

Town of Farmington

Regular Town Council Meeting

May 16th, 2016

Farmington Community Center

6:10 PM – 7:30 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor David Baker, Council Members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, and Brian Oliver. Jason Brausen and Diana Oliver were absent.

Visitors:

David Vaudrin, Chris Barfus, George Martzall and Don Schaffer.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Approval of the April 18th, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Joel Abbott **moved** for the approval of the April 18th, 2016 Council meeting minutes. Brian Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Noreen Ewing **moved** for approval of the April 2016 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a **\$215,289.28** cash balance. **\$125,666.10** in checking and **\$89,623.18** in the MMDA account. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Brian Oliver **moved** for approval of the April 19, 2016 – May 16, 2016 claims of **\$5,210.39** & payroll of **\$4,118.85** totaling **\$9,329.24**. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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MCAG #: 0806		04/19/2016 To: 05/16/2016				
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount Memo
272	04/29/2016	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00 04/01/2016 To 04/30/2016 - DSHS - Child Support
274	04/29/2016	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	788.44 941 Deposit For 04/01/2016 - 04/30/2016
269	04/29/2016	Payroll	1	1666	Barbara Dial-Flomer	662.00 04/16/2016 Thru 04/30/2016
270	04/29/2016	Payroll	1	1667	Cody Lord	334.51 04/16/2016 Thru 04/30/2016
271	04/29/2016	Payroll	1	1668	George Martzall	837.43 04/01/2016 Thru 04/30/2016
273	04/29/2016	Payroll	1	1669	Todd Lobdell	387.98 04/01/2016 Thru 04/30/2016
293	05/13/2016	Payroll	1	1670	Barbara Dial-Flomer	385.34
294	05/13/2016	Payroll	1	1671	Cody Lord	623.15
251	04/19/2016	Claims	1	5861	John & Noreen Ewing	283.79 Reimbursement For Rose Garden Fertilizer, 6 Tree Stake Kits And 6 Tree Hydration Bags.
252	04/19/2016	Claims	1	5862	Jerry Wagner	223.00 Reimbursement For Arbor Day - Tree Purchases
268	04/29/2016	Claims	1	5863	Barney Buckley	50.00 April 2016 Waste Water Operator Services
295	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5864	Anatek Labs, Inc.	360.00 2016 April - Water & Pine Creek Testing
296	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5865	Avista Utilities	1,364.28 2016 April - Avista Charges
297	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5866	Bank Of Fairfield	343.36 2016 April - VISA Charges
298	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5867	Bishop Law Office	200.00 April 2016 - Legal Retainer
299	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5868	Department of Health	327.00 2016 Operating Permit & Operator Certification System Fee
300	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5869	Empire Disposal	40.07 April 2016 - Garbage Collection
301	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5870	General Pump Mechanics, Inc	796.23 Repair Of Water Pump # 2, Reprogrammed VFD
302	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5871	H.D. Fowler Company	62.76 Water Line Repair Clamps
303	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5872	Town Of Farmington	217.86 2016 March - Water And Sewer Service Town Of Farmington - Accts. # 85, # 465, & #546
308	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5873	Anatek Labs, Inc.	84.00 2016 April - Pine Creek Testing
309	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5874	J-U-B Engineers, Inc	640.63 2016 April - Historical Jail Evaluation & Water Quality Impairment Study
312	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5875	Annie Pillers	103.65 2015 Annual Report Consultation & Review
318	05/16/2016	Claims	1	5876	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	113.76 2016 April - Phone/Fax/Internet
		001 Current Expense				4,426.17
		101 City Street				1,175.16
		401 Water Fund				2,054.45
		409 Sewer Fund				1,673.46
						Claims: 5,210.39
						Payroll: 4,118.85
						9,329.24

Lyman Dust Control Quotes:

At last month's meeting Mayor Baker reminded the Council that \$4,000.00 had been budgeted, approved and set aside in the 2016 budget to be used on either dust abatement or the purchase of additional gravel. At that meeting it was agreed that 5th Street and 2nd Street are the two heaviest traveled streets in Farmington during the summer months. Cody Lord advised the Farmington Council that Lyman Dust Control was able to treat all of the gravel roadways in Garfield with dust abatement material in June of 2015 for \$3,200.00 total. Lyman Dust Control quoted Farmington a price of .065 cents per square foot to treat Farmington's approximately 3 miles of gravel roadways. Joel Abbott **motioned** to authorize Mayor Baker to spend up to \$4,000.00 on dust abatement to treat the heaviest traveled roadways in Farmington. Brian Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Barfus Water Issue Update:

Mayor Baker stated that he personally assisted Todd Lobdell, Farmington's water operator, today as he did a water flow test from the town's side of the meter to the water main at Mr. Barfus's residence. The flow test showed that no problem exists from the meter to the water main. The mayor stated that from the town's side of the meter, Mr. Barfus has over 5 gallons per minute of water flow. Don Schaffer and Todd Lobdell were both witnesses to the testing. Mr. Barfus asked the council to agree to reimburse him for all expenses associated with replacing his meter with a one inch meter and all of the water line from the meter to his residence with one inch line, in the event this remedy does not result in better water pressure at his residence. Mayor Baker advised Mr. Barfus, and Councilman Brian Oliver reiterated to Mr. Barfus, that it would be prudent for him to discuss his situation with a plumber who understands the friction loss situation associated with the location of his residence in relation to the location of his water meter. Both Mayor Baker and Councilman Oliver told Mr. Barfus that the town will not reimburse him for any work he has done on his side of the meter. However, if the work he has done does not solve his water issues, the council will then consider replacing the lines on the town's side of the meter at his residence. Mayor Baker reminded Mr. Barfus that the flow test done today showed that no problem exists from the meter to the water main on the town's side.

Fencing Quotes: Councilmember Ewing:

Councilmember Noreen Ewing reported that she received three fencing quotes which she discussed with Dave, Cory and Brett Lisenbee, (from the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department) the quotes were for the additional necessary parts and the installation of the chain link fencing at the Children's Playground Park. Wilder Fencing in Moscow, ID quoted \$4204.00. Quality Fencing from Princeton, ID quoted \$2,827.37 and Pearson Fencing in Colfax quoted \$3,268.00. Both Quality and Pearson were only willing to quote and do the job using materials purchased from their companies. The materials previously purchased from Moscow Building Supply (with the exception of one gate and the cement) will be returned for a refund of approximately \$600.00. The Town of Farmington will pay approximately \$100.00 for an additional gate and the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department will pay approximately \$2500.00 for the installation of the fencing. The quote from Quality Fencing has been accepted and Kevin Becker has been contacted and asked to schedule the installation of the heavy residential fencing (which will match the existing fence) at his earliest convenience.

Well Two Repair Quotes:

On May 3, 2016 Mark Haukeli, an electrician who specializes in well pumps from "Well Pump Specialists" out of Deer Park met with Todd Lobdell at Well #2. Mark found the VFD to be tripping on the torque value. Mark adjusted the VFD (which was set incorrectly) to the optimal settings prescribed by the manufacturer and the unit is now up and running. Mark stated that the pump and motor are old and if they start to fail again the problem "could" be a bearing that is intermittently locking up. However, he believes the problem to have been that the settings on the VFD were wrong. Mark did state that the check valve down the well has failed and will need to be repaired but due to the age of the pump, it would be understandable if the council choose to wait it out and repair the pump, motor and check valve all at the same time (at a later date) in an effort to gain as much life from the pump as possible.

Water Overage Rate Increase – Councilmember Ewing:

Councilmember Ewing stated that Mark Hellinger suggested that as a way of increasing water revenues, Farmington's overage fees be increased. It was pointed out that historically the overage rates are purposely left low as a means of encouraging citizens to water their lawns. It was agreed upon that if rates are increased, the said increase should encompass all of Farmington's water users not just the few who keep their lawns green or water their gardens. Noreen Ewing **motioned** to increase the monthly water base rate for residential users to \$51.22 for 1000 cubic feet of water and to keep the charge of \$0.75 for each additional 500 cubic feet used each month as is, beginning July 1st, 2016 and to change the monthly water base rate for non-residential users to \$51.22 for 400 cubic feet of water and to leave the charge of \$0.75 for each additional 200 cubic feet used each month as is, beginning July 1st, 2016. Brian Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Council Comments:

Councilmember Ewing stated that if no one had an objection, she would like to contact Layne Merritt, Farmington's Engineer from J-U-B Engineers in Spokane to ask him to look into a matching funds grant opportunity for the arts offered by AWC-RMSA.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Baker presented the council with a five year financial summary prepared by Farmington's Treasurer Cody Lord, in conjunction with the submittal of Farmington's 2015 Annual Report to the State Auditor. The summary showed Farmington to be financially fit.

The mayor reported that he will be calling a service technician from Ackerman Heating out of Colfax to service the heater in the council chambers at the community center. The unit was purchased in 2010 and was last serviced in 2011. He stated that he also has concerns about the heater in the town shop and will be replacing the thermostat to see if he can rectify the problem with it. Councilmember Ewing suggested storing the machinery requiring a heated environment in a smaller area in order to cut down on the cost of heating the shop during the winter months.

The Mayor asked that everyone keep their eyes open and to text him if they see something that has been missed or needs to be done in the grounds department. Councilmember Ewing asked that the mower deck on the John Deere be leveled as the grass in the park is being cut at an uneven angle. George Martzall, Farmington's maintenance worker stated that he and James Woomack will attempt to repair the problem.

Mayor Baker stated that it has come to his attention that three fire hydrants in Farmington are in need of repair and therefore out of service. The first being near the vacant Grenz residence at West 201 Lincoln Street, the second is near the vacant Anderson residence at North 301 "C" Street and the location of the third is being investigated. Fire Chief Don Schaffer is aware of the situation and Councilman Joel Abbott agreed to document the locations of the hydrants which are out of service on the board at the fire station. Mayor Baker will be contacting a company to come in and make the necessary repairs.

The Mayor reported that Farmington has received the results from the April 25th testing of Upper and Lower Pine Creek. All indications are that the lagoons have caused and are causing no degradation to Pine Creek. These results have been forwarded to Layne Merritt from J-U-B Engineers and to Cynthia Wall at DOE for her review and final recommendation regarding further testing.

Mayor Baker reminded the council that at their April 18th meeting, Farmington's Engineer, Layne Merritt of J-U-B Engineers reported to them his firms findings regarding the structural integrity of the Old Jail-Storage building. Above all else, J-U-B's Structural Engineer, Dave Barnette, noted the cause of the buildings separation problem to be the roots of the tree on the east side of the building which have grown under the foundation of the building. Mayor Baker advised the council that the professional opinion of J-U-B's structural engineer is that this tree **MUST** be removed unequivocally and without any room for interpretation. Therefore Noreen Ewing **motioned** to spend whatever portion of the remaining \$4300.00 from the RMSA-AWC grant is required, to have the tree professionally removed. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.** Councilmember Ewing agreed to check with AVISTA to see if they will remove the tree due to the tree's proximity to their power lines.

Mayor Baker advised everyone that Farmington's fire hydrants will be flushed sometime in June and that he will send a notice as to the exact date out to the citizens in their June 1st water-sewer bills.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

David L. Baker, Mayor

Attest: _____
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer
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