

**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Janet Browning called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Taylor Diephuis, Kerby Fry, Tim Halbrook, and Richard Burkett. Stephen Gobush was absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Managers, April Smith; Fire Chief, Kerby Fry; and guests Chief Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson, Connie Baker, and Ken Mercer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Burkett and carried 4-0. Motion by Fry to approve minutes of Special meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular meeting January 8, 2024, Special Meeting January 25, 2024, and Work Session January 29, 2024. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 4-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Diephuis and carried 4-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Fry and carried 4-0.

Deputy Sherrif Hudson presented quarterly sheriff report. Hudson informed council and mayor, Van Buren has two new dispatchers.

Connie Baker discussed usage of the Community Center for Euchre.

No Library or EMS Report.

Arts Council Report. Taylor Diephuis reported Arts Council trivia night went well.

Kerby Fry, Fire Chief reported to council the Fire Department fundraiser at the Arts Council trivia night went well, with raising over \$1,000. Ken Mercer went over Fire Association Annual Report with Council and Mayor.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park. April discussed with council having the fire department out to burn off the hillside. April would also like to schedule a community help day, to help with leaves, and sticks in the park. April discussed fundraisers for the year. April discussed needing rock on some areas of the trails. Halbrook made a motion to purchase 2 loads of rock for the trails. Motion was seconded by Fry, and motion carried 4-0.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff discussed with the council of needing a new dog carrier for stray dogs. Bran also discussed water and sewer usage has been up and is keeping an eye out for leaks. Council discussed with Bryan tools needed for his job and if rock is needed to be purchased. Halbrook made a motion to purchase rock. Motion was seconded by Fry, and motion carried 4-0. Council discussed contracting out for the mowing season again. Council and mayor requesting bids.

City building reports. Council discussed Community Center rent. Motion was made by Halbrook to increase Top Hatter Dance rent to \$40 a night. Motion seconded by Fry, and

motion carried 4-0. Motion was made by Halbrook, add to the Community Center rental contract. Deposit will be forfeited to the City if not picked up within 15 days of being contacted. Motion was seconded by Burkett 4-0. EMC insurance audit was discussed for City Hall and maintenance building. Council discussed Library door; council will have Bryan look at door.

Council discussed American Tower. Council and mayor waiting on more information from City Attorney.

Halbrook made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Levy for March 25, 2024 at 6:00pm, with notice of said hearing to be published and posted as required. Burkett seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Council discussed lease on the city owned ground, South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, west of Wildrose Park in exchange for mowing and groundskeeping of the property. Halbrook made a motion to authorize and approve Mayor Browning to enter into a two-year lease on the former FEMA ground. Matt Drummond Parcel 000721602236130, and Stephen Gobush Parcel 000721602236140. Diephuis seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

Council reviewed a request from DOXO to update the remittance type from a check to an ACH for customers. Kerby made a motion to authorize and approve Mayor Browning to sign DOXO agreement for ACH. Diephuis seconded the motion, and motion carried 4-0.

Council members reviewed applications submitted for City Clerk. Halbrook made a motion to set up interviews with all five of the applicants. Diephuis seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0. City Clerk will attempt to schedule the interviews for February 19, 2024.

Council and Mayor discuss Deputy City Clerk position.

City wide Yard Sales will be May 10, and May 11, 2024.

Council reviewed information from Pathfinders Resource Conservation and Development Inc., considering placing a new interpretive panel in Farmington. Halbrook made a motion to approve pathfinders to move forward with the panel. Motion was seconded by Diephuis, and carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Date: \_\_\_\_ 02/14/24 \_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk Date: \_\_\_\_ 02/14/24 \_\_\_\_



