

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

The Farmington City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, at Farmington 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 Tim Halbbrook. Also present during the meeting were City Clerk, Alisha Davidson; Deputy City Clerk Becky Fry, Maintenance Superintendent, Bryan Huff; Park Manager, April Smith; Fire Chief, Kerby Fry, City Engineer, Jim Warner; Library Director, Christine Westercamp; Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson; Kris Rankin-Van Buren County SAFE Coalition, and guests Jeremy Hissem Van Buren Community Schools Superintendent, Marla Wallingford, and Jenn Hoskins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Gobush to approve the Agenda, seconded by Browning and carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve minutes of regular meeting of September 11, 2023. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0. Halbbrook made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Browning and carried 5-0. Motion by Browning to approve the Claims. Motion was seconded by Gobush and carried 5-0.

Kris Rankin presented to Mayor and Council, Lee County and Van Buren County Partnership for Success Project. Lee County is now up and running with their own funding. Kris mentioned to the council with the opioid funds they now have a medication drop box at the sheriff office as well, for those who need to get rid of unused medication. Kris also talked about upcoming events, and merchant training dates available to all businesses and employees.

Deputy Sheriff, Brad Hudson presented the Sheriff's quarterly report. Deputy Hudson stated the new mobile command post is almost complete and will be at Trunk or Treat.

Jeremy Hissem was present to talk with Council and Mayor about partnerships with communities. Jeremy is wanting to get to know local leadership, and inform the council what Van Buren School has to offer.

Jim Warner updated the council; calibration of the lift stations was done this past week. Jim talked about the USDA grant for the sewer system, he is about 90% done on the report. Jim has been in contact with Area 15, Chris Bowers. Chris has informed Jim there is new, higher income limit for the CDBG. Jim was inquiring if the Council would be interested in retrying the income survey with the new higher income. Halbbrook made a motion to re-send Income survey out for the CDBG grant and to re-apply, pending on receiving Jims's report. Motion was seconded by Browning and motion carried 5-0.

Marla Wallingford was present to discuss with council Trick or Treat night in Farmington, and bringing the tradition back on having it on the 30th of October.

Chrissy Westercamp presented to the council and mayor about planting a pollinator friendly garden in front of City Hall and Library. Chrissy's son, Nehemiah did a presentation at the National 4-H agriscience summit and his project was selected to be funded. Chrissy stated she

has not received details on this project yet. Council decided to table the discussion until more information was gathered.

Motion was made by Burkett to approve Judith Grabowski application for building permit. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0.

Library Director, Chrissy Westercamp was present to give the library report. Chrissy also discussed with City Council; the library board has approved to change the hourly wage of the Library assistants/substitutes to \$9.00 effective immediately. Browning made a motion to approve new wages to \$9.00. Motion was seconded by Burkett and carried 5-0.

No Arts Council, or EMS report.

Kerby Fry; Fire Chief gave report to the council. Kerby stated the oil has been changed in the Pumper and Tanker. Fire prevention week is coming up, and fire department will also be doing hydrants soon, but will be doing them a little differently this year. Kerby also mentioned they are looking at doing water wars possibly at the Strawberry Festival, he is still looking into this and will also talk to Arts Council.

Park Manager April Smith gave a report on Indian Lake Park, April updated the council the playground shelter now has electricity. April stated the picnic tables she ordered are done and ready for pick up. Furnaces in cabins are ready to go, and Cabin 4 is needing a new fridge. Shower house has two toilets on the women's side that are leaking and need fixed, parts have been ordered. Electrician was out at the park and E/W #9 required a new breaker, and F #9 was just tripped. April went over events that are left at the park for the year, and stated she is in need of volunteers yet for the Halloween trail. The managers house has a window that needs fixed. Mt Hamill lumber gave an estimate for replacing the window, council asked for more estimates and if we can replace just the glass. April will make some phone calls. Bids were reviewed to repair the water damage in the manager's house. Motion was made by Burkett to approve bid from 319 Construction. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0.

Maintenance Superintendent Bryan Huff discussed with council DNR survey on Lift Stations and Lagoon, its recommended to get a composite grabber, and new generators. Bryan reported the snow blade needs a new cutting blade and bolts. We also need to look at getting extra foam insulators for water pits. Council discussed snow removal and a tree on front street that needs cut down. Taylor made a motion to approve the tree to be cut down. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0.

Halbrook made a motion to close the Office on November 8th from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm for a Budget Workshop. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0.

Council discussed purchasing Blink Cameras. Halbrook made motion to purchase 2 WIFI cameras. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 5-0.

Council discussed Employee evals.

Taylor Diephuis exited the meeting at 7:43 pm

Council reviewed and discussed the Villages of Van Buren Membership. Gobush made a motion to approve the 2024 Villages of Van Buren Membership. Motion was seconded by Browning and carried 4-0.

Council reviewed the proposed replacement and amended Ordinances that had been prepared by City Attorney Elaine Gray pursuant to their direction.

After review of Ordinance 16, An Ordinance to Establish Rates and Changes for the use and service of the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System of the City of Farmington, Iowa. Halbrook made a motion to approve the first reading of said Ordinance for passage, to waive the second reading and to have the third and final reading on November 13, 2023. Browning seconded the motion. Roll Call: Halbrook-AYE, Browning-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Gobush-AYE. Approved 4-0.

After review of Amendment to Ordinance 17, an Ordinance pertaining to Public Health, Safety and Welfare; Regulation Storage, Collection, Transportation, Processing and Disposal of Waste; Providing for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste; Providing a penalty for Violation of the Provision of this ordinance and repealing all Ordinances in conflict herewith, Halbrook made a motion to approve the first reading of said Ordinance for passage, to waive the second reading and to have the third and final reading on November 13, 2023. Browning seconded the motion. Roll Call: Halbrook-AYE, Browning-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Gobush-AYE. Approved 4-0.

After review of Ordinance 19, An Ordinance to Establish Water Rates in the City of Farmington and to Provide for the Collection Thereof, Halbrook made a motion to approve the first reading of said Ordinance for passage, to waive the second reading and to have the third and final reading on November 13, 2023. Browning seconded the motion. Roll Call: Halbrook-AYE, Browning-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Gobush-AYE. Approved 4-0.

After review of Ordinance 42, Flood Plain Management Ordinance, Halbrook made a motion to approve the first reading of said Ordinance for passage, to waive the second reading and to have the third and final reading on November 13, 2023. Browning seconded the motion. Roll Call: Halbrook-AYE, Browning-AYE; Burkett-AYE; Gobush-AYE. Approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Hygenic Laboratory results: Total e. Coli from Bacteria absent

Signed _____ Mayor Date: ___10/12/23___

Signed _____ City Clerk Date: ___10/12/23___

CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL OCTOBER 9, 2023

PAYSTAR	\$ 35.00	AFLAC	\$ 495.66
*JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 4.65	ALISHA DAVIDSON	\$ 8.36
*SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 315.51	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$ 2,646.71
DNR	\$ 257.00	AMERICAN WATER WORKS	\$ 90.00
DNR	\$ 732.50	ANYWEAR APPAREL	\$ 528.31
ACCESS ENERGY	\$ 44.20	ARMTRONG TRACTOR	\$ 64.74
CAPITAL ONE	\$ 200.08	B & B PROPANE	\$ 400.00
VISA	\$ 394.09	BRYAN HUFF	\$ 59.00
WELLMARK BCBS	\$ 1,220.24	BS ELECTRIC LLC	\$ 1,818.44
DNR	\$ 132.50	CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	\$ 487.80
STATE OF IA W/H	\$ 1,205.37	CHRISTINE WESTERCAMP	\$ 336.12
US POSTMASTER	\$ 126.48	CULLEN PEST CONTROL	\$ 80.00
ADVANCED MERCHNT SERV	\$ 170.12	DON'S SERVICE & REPAIR	\$ 231.62
DNR	\$ 619.50	EFTPS	\$ 2,607.34
RATHBUN REGIONAL	\$ 4,096.45	INTERSTATE BATTERY	\$ 37.50
SEPTEMBER PAYROLL	\$ 9,181.09	IOWA ASSN OF MUNICIPAL UTIL	\$ 294.00
TOTAL PAID	\$ 18,734.78	IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-WATER	\$ 75.02
		IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE-SALE TAX	\$ 248.59
		IOWA GEMT	\$ 84.46
		IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORT	\$ 535.68
		IPERS	\$ 1,917.82
		JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 568.69
		LEAF	\$ 67.25
		MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEM	\$ 959.36
		PAYSTAR	\$ 35.00
		QUILL CORP	\$ 56.99
		SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC	\$ 1,379.39
		VAN BUREN COUNTY TREAS	\$ 11,297.00
		VILLAGES OF VAN BUREN	\$ 360.00
		WALLY'S PLUMBING & HEATING	\$ 676.00
		WARNER ENGINEERING	\$ 7,729.00
		WEMIGA	\$ 4,358.55
		WILSON PAPER COMPANY	\$ 328.02
		WINDSTREAM	\$ 766.67
		TOTAL TO BE PAID	\$ 41,629.09

* AMOUNT LISTED ON LAST MONTH CLAIMS FOR SOUTHERN IOWA ELECTRIC WAS LESS THAN WHAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF ACCOUNT DUE TO CREDIT NOT BEING APPLIED

* AMOUNT LISTED ON LAST MONTH CLAIMS FOR JOHN DEERE WAS LESS DUE TO CHECK NOT PRINTING