

CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2025

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Janet Browning called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Stephen Gobush, Rick Burkett, Tim Halbrook, and Taylor Diephuis. Kerby Fry was absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Megan Muse; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Manager, April Smith; City Engineer, Jim Warner; Brandon Dicks, Ashley Huff, Dale Muntz, Kris Rankin, and Sheriff, Brad Hudson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Diephuis to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Motion by Burkett to approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 10, 2025; Public Hearing on March 24, 2025; and Special Meeting March 24, 2025. Motion was seconded by Halbrook and carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 4-0.

Diephuis made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the CDBG Application. Burkett seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. Brandon discussed the CDBG Application. With there being no public comment or objective, Halbrook made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Gobush. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Diephuis made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Gobush seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:15 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 Burkett. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2025-04 Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. This Resolution approves the FY2026 Budget that was published in the Van Buren County Register on April 10, 2025. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 and Gobush seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff Hudson presented the quarterly report. Kris Rankin presented to Mayor and Council, Van Buren County Safe Coalition Newsletter and family fun night April 24th, 2025. Dale Muntz discussed the Pioneer Society Museum's need for volunteers and fundraising. Council reviewed building permits. Halbrook made a motion to approve Thele building permit, seconded by Burkett and carried 4-0. Burkett made a motion to approve Huff building permit, seconded by Diephuis and carried 4-0. Burkett made a motion to approve First Baptist Church building permit, seconded by Gobush and carried 4-0.

Council reviewed citizen complaint submitted. Council agreed that a letter should be sent acknowledging the complaint with a reminder of the requirements of the Ordinance.

No Library Report.

Arts Council Report: Successful BBQ Chicken fundraiser

No EMS Report

No Fire Department Report

Indian Lake Park Report: April presented blue prints for new cabin, discussed work happening at Stone Lodge with grant money, and upcoming events at the park. Thank you to Dave McKinney and construction class for an outstanding job on beach benches for the park. Council reviewed bids for deck on manager's house. Burkett made a motion to approve 319 Construction bid for repurposed deck, seconded by Gobush. Motion carried 4-0. Council discussed putting out notice for bids on trail at dam area.

Maintenance Report: Bryan presented list of roads for repair this year. Discussed dump truck issues, city dump, and dead trees. Halbrook made a motion to approve 319 Construction bid for maintenance shop ceiling. Seconded by Gobush, motion carried 4-0.

Mayor/Clerk Report: Gobush made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Budget Amendment FY 2024-2025 for May 12, 2025; at 6pm. Seconded by Halbrook. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Gobush-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Gobush made a motion to approve Casey's and Dollar General Tobacco license. Seconded by Burkett, motion carried 4-0. Diephuis made a motion to approve Helmart Alcohol license. Seconded by Burkett, motion carried 4-0. Council discussed B&B annual contract, tabled for Halbrook to look into negotiating cost.

Other business:

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Hygienic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ _____ Janet Browning _____ Mayor Date: 4/16/25

Signed /s/ _____ Megan Muse _____ City Clerk Date: 4/16/25

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL April 14, 2025

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ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 43.82	ABC Fire	\$ 62.70
ADVANCED MERCH (MTOT)	\$ 153.13	AFLAC	\$ 434.52
Capital One	\$ 159.17	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 2,527.20
DNR	\$ 21.50	B & B PROPANE	\$ 645.00
DNR	\$ 35.00	BRYAN HUFF	\$ 59.00
DNR	\$ 218.00	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$ 726.04
Mario Alvarez	\$ 2,400.00	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 170.00
Outlaw Tshirts	\$ 326.10	Donnellson Lumber	\$ 70.51
Paystar	\$ 35.00	EFTPS	\$ 2,651.51
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$ 3,315.60	Farm & Home Supply	\$ 35.94
VISA	\$ 183.01	Huffmans	\$ 709.98
WELLMARK	\$ 2,684.90	IA Assoc of Municipal Utility	\$ 324.00
March	\$ 9,741.01	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES	\$ 198.36
TOTAL PAID	\$ 19,316.24	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE WATER	\$ 765.65
		Iowa GEMT	\$ 281.64
		Iowa State Withholding	\$ 906.87
		IPERS	\$ 1,954.28
		JOHN DEERE	\$ 565.69
		Knowles Automotive	\$ 294.33
		LEAF	\$ 67.25
		Municipal Supply Inc	\$ 765.30
		Philp Insurance	\$ 59,132.18
		Shorty's Portys	\$ 210.00
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 1,261.05
		Van Buren County Register	\$ 276.40
		Wasko Hardware	\$ 78.28
		WEMIGA	\$ 4,334.75
		Wilson Paper Co	\$ 411.24
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 825.11
		TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$ 80,682.08