

CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2025

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at Farmington City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Gobush called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members present for roll call were Rick Burkett, Tim Halbrook, and Taylor Diephuis. Kerby Fry and Mayor Browning were absent. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Megan Muse; Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Manager, April Smith; Dale Muntz, Lisa Murguia, Taylor Smith, Tracy Hudson, and Malvika Rawal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Halbrook to approve the Agenda, seconded by Diephuis and carried 3-0. Motion by Halbrook to approve minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing on April 14, 2025. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 3-0. Halbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Burkett and carried 3-0. Motion by Burkett to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Diephuis and carried 3-0.

Diephuis made a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment FY25. Burkett seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. Council discussed and reviewed amendments. With there being no public comment or objective, Halbrook made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Diephuis. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2025-05 Resolution Approving Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. This Resolution approves the FY2025 Budget Amendment that was published in the Van Buren County Register on May 1, 2025. Halbrook made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 and Burkett seconded the motion. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Burkett-Aye; Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 3-0

Friends of Farmington and Indian Lake Park introduced themselves to the council and discussed some of the ideas and objectives of the group. Taylor Smith volunteered her time to help boost the City's social media presence. Halbrook made a motion to approve Taylor to be added as an admin to the City's Facebook page. Seconded by Diephuis, carried 3-0. Dale Muntz discussed the Pioneer Society Museum's need for volunteers and fundraising. Council reviewed building permits. Halbrook made a motion to approve Mercer building permit, seconded by Burkett and carried 3-0. Alvarez building permit was tabled for better identification of lot lines and road right of way.

Library Report Reviewed

Arts Council Report: Arts council will be meeting with Wemiga Waste to clarify trash pick-up for the festival. New electric box up, awaiting Alliant to inspect to turn back on.

No EMS Report

Fire Department Report Reviewed.

Indian Lake Park Report: April presented continued projects and improvements to the park. A successful Mother's Day weekend. New kayaks are in. Butterfly garden in progress. After

reviewing bids for trail/dam work Halbrook made a motion to accept Miller Excavating bid. Seconded by Diephuis, carried 2-1.

Maintenance Report: Bryan discussed truck repair, air compressor issue, roads, ditching, posts at pump house, and fire hydrant going in. Council reviewed trees and will add to list. Council discussed Dump Truck for sale and will schedule appointment to see in person before entering a bid.

Mayor/Clerk Report: Burkett made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget FY26 for June 9, 2025; at 6pm. Seconded by Diephuis. Roll call: Diephuis-Aye; Burkett-Aye: Halbrook-Aye. Motion carried 3-0. Burkett made a motion to approve Dollar General Alcohol license. Seconded by Diephuis, motion carried 3-0. Diephuis made a motion to approve Farmington Ball Association sponsorship. Seconded by Burkett, motion carried 3-0. Council reviewed and discussed abandoned nuisance properties going to tax sale and decided not to take action at this time.

Other business:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Hygienic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed /s/ _____ Stephen Gobush _____ Mayor Pro Tem Date: 5/14/25

Signed /s/ _____ Megan Muse _____ City Clerk Date: 5/14/25

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL May 12, 2025

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319 Construction	\$ 41,625.00	Advanced Radiator Inc	\$ 770.92
ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 44.42	AFLAC	\$ 492.12
ADVANCED MERCH (MTOT)	\$ 211.70	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 2,532.56
American Legion	\$ 60.00	Area 15 RPC	\$ 3,500.00
Capital One	\$ 112.26	B & B PROPANE	\$ 645.00
DNR	\$ 374.00	Brian's Tree Service	\$ 1,200.00
DNR	\$ 161.50	BRYAN HUFF	\$ 139.00
DNR	\$ 265.00	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$ 718.42
DNR	\$ 160.00	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 130.00
Paystar	\$ 35.00	Dinges Fire	\$ 74,776.78
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER	\$ 3,472.60	EFTPS	\$ 2,664.88
VISA	\$ 762.04	Environmental Solutions	\$ 218.00
WELLMARK	\$ 2,684.90	Huffmans	\$ 23.00
April Payroll	\$ 9,861.97	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES	\$ 404.52
TOTAL PAID	\$ 59,830.39	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE WATER	\$ 780.37
		Iowa Finance Authority	\$ 66,268.75
		Iowa GEMT	\$ 140.82
		IPERS	\$ 1,978.86
		Jerod Woolverton	\$ 1,100.00
		JOHN DEERE	\$ 565.69
		LEAF	\$ 67.25
		Microbac Laboratories Inc	\$ 26.25
		Port-A-Bubs	\$ 225.00
		Quill	\$ 114.95
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 1,405.44
		US Postmaster	\$ 120.00
		Van Buren County Register	\$ 406.56
		Van Buren County Treasurer	\$ 12,651.00
		WEMIGA	\$ 4,754.45
		Wilson Paper Co	\$ 111.67
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 825.30
		TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$ 179,757.56