

Town of Farmington

Regular Town Council Meeting

May 18th, 2015

Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor Pro-Tem David Baker, Council Members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, Diana Lowley, and Billie Wolff.

Visitors:

Katherine Barnes Pawson, Rose Brooks, Lydia Brooks, George Martzall, Kirby Kiehle, Max Mohan, and Mark Hellinger.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the April 20th, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the April 20th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- **AWC Safety Grants:**

Awards were announced April 30, 2015 with Farmington receiving \$4,000 in grant funding. \$1000 each for the following projects: Additional Chain link fencing at the Children's Playground Park, Electrical repair and upgrades at the Park Gazebo, Bell Tower and Old Jail Storage building. Once these electrical upgrades are completed, the entire park will have new wiring, there will be two new light fixtures installed on the existing pole and new electrical outlets will have been installed in the Rose Garden, at the Gazebo, on the outside wall of the Bell Tower and in the Barbeque area of the park.

- **Proposed Uses for the Farmington Festival Donation of \$7,752.90:**

The issue of how to spend the Farmington Festival Donation of \$7,752.90 was discussed, among the proposed projects brought up for consideration were: A Sprinkler System for the park, additional Chain Link Fencing to complete the fencing project at the Children's Playground Park, the refurbishing of the five existing picnic tables in the park and repairs to the Barbeque and Fire Pit areas of the park. Councilmember Ewing was asked to obtain a quote for a sprinkler system and to report her findings to the council at the June 15th meeting. It was decided to allocate funding and to allow Councilmember Ewing to begin by refurbish one of the picnic table from the gazebo area of the park.

- **Replacement of Pump at Well #2:**

Since the vary drive on the 40 hp pump at well #2 was set down to 53hz last month the drive has only tripped upon one occasion, thus eliminating the urgent concern for the replacement of the pump at well 2. The council decided due to the limited funds in Farmington's water account, should the pump fail in the immediate future, a loan would have to be acquired to pay for the replacement of the pump.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Diana Lowley **moved** for approval of the April 21, 2015 through May 18, 2015 claims of \$3,175.22 & payroll of \$4,109.29 totaling **\$7,284.51** Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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MCAG #: 0806				04/21/2015 To: 05/18/2015		Page: 1	
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
284	04/30/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	742.04	941 Deposit For 04/01/2015 - 04/30/2015
285	04/30/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	04/01/2015 To 04/30/2015 - DSHS - Child Support
280	04/30/2015	Payroll	1	1606	Barbara Dial-Flomer	840.42	
281	04/30/2015	Payroll	1	1607	Todd Lobdell	452.64	
282	04/30/2015	Payroll	1	1608	George Martzall	953.11	
283	04/30/2015	Payroll	1	1609	Robert Hill	180.66	Gross = 1/2 Of \$391.25 - Hellinger Building Permit
313	05/15/2015	Payroll	1	1610	Barbara Dial-Flomer	840.42	
322	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5683	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2015 April - Water Testing
323	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5684	Avista Utilities	1,462.82	2015 April - AVISTA Charges
324	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5685	Bank Of Fairfield	486.06	2015 April - VISA Charges
325	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5686	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2015 April - Legal Retainer
326	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5687	Empire Disposal	40.07	2015 April - Empire Disposal Billing
327	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5688	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	113.17	2015 April- Phone / Fax / Internet Charges
328	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5689	Spokane Conservation District	38.05	2015 April - Purchase Of Shingle Oak Tree For Replacement Of Tree On West Washington
329	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5690	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 May - Water & Sewer Account 465 - Park
330	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5691	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 May - Water & Sewer Account #85 - Community Center
331	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5692	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 May - Water & Sewer Account #546 - FFD
332	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5693	Dept. of Health Washington State	327.00	2015 May - Water Operating Permit Fee
333	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5694	Whitman Co. Public Works	46.61	2015 April - 1st Street Bridge Inspection
334	05/18/2015	Claims	1	5695	Zumar Industries Inc.	223.58	2015 May - Street Sign Order
						3,084.21	
001 Current Expense						1,669.07	
101 City Street						1,658.08	
401 Water Fund						873.15	
409 Sewer Fund							
						7,284.51	Claims: 3,175.22 Payroll: 4,109.29

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the April 2015 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a **\$178,933.95** cash balance. **\$89,423.04** in checking and **\$89,510.91** in the MMDA account. Billie Wolff **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Request for Zoning Amendment - Mark Hellinger:

Mark Hellinger owner/operator of Audio Pile addressed the council by asking them to resolve to render an Official Zoning Map of the Town of Farmington as prescribed by law on page 6 of The Farmington Zoning Ordinance as adopted January 12, 1981. He asked this because after an exhaustive and comprehensive search by the town clerk and past Farmington mayors, the town's Official Zoning Map has not been located and at this time is presumed lost or destroyed. Research indicates currently there is no official copy of Farmington's Official Zoning Map on file at Whitman County Court House, nor with the State of Washington records repository, nor WSU Library Archives. Therefore, at this time it seems that rendering an Official Zoning Map of the Town of Farmington likely involves creation or recreation and adoption by council of a new Official Zoning Map for the town as provided for per Farmington's Zoning Ordinance on page 6, titled Official Map, in section 3 of that page of the Zoning Ordinance under the heading "Replacement". Currently some or many of the individuals are alive that were instrumental in creating seemingly the most recent past Official Zoning Map of Farmington, and at least one or more of those individuals have expressed their willingness to assist with their historical knowledge in recreation of a new Official Zoning Map if called upon to do so. Mark respectfully requested the council move to action on the opportunity to utilize the existing brain trust in the rendering of Farmington's Official Zoning Map while that opportunity still exists.

The council decided to assign the recreation of a new Official Zoning Map to the Farmington planning commission under the guidance of their chairman Max Mohan with the assistance of Jerry Wagner and Royce Johnson as historical consultants. Chairman Max Mohan will meet with the planning commission and report their progress to the council at the June 15th meeting.

Citizens Comments:

Max Mohan commended the Clerk-Treasurer for the quality and quantity of work she does for the town and cautioned the council that if they do not financially compensated her in a proper manner she could easily be stolen by an employer from the private sector.

Council Comments:

Noreen Ewing explained that once grant funding was received from the Association of Washington Cities for the electrical upgrades in the park, she expedited the project in order to avoid the expiration of the current electrical permit and because she had volunteers at her disposal ready and willing to work.

Billie Wolff noted that a Senior Citizens meal is held at the Garfield Legion Hall on the third Wednesday of every month. Billie strongly encouraged anyone able to attend the event to please do so as Grant funding for this event is in jeopardy due to lack of attendance.

Billie Wolff also stated that she has established a working relationship and a useful informational resource within the ranks of the Hayden, ID water department, should the need for informational assistance ever arise.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

Clerk-Treasurer Dial-Flomer advised the Council that Layne Merritt from J-U-B Engineers in Spokane will attend their June 15th Farmington Town Council Public Hearing to discuss Farmington’s 2016-2021 Six year Street Plan, and at the regular meeting Layne will discuss the initial findings from the first three samples of water taken from Pine Creek near the lagoons. He will also discuss CDBG grant funding as it applies to Farmington and the Town’s utility rates.

Mayor Pro-Tem’s Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Baker asked the council and citizens to be mindful and respectful of the Clerk-Treasurer’s off-duty time. He reminded them that should she be contacted on her off duty time for any reason, he will insure that she be monetarily compensated for that time. He also stated that due to the number of comp hours the Clerk-Treasurer has accumulated, he will not be requiring her to hold “office hours” with the understanding that her duties continue to be completed in a timely manner.

He also stated that he has been looking into the purchase of insurance benefits for the Clerk-Treasurer and has found the cost to be prohibitive. He asked the council to be thinking about increasing her pay to a level that would off-set the lack of benefits offered to her.

After some discussion the Mayor Pro-Tem and Council decided Farmington will use Gabbard Electric for all future electrical issues (which do not fall under the “bid-required” financial threshold), in order to support local business and to also save on mileage costs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

David L. Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer
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