

Town of Farmington

Public Hearing – Six Year Street Plan
Regular Town Council Meeting
June 16th, 2014
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Open Public Hearing – Six Year Street Plan:

The six year street plan public hearing was called to order at 6:00. Engineer Steve Chandler from J-U-B Engineers recommended that the 2015-2020 Six Year Street Plan remain the same as the 2014-2019 plan. Steve advised the council that TIB announced that no funding is available this year for pavement preservation. Diana Lowley **moved** to adopt the 2015-2020 Six Year Street Plan as proposed. Dave Baker **seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Close Public Hearing – Six Year Street Plan:

The public hearing for the six year street plan was closed at 6:15 PM

Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened at 6:15 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor James Woomack, Council members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, Diana Lowley, David Baker and Billie Wolff.

Visitors:

Max Mohan, Brian Oliver, John Ewing, Shelly Lobdell, and Steve Chandler.

Approval of the May 19th, 2014 Minutes:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the May 19th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- **Progress Report – Tree Removal: - Jerry Wagner**
At the May 19th council meeting Jerry Wagner generously offered to fall the town owned Poplar Tree growing near the front yard of Jim Trimble's rental property at North 101 3rd Street. AWC-RMSA stated that as an authorized volunteer Jerry would be covered by the town's liability insurance, but they would not cover any damage to his equipment. Council voted at their May 19th meeting to allow Jerry to remove the tree on town owned property at North 101 3rd Street. Jerry agreed to assess the three other Town owned trees in need of removal and advise the council at this meeting whether or not he is willing to remove any or all of them. **Jerry was not present at tonight's meeting to give a progress report.**
- **Status Report – Farmingtonwa.com Website: – Council Member Abbott**
The Website hosting has been set up through Network Solutions and a transfer for the farmingtonwa.com domain has been successfully initiated and transferred to the Network Solution's servers. All elected officials as well as the Clerk-Treasurer will have the ability to post to the site. The site will have restricted access until interested parties have had a chance to critique the site and any bugs have been worked out. The previously discussed ".gov" site was not an option due to the exorbitant price and red tape involved to obtain it. Anyone wishing to donate photos of Farmington to be used on the website is welcome to do so. Joel hopes to have the web site available to the public by July 1st.
- **Status Report – Pot Hole Repair: – Council Member Abbott**
The Supervisor from Whitman County Road Department inspected Farmington's streets and advised Mayor Woomack that most roads in town are well below grade and because they have no crown or ditches (due to years of neglect), any money put toward either graveling or grading would be wasted until the current potholes can be filled and the sod removed from the shoulder of any roadway less than 16 feet wide. The short-term solution will be to purchase enough gravel to repair potholes this year and begin a gravel stockpile. Farmington does not have the funds or equipment to raise the grade or crown and ditch all of the streets. Joel Abbott attempted to contact the Coeur d' Alene Tribal Agency to obtain a price quote on 5/8 top coat gravel to no avail. Mayor Woomack ordered 40 yards of gravel from Whitman County Road Department which will be stock piled at the end of Adams Street and used for repairing pot holes.

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

Tree work in the park has been at a standstill while awaiting the results of the AWC Safety Grant selection and the council’s decision regarding funding for tree removal expected at tonight’s meeting. Noreen Ewing presented the council with a bid from R&C Tree Service from Post Falls, Idaho for \$2641.10 which includes tax and the removal of one Ash tree near the fire pit in the park and the removal of the two poplar trees across Third Street from the Trimble rental property plus the grinding of 12 tree stumps.

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

Noreen Ewing reported the Memory Rose Gardens located at both the North and South ends of the basketball court are progressing nicely. She stated that it will take one more day of applying grout to the rock wall before it is complete and then the arbors will be put into place. Noreen requested that the broken water faucet in the park be repaired using a frost free devise. Mayor Woomack stated that he will have either the water operator or the maintenance staff make this repair. Noreen also asked that the ground around the edge of the basketball court be sterilized to prevent the weeds from ruining the asphalt. Noreen also asked that in order to save money, the Mayor renew the existing electrical permit for the park. Mayor Woomack will instruct Todd Gabbard of Gabbard Electric to file for an electrical permit for work to be done at Farmington Town Park prior to June 30th.

- **Disaster Preparedness Report – Council Member Wolff:**

Council member Wolff did not have a report prepared for tonight’s meeting.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Noreen Ewing moved for approval of the May 20th, 2014, to June 16th, 2014 claims & payroll totaling \$ 7,782.37. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Town Of Farmington
MCAG #: 0806

05/20/2014 To: 06/16/2014

Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
322	05/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	626.08	941 Deposit For 05/01/2014 - 05/31/2014
307	05/21/2014	Payroll	1	1555	Brian Oliver	346.16	
319	05/30/2014	Payroll	1	1556	Todd Lobdell	420.31	
320	05/30/2014	Payroll	1	1557	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
321	05/30/2014	Payroll	1	1558	Duane Groom	46.17	
334	06/15/2014	Payroll	1	1559	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
304	05/20/2014	Claims	1	5528	Lavon Erickson	997.16	Reimbursement To Lavon Erickson For Payments Made To Roto-Rooter - Receipt 92049 & 92167. Diagnostic Services For A Separated Sewer Line Cause By Volunteers Working To Assist Farmington.
313	05/23/2014	Claims	1	5529	John & Noreen Ewing	24.55	Reimbursement For Lumber Purchases At Moscow Building Supply - Memorial Rose Garden
345	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5530	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2014 May - Monthly Water Testing
346	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5531	Avista Utilities	1,465.85	2014 May - AVISTA Utilities
347	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5532	Bank Of Fairfield	770.53	2014 May - VISA Charges
348	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5533	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 May - Legal Retainer
349	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5534	Empire Disposal	39.66	2014 May - Garbage Collection Services
350	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5535	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	116.89	2014 May- Phone / Fax / Internet Service
351	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5536	J-U-B Engineers, Inc	648.14	Waste Water Quality Impairment Study
352	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5537	Moscow Building Supply	49.81	2014 May - Moscow Building Supply Charges
353	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5538	Palouse River Counseling	9.33	2% Of The Liquor Taxes Received For The Past Quarter. RCW 70.96A.087
354	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5539	Speciality Asphalt & Consturction, LLC	253.34	Asphalt Cut At FSB - Water Line Repair
355	06/16/2014	Claims	1	5540	Tekoa Hardware & Supply	73.55	2014 May - Charges
						2,550.61	
001 Current Expense						978.84	
101 City Street						1,698.29	
401 Water Fund						2,554.63	
409 Sewer Fund							
						7,782.37	Claims: 4,668.81 Payroll: 3,113.56

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 positive

\$ 807.00 variance through May 2014 and a budget surplus of \$3,620.00.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report:

Diana Lowley **moved** for approval of the May financial report showing Farmington with a **\$169,786.70** cash balance. Dave Baker **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Selection of Two AWC-RMSA Safety Grant Projects for Funding:

Farmington was awarded two \$1000.00 AWC/RMSA Safety Grants to be used for any two of the six projects Farmington applied for which include the removal of four dead trees in the park, electrical upgrades at the park and fencing at the children’s playground. Billie Wolff **motioned** to accept the bid from R&C Tree Service of Post Falls, ID for tree removal and to use both \$1000.00 AWC/RMSA Safety grants for the removal of dead trees as well as a \$350.00 safety grant the mayor will receive later this week for attending the AWC/RMSA Annual Meeting. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Planning Commission & Tree Committee Resignation:

John Ewing submitted his resignations from the Farmington Planning Commission and the Farmington Tree Committee.

Citizens Comment:

Brian Oliver questioned why George Martzall was hired as a town employee when he could have worked for the Town for up to one year under the Work First government program before being put on the Town’s payroll. Mayor Woomack stated that it was his decision to make and that he stands behind it.

Council Comments:

Dave Baker asked that the Clerk-Treasurer give a class to the council on how to read (interpret) the Treasurer’s report. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that she would be happy to explain the report to anyone interested and welcomed each council member to stop by the office at their convenience.

Noreen Ewing asked for clarification on the water line repair work being done behind Farmington State Bank. She asked whether the line was being repaired or upgraded. Mayor Woomack stated that the work being done may appear as an upgrade but in actuality the work being done to that line is the easiest fix and the most cost effective way to repair the problem.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Woomack advised the council that it has come to light that when council moved at their March 17th, 2014 meeting to allocate \$3000.00 in water funds to purchase 1500 to 1600 feet of four inch water line and to rent a trencher to provide water service to the residents in the Goossen neighborhood, it was done in direct violation of Farmington Ordinance 119 and the Farmington Small Water System Management Program, both of which are very specific in that the property owner bears the entire burden of the cost to provide water service to their residence, and that the Town cannot provide service to the property owner by gifting public funds. It was made clear to the council that if they were to do this they would then have to make an allowance for every property owner who wished to upgrade their system. Diana Lowley suggested that the Mayor contact Mr. Goossen and advise him that the council does not have the legal authority to pay for the upgrade to the water line he plans to run to his residence and that when the decision to do so was made in March of 2014 it was done without full disclosure of the facts surrounding the matter. Noreen Ewing **moved** to rescind the motion made on March 17th, 2014 to allocate \$3000.00 in water funds to purchase 1500 to 1600 feet of four inch water line and to rent a trencher to provide water service to the residents in the Goossen neighborhood. Billie Wolff **seconded the motion, the motion passed.** Mayor Woomack stated that he will research the issue and advise council at the July 21st meeting whether or not Mr.Goossen can tap in to the existing six inch line in that area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

James A. Woomack, Mayor

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk/Treasurer
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