

Town of Farmington

Regular Town Council Meeting

August 18th, 2014

Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Roll Call:

Council member David Baker acted as Mayor Pro-Tem, Council members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, Diana Lowley, and Billie Wolff. Mayor James Woomack was absent.

Visitors:

Max Mohan, Brian Oliver, Ron Johnson, Kirby Kiehle, Shelly Lobdell, Steve Martin & Katherine Barnes Pawson.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM

Approval of the July 21st, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the July 21st, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- **Donations Status Report – Clerk-Treasurer Dial-Flomer:**

At last month's meeting, Mark Hellinger from The Farmington Harvest Festival's Unincorporated Association, reported to the council that they have some physical and financial assets which have not yet been liquidated. It is the Town's understanding that the intent of the association members is to donate these assets to the Town. Frank Triplett, who is Chairman of The Farmington Harvest Festival's Unincorporated Association advised the clerk treasurer that as soon as Sally Bishop, CPA wraps up the financial end of things he will give his approval for the donation to be made to the Town, and will provide to the town a signed definitive statement stating that the appliances, etc., are a donation to the Town of Farmington, and are for the Town's use and disposition. Mark Hellinger has offered to tidy up the jail and replace the broken windows in order to provide a dry and secure area to store the freezer, the refrigerators and the BBQ grills.

- **Streets Status Report – Pot Hole Repair – Council Member Abbott:**

Mayor Woomack ordered 400 yards of gravel from Whitman County Road Department which was delivered on Tuesday, August 5th part of the gravel was placed in a pile on the West end of Adams Street and the other part was placed in a pile in the 200 block of East Pine Street. Councilmen Baker and Abbott plan to begin making further pothole repairs after the completion of harvest. Whitman County public works superintendent advised the clerk-treasurer that Farmington will owe Whitman County approximately \$8,000 for the 440 yard of gravel that have been delivered to the town. Joel Abbott made the **motion** to pay Whitman County for the gravel as soon as the billing statement arrives. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

- **Park Status Report - Rose Garden Status Report – Council Member Ewing:**

Noreen Ewing reported that the Memory Rose Gardens located at the North and South ends of the basketball court have been completed with the exception of the drip watering systems which she hopes to have installed once the chlorination system issues have been resolved. Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Baker presented a bid to the Council from Strom Electric for \$475.00 to cover the purchase and installation of control components for a chemical interlock system from the chemical pump to the well pump controller. The installation of this will insure that the chemical pump only runs when Well #2's pump is running. Council reviewed an explanatory e-mail from Farmington's Water Operator, Todd Lobdell and voted 4 to 1 to approve this expenditure plus \$233.00 for parts and Todd Lobdell's wages for this project.

- **Tree Committee Report – Council Member Ewing:**

Council member Ewing reported that she, Royce Johnson and George Martzall attended an all-day training session put on by Washington State University in conjunction with the Spokane Conservation District and Tree City USA on Saturday, August 16th. George Martzall attended a chain saw usage and safety training class and will be receiving a training certificate for his participation.

- **Disaster Preparedness Report – Council Member Wolff & Katherine Barnes Pawson:**

Council member Wolff turned the Disaster Preparedness Report over to Katherine Barnes Pawson who advised the council about the Whitman County Disaster Preparedness Plan which is in conjunction with FEMA. Farmington is a planning partner in this organization. A copy of this plan can be found on the Farmington web-site at farmingtonwa.com under the “Disaster Preparedness” tab.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Noreen Ewing moved for approval of the July 22, 2014 through August 18th, 2014 claims & payroll totaling \$ **7,732.97** Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
450	07/31/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	645.16	941 Deposit For 07/01/2014 - 07/31/2014
447	07/31/2014	Payroll	1	1566	Todd Lobdell	387.98	
448	07/31/2014	Payroll	1	1567	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
449	07/31/2014	Payroll	1	1568	George Martzall	839.47	
467	08/15/2014	Payroll	1	1569	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
474	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5556	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2014 July - Water Testing
475	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5557	Avista Utilities	1,799.90	2014 July - Avista Charges
476	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5558	Bank Of Fairfield	224.92	2014 July - VISA Charges
477	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5559	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 July - Legal Retainer
478	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5560	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	118.07	2014 July - Phone - Fax- Internet
479	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5561	Specialty Asphalt & Consturction, LLC	1,696.45	Seal & Stripe Basketball Court - Asphalt Repair 1st & Main
480	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5562	Tekoa Hardware & Supply	57.72	Gate Valve - Used In The Pit At Wilbur Ellis
484	08/18/2014	Claims	1	5563	John Deere Financial	68.46	2014 July - Parts
						3,246.87	
001 Current Expense							
101 City Street						1,160.45	
401 Water Fund						2,528.25	
409 Sewer Fund						797.40	
						7,732.97	
						Claims:	4,185.52
						Payroll:	3,547.45

Mayor’s Financial Report:

A copy of the Mayor’s year-to-date financial summary was given to the council. It was noted that Farmington has a negative \$**2,124** variance through July 2014 and a budget surplus of \$**5,068**.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report:

Diana Lowley **moved** for approval of the July financial report showing Farmington with a \$**166,825.51** cash balance. \$77,481.82 in checking and \$89,343.69 in the MMDA account. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Confirmation of The Mayor’s Appointment of Planning Commission:

Joel Abbott made a **motion** to confirm the mayor’s appointment of Ron Johnson, Steve Martin, Jason Bond, Max Mohan and Brian Oliver to the Farmington Planning Commission. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Appointment of Farmington’s Board of Adjustment:

Diana Lowley made a motion that the members of the seated planning commission also be appointed as Farmington’s Board of Adjustment. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Recommendation from Farmington Board of Adjustment – Wolff & Kiehle Variance Request:

Max Mohan , Chairman of Farmington’s Board of Adjustment stated that they tabled the Wolff-Kiehle variance request until such time as they can research land ownership issues.

Citizens Comment:

Shelly Lobdell requested that the owner of the pasture land at 5th and Chestnut be contacted and asked to eliminate the tall grass and standing water which seem to be fueling a mosquito problem in her neighborhood. The property owner was contacted and stated that he has sprayed for mosquitos within the last two days, there is no standing water on his property and he currently has a horse staked out in the pasture to eat down the tall grass.

Max Mohan questioned why the town continues to employ a maintenance employee who seems to be unable to work without supervision. Steve Martin questioned whether a liability issue exists when the employee’s pre-teen child is working alongside the employee.

Several citizens questioned the thought process behind having hundreds of yards of gravel dumped into the middle of the 200 block of Pine Street – thus blocking a street and giving the perception of impropriety.

Billie Wolff stated that these issues would be better addressed by the mayor who will be in attendance at the September meeting.

Council Comments:

Council member Lowley asked on behalf of Royce Johnson, that the Town’s Snow Plow be moved off of Royce’s private property which is near the Sewer Lift Station. Kirby Kiehle moved the truck to an area near the Well One pump house. The truck could not be parked inside the gate at the sewer lift station this year as the plow blade is attached to the truck and it’s at least two feet longer than will fit inside the gate at the sewer lift station.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Dial-Flomer reported that Mark Hellinger has requested permission from the council to replace the broken windows and to clean the old jail building so that items donated from the Harvest Festival can be safely stored in the building. The council gave their unanimous approval and advised the clerk-treasurer to provide Mark with keys to the building upon his request. It was agreed that Royce Johnson should be consulted prior to any items from the old jail being thrown away.

Mayor Pro-Tem Comments:

Dave Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem advised the council that Strom Electric came out to Farmington to replace the drive in a new service cabinet at Well 2 last week only to find the drive they ordered was for a 25 HP Pump and that our Pump is 30 HP. Council had approved a \$3,165.45 expenditure for this upgrade but due to this change order the quote from Strom Electric was increased to \$4,636.45. Joel Abbott **made a motion** to approve the \$4,636.45 expenditure. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

David L. Baker, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk/Treasurer

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