

Town of Farmington
Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 17th, 2014
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Open Public Hearing – Selection of Projects for CDBG Grant Applications:

The Public Hearing to select the project for a CDBG grant application was opened at 6:00 P.M. Layne Merritt of J-U-B Engineers, explained that the deadline for the submittal of a CDBG grant applications is June 19, 2014 and that at tonight's public hearing the council will select the project that J-U-B Engineers will apply for grant funding for on behalf of the Town of Farmington. Layne suggested re-submitting last year's application which dealt with the replacement of water service lines from the main line to each residence in Farmington. Layne questioned whether or not the Council would like to commit any funding toward the project and was advised that the council will discuss that option at their April 21st council meeting. Mayor Woomack asked that the council also consider adding a request for funds to install hydrants at the end of the water lines, as bleeding the water tower does not clean the lines the way blow off valves or hydrants do. The council unanimously agreed to have J-U- B Engineers submit a CDBG Grant Application requesting approximately \$320,000.00 for the replacement of water service lines from the main line to each residence in Farmington and to include the installation of hydrants at the end of the water lines. Resolution 360-14 Certifications of Compliance for Application for CDBG Grant Funding will be reviewed and approved at the April 21st Council meeting.

Close Public Meeting:

The Public Meeting to discuss projects for CDBG Grant funding was closed at 6:10 P.M.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened at 6:10 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Visitors:

Layne Merritt, Max Mohan, Mark Hellinger, Steve Martin, Sabra Martin, Jerry Wagner, John Ewing, Brian Oliver, Rudy Goossen, Shiela Durst, Richard Durst and Sharon Janson.

Approval of Minutes:

Billie Wolff **moved** for approval of the February 17th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- **Waste Water Study:**

Layne Merritt from J-U-B Engineers advised the council that he has been in contact with the Department of Ecology in regard to Farmington's upcoming Waste Water Study. A middle ground has been met which involves Farmington conducting sampling for one year, with two sets of duplicate samples being taken during that year, followed by an evaluation of the results and adjustments being made if necessary. A second year of sampling if necessary will be conducted once any adjustments are in place. The initial testing period will span from May of 2014 through March of 2015.

- **Disaster Planning – Committee Report:**

Council member Billie Wolff reported that she and Mayor Woomack met with Pastor Mcoombs of the Farmington Seventh Day Adventist Church and assessed the accommodations at the SDA School building which will be used as a refuge here in Farmington in the event of a natural disaster. Alternate phone and heating systems will need to be explored as well as the purchase of a generator or the building of an on-site power house.

- **Farmington Tree Committee Report:**

Council member Ewing reported that Garth Davis, the Forestry Program Manager from the Spokane Conservation District was in Farmington on March 10th and met with the Farmington Tree Committee. It was determined that a young Silver Maple tree as well as a Spruce Tree near the gazebo in the park are both problematic and will need to eventually be removed, as well as three Poplar trees planted on Town owned property in the one hundred block of Third Street. Council member Ewing is hoping to be awarded a safety grant from the Association of Washington Cities to cover the cost of removing the most problematic Poplar Tree at 101 North 3rd Street.

- **Discussion of Funding For Tree Removal:**

Council member Ewing stated that when Garth Davis, Forestry Program Manager from the Spokane Conservation District visited Farmington, he recommended the removal of three trees on Town owned property. It is hoped that a safety grant from the Association of Washington Cities to cover the cost of removing the most problematic Poplar Tree at 101 North 3rd Street will be awarded to the Town this spring. Council member Ewing received one quote for \$850.00 for the removal of each Poplar Tree and agreed to obtain at least two more quotes prior to the April 21st council meeting. Mayor Woomack asked the council if they would be willing to allocate \$3,000.00 toward the removal of problematic trees. Council member Wolff **moved** to table the subject until the April 21st Council meeting. Council member Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

- **Goossen Water & Sewer Line Hook-Up:**

Mayor Woomack advised the council that Rudy Goossen has requested the Town Council make a decision as to whether or not they want to pay the difference to install a four inch water line from the existing line at the grain elevator on South First Street out to the area across from the Rambo residence on Cemetery Road. Mr. Goossen stated that if he were to install a small line his cost would be approximately \$1200.00 which he will pay toward the Town's expense of installing a four inch line and that he will also donate two days of his personal labor toward the project. Mayor Woomack stated that he would expect the cost to the Town to be approximately \$3,000.00 for 1500 to 1600 feet of 4" water line, and rental of the trenching machine. It was agreed that the water line will be run South, down the West (gravel) side of the roadway to avoid disturbing the existing concrete and asphalt on the East side of the roadway. Joel Abbott **moved** 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.** Mr. Goossen stated that he does not expect to begin the water line project until the ground dries, approximately the first week of May.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Noreen Ewing questioned an expenditure of \$353.24 to John Deere Financial for the repair of Farmington’s John Deere Lawn Tractor. Maintenance worker Brian Oliver advised the council that the repair involved the replacement of a front bracket on the all-wheel steering. Noreen Ewing **moved** for approval of the February 18th, 2014 thru March 17th, 2014, claims & payroll totaling \$ **7,416.37** Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
118	02/28/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	567.72	941 Deposit For 02/01/2014 - 02/28/2014
113	02/28/2014	Payroll	1	1535	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
114	02/28/2014	Payroll	1	1536	Duane Groom	46.17	
115	02/28/2014	Payroll	1	1537	Kirby Kiehle	44.32	
116	02/28/2014	Payroll	1	1538	Brian Oliver	216.10	
117	02/28/2014	Payroll	1	1539	Todd Lobdell	280.21	
139	03/15/2014	Payroll	1	1540	Brian Oliver	239.11	
140	03/15/2014	Payroll	1	1541	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
112	02/26/2014	Claims	1	5484	Kirby Kiehle	14.80	Reimbursement For Saw Files
124	03/01/2014	Claims	1	5485	John Ewing	7.55	Reimbursement For Photo
149	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5486	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2014 February - Water Testing Fee
150	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5487	Avista Utilities	1,785.60	2014 February - Avista Charges
151	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5488	Bank Of Fairfield	462.54	2014 February - VISA Charges
152	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5489	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 February - Legal Retainer
153	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5490	Empire Disposal	39.66	2014 February - Garbage Collection
154	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5491	John Ewing	11.40	Reimbursement For One Black Refilled Ink Cartridge
155	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5492	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	112.29	2014 February - Phone-Fax-Internet
156	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5493	J-U-B Engineers, Inc	662.48	Professional Services - Water Quality Impairment Study
157	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5494	John Deere Financial	353.24	Front End Repair - John Deere Mower
158	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5495	Tekoa Hardware & Supply	9.03	Compression Fittings
159	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5496	Whitman County Gazette	224.00	Publication Fee - 3 Legal Notices
160	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5497	JMT Petroleum	420.31	2014 February - K1 Heating Oil - Community Center
165	03/17/2014	Claims	1	5498	Department of Retirement Systems	25.00	OASI - Administrative Fee Per RCW 41.48
						3,204.47	
001 Current Expense						1,419.14	
101 City Street						1,177.14	
401 Water Fund						1,615.62	
409 Sewer Fund							
						7,416.37	Claims: 4,347.90 Payroll: 3,068.47

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 had a negative \$ **1,272.00** variance through February 2014 and a budget surplus of \$ **1,448.00**.

Approval of Financial Reports – Treasurer’s Report:

Noreen Ewing **moved** for approval of the February financial report showing Farmington with a \$ **141,177.28** cash balance. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Petition to Purchase Alleyway John & Noreen Ewing:

John and Noreen Ewing presented the council with a petition to vacate the alleyway in Block 23, between Lots 3 & 4, and 5 & 6, in Truax Addition, Town of Farmington. Joel Abbott **moved** to approve **Resolution 359-14** the scheduling of a hearing to vacate the alleyway in Block 23, between Lots 3 & 4, and 5 & 6, in Truax Addition, Town of Farmington. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Resolution 359-14 The Scheduling of An Alleyway Vacation:

Joel Abbott **moved** to approve Resolution 359-14 scheduling a hearing to vacate the alleyway in Block 23, between Lots 3 & 4, and 5 & 6, in Truax Addition, Town of Farmington. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Citizens Comments:

Max Mohan questioned whether or not the Town has a plan in effect to deal with flooding along Pine Creek in the Northern end of Town near his residence. Mayor Woomack advised him that he has researched this issue extensively and found that the burden of living along a flood plain falls upon the home/property owner not upon the Town or the County.

Farmington Tree Committee members John Ewing, Jerry Wagner and Mark Hellinger asked the council for permission to sell (as firewood) by sealed bid, the left over pieces of the wood from the Ash trees recently removed from the park. Billie Wolff **moved** to allow the Farmington Tree Committee to sell via sealed bid, the left over pieces of the wood from the Ash trees recently removed from the park. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Town maintenance worker Brian Oliver, stated that he will be burning the Town brush pile on either Thursday or Friday of this week.

Sheila Grenz Durst asked the council what can be done to prohibit a convicted sexual offender from returning to his home in Farmington once he is released from prison in 2015. Mayor Woomack advised Sheila that the Town has no legal authority to prohibit a sexual offender from residing in Farmington, however the offender must adhere to certain Washington State laws such as maintaining a certain distance from schools and parks. The Mayor advised Sheila that recommendations have been made by professionals versed in this area, that she consider seeking a restraining order against the offender.

Council Comments:

None.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None.

Mayor's Comments:

Todd Lobdell, Farmington's Water Technician requested that the Mayor advise the council of a water leak belonging to the Town near Farmington State Bank and to give the Council a status update on this issue. Todd Lobdell also asked that the Mayor report to the Council that within a 12 hour period between his Well check last evening and this morning, he found Well #2 to have malfunctioned. He called Strom Electric from Troy, Idaho who came out and determined that both the starter and the coil in the Well were no longer functional and that both need to be replaced. Strom Electric will secure the parts and attempt to have Well #2 up and running by tomorrow evening.

Mayor Woomack advised the Council that he spent the day attending a Historical Society Grant Application Workshop in Spokane where he learned that Farmington would have to commit at least \$16,500 in matching funds to the project prior to being awarded a grant to rehabilitate the Town owned Methodist Church. The mayor stated that he believes the building can be rehabilitated for much less than \$16,500.

Mayor Woomack questioned the Council's interest in Farmington establishing and hosting a Farmington, WA.Gov website. Joel Abbott stated that he would be willing to create and maintain a website for the Town. Both Mayor Woomack and Max Mohan offered any assistance necessary. Billie Wolff **moved** to table the discussion until the April 21st council meeting giving Mayor Woomack time to speak with Karla Wagner about the existing Farmington, WA.com website. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor James A. Woomack

Attest: _____
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk/Treasurer
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