

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2022**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at City Hall. Mayor Kevin Denly called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Michael Browning, Stephen Gobush and Richard Burkett. Timothy Halbrook arrived shortly after start of the meeting and Taylor Diephuis was absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Becky Fry; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Manager, Tony Walford; and guests, Jenn Hoskin, Pat Coulter and Melissa Ensminger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Browning to approve the Agenda with the addition of an added Application for Building Permit, Violation extension requests and approval of an outdoor license for American Legion. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 3-0. Motion by Burkett to approve minutes of the April 11, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Gobush and carried 3-0. Gobush made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Browning. Carried 3-0. Motion by Browning to approve the Claims, seconded by Gobush and carried 3-0. Halbrook entered the meeting approximately 6:10 PM.

Pat Coulter asked the Council what Ordinances were in place with regard to a property in his neighborhood that he feels needs cleaned up. Council advised that they would take a look at the property and decide if a Notice of Violation should be issued. Melissa Ensminger was present with regard to her Application for Building Permit and to ask questions regarding the number of animals they were allowed on their property. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Ensminger building permit for a fence, seconded by Browning. Motion carried 4-0. Gobush made a motion to approve the Tara Gatton building permit for a fence, seconded by Burkett. Motion carried 4-0. Browning made a motion to approve Andrew Kisling's building permits for a mailbox and a shed. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve Heidi Schutt's building permit for a privacy fence/yard art. Browning seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Council members reviewed written and verbal requests for extensions on Notices of Violation. Burkett made a motion to extend the deadline for a couple weeks on those who had requested and to review the status at the meeting on May 23. Browning seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the monthly Library report. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Jenn Hoskin, representing the Arts Council, asked that the Council approve temporary street closures during the Strawberry Festival and Car Show. Halbrook made a motion to approve the temporary closure of Front Street from Olive to Walnut, Third Street from Elm to State, Elm Street from Front to Third and Second Street from Olive to State, as needed during the Strawberry Festival. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Indian Lake Park Manager Tony Walford updated the park on the progress of the expansion project. After Park Committee members had watched the demonstration of the Point of Sale program offered by RoverPass, Browning made a motion to purchase their POS system, with motion seconded by Burkett. Motion carried 4-0. Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff also updated Council on projects he had been working on, including starting to work on the

streets. Further street work was also discussed and Warner Engineering's letter of progress on the sewer project was reviewed.

RESOLUTION 2022-07 Committee Amendment for 2022. This Resolution amends the Emergency Service Committee to Taylor Diephuis and Tim Halbrook and amends the Employee Committee to Michael Browning and Stephen Gobush. Browning made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 and Burkett seconded the motion. Browning-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Diephuis absent.

William Cline entered the meeting to give an update on EMS and local hospital. EMS is working on set up new training and discussing various options to get more involvement, such as a stipend per run. They are still waiting on arrival of a new bumper for the ambulance. The hospital has implemented some new programs that he outlined for the Mayor and Council.

After review of the proposed Budget Amendment, Browning made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Amendment of the Current Budget for May 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Halbrook seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Denly informed Council that seedlings from the State Forest Nursery should be arriving the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, so volunteers will be needed to assist in planting. The Catholic Church has indicated that they have a group that would be interested in assisting. The interest in a tire disposal day was also discussed. Halbrook will talk to the disposal company for more details and the issue was tabled for a decision until May 23 special meeting. Browning made a motion to authorize Mayor Denly to sign the DOT application to allow Windstream to place fiber optic cable along Highway 2. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

The proposed B & B budget contract was reviewed and a decision was tabled until the May 23 meeting. Halbrook will contact them in an attempt to get a better rate. Halbrook made a motion to pay for the renewal advertisement with the Farmington Baseball Association in the amount of \$75.00. Browning seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Burkett made a motion to approve the cigarette permit renewal for Caseys, seconded by Gobush. Motion carried 4-0. Burkett made a motion to approve an outdoor alcohol permit for the American Legion and motion was seconded by Gobush. Motion carried 3-0 with Browning abstaining from the vote. Due to the park manager's welder being broken while used for park repair, Gobush made a motion to reimburse Tony Walford \$150 for the welder with the stipulation that personal tools no longer be used for park repair. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5/12/22 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 5/12/22 \_\_\_\_\_

(Claims attached on next page)

## CLAIMS FOR MAY 9, 2022

DNR LICENSE	\$	325.50	ACCESS SYSTEMS	\$	19.41
FARMINGTON ARTS COUNCIL	\$	500.00	AFLAC	\$	252.36
DNR LICENSE	\$	440.50	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$	2,548.11
US POST MASTER	\$	421.88	ARMSTRONG TRACTOR	\$	166.62
WELLMARK	\$	4,533.63	ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$	33.12
DNR LICENSE	\$	230.50	BRIANS TREE SERVICE	\$	1,000.00
ACCESS ENERGY	\$	36.49	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$	1,229.46
CAPITAL ONE	\$	168.94	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$	130.00
FARM BUREAU LIFE	\$	50.02	DAVES LOCK & KEY	\$	126.00
US POST MASTER	\$	99.60	DONNELSON LUMBER	\$	179.10
VISA	\$	108.99	EFTPS	\$	3,013.17
MTOT	\$	197.21	FARM & HOME SUPPLY	\$	934.66
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$	2,471.25	FEHSEKE & GRAY LAW	\$	192.50
DNR LICENSE	\$	193.50	HICKENBOTTOM INC	\$	757.95
APRIL PAYROLL	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,834.28</u>	HOLT SUPPLY	\$	76.45
TOTAL PAID	\$	19,612.29	HUFFMANS FARM & HOME	\$	132.37
			IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE	\$	478.61
			IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	\$	65,566.95
			IPERS	\$	2,196.11
			JM ELECTRIC	\$	240.00
			JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$	565.59
			KEYSTONE LAB	\$	21.00
			LEAF	\$	67.25
			MENARDS	\$	304.40
			QUILL CORP	\$	471.47
			RANDY PLUMBING INC	\$	2,800.00
			RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$	100.00
			SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY	\$	1,007.50
			SEELEY FRY	\$	75.00
			SOUTHEAST IOWA OCC HEALTH	\$	92.75
			SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$	1,245.27
			US POSTMASTER	\$	218.00
			UNITY POINT HEALTH	\$	42.00
			VAN BUREN CO REGISTER	\$	134.92
			VAN BUREN CO TREAS	\$	9,428.00
			WALLY PLUMBING & HEATING	\$	118.00
			WASKO HARDARE	\$	235.15
			WEMIGA WASTE	\$	4,421.02
			WILSON PAPER COMPANY	\$	202.95
			WINDSTREAM	<u>\$</u>	<u>729.52</u>
			TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$	101,552.74