RATHBUN REG WATER	\$ 3,098.45	AFLAC	\$ 192.60
(left off last month in error)		ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 3,150.62
DNR	\$ 342.00	AREA 15 REGIONAL PLAN	\$ 295.29
US POSTMASTER	\$ 110.00	B & B PROPANE	\$ 575.00
WELLMARK	\$ 3,863.79	BRIAN'S TREE SERVICE	\$ 200.00
DNR	\$ 1,049.00	CASEY'S	\$ 725.44
DNR	\$ 91.00	CREATIVE COMPUTER	\$ 90.00
ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 36.59	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 130.00
VISA	\$ 183.22	DOLLAR GENERAL	\$ 82.10
FARM BUREAU	\$ 50.02	DON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	\$ 1,496.01
US POSTMASTER	\$ 99.60	EFTPS	\$ 2,913.89
MTOT	\$ 85.02	FARM & HOME SUPPLY	\$ 63.62
RATHBUN REG WATER	\$ 2,483.50	FERGUSON WATERWORKS	\$ 3,500.00
DNR	\$ 165.00	FORT MADISON CITY CLK	\$ 35.00
DNR	\$ 145.00	INTERSTATE BATTERY	\$ 165.60
JANUARY PAYROLL	\$ 10,788.06	IOWA ASSN MUN UTIL	\$ 932.42
TOTAL PAID	\$ 22,590.25	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	\$ 262.80
		IOWA GEMT PYMT PROG	\$ 522.08
		IOWA ONE CALL	\$ 13.50
		IPERS	\$ 1,995.64
		JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 12.00
		JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 565.59
		KEOSAUQUA LUMBER CO	\$ 23.18
		KEYSTONE LABS	\$ 21.00
		KNOWLES AUTOMOTIVE	\$ 226.95
		LEAF	\$ 67.25
		LJ ROTH	\$ 17,313.92
		MENARDS	\$ 221.99
		QUILL CORP	\$ 140.12
		SEELEY FRY	\$ 75.00
		SHORTY'S PORTY'S	\$ 130.00
		SJ SMITH	\$ 434.77
		SE IA CITY CLERK ASSN	\$ 20.00
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECT	\$ 2,236.96
		US POSTMASTER	\$ 116.00
		VAN BUREN CO REGISTER	\$ 345.21
		WALLY'S PLBG & HTG	\$ 952.00
		WASKO HARDWARE	\$ 18.56
		WEMIGA WASTE	\$ 4,210.50
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 715.48
		TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$ 45,188.09