

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
April 17th, 2017
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:10 PM**

Roll Call:

Mayor David Baker, Council Members: Jamie Lopez, Diana Oliver, Brian Oliver and Jason Brausen. Council Member Lavon Erickson was absent.

Visitors:

Cody Lord, George Martzall, Julie Bussing, Donald Schaffer, Sandra Hansen and Max Mohan.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's April 17th, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the March 20th, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of the March 20th, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Jason Brausen seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Jason Brausen **moved** for approval of the March 21st, 2017 through April 17th, 2017 claims of \$5,029.48 & payroll of \$5,308.53 Totaling \$10,338.01. Diana Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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Town Of Farmington		MCAG #: 0806		03/21/2017 To: 04/17/2017		Time: 15:37:50	Date: 04/13/2017
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
200	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	03/01/2017 To 03/31/2017 - DSHS - Child Support
201	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	932.58	941 Deposit For 03/01/2017 - 03/31/2017
210	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	Department Of Labor & Industries	517.25	1ST Quarter 01/01/2017 - 03/31/2017
211	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	Employment Security Department	24.62	Unemployment Quarterly Report
219	04/04/2017	Claims	1	EFT	Department of Revenue	824.45	2017 1st Quarter Excise Tax
193	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	1738	Barbara Dial-Flomer	492.76	03/16/17 Thru 03/31/17
194	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	1739	Todd Lobdell	408.19	03/01/2017 thru 03/31/2017
195	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	1740	Rudolf Goossen	160.69	03/01/2017 thru 03/31/2017
196	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	1741	Cody Lord	708.28	03/16/2017 Thru 03/31/2017
197	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	1742	George Martzall	885.47	03/01/2017 thru 03/31/2017
198	03/31/2017	Payroll	1	1743	Robert Hill	61.76	1/2 Of Permits #34 And #41 March Building Permits
245	04/15/2017	Payroll	1	1744	Barbara Dial-Flomer	392.78	04/01/2017 thru 04/15/2017
246	04/15/2017	Payroll	1	1745	Cody Lord	624.15	04/01/2017 thru 04/15/2017
199	03/31/2017	Claims	1	6025	Barney Buckley	50.00	March 2017 Waste Water Services
232	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6026	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2017 March - Monthly Water Sampling
233	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6027	Avista Utilities	1,329.56	2017 March - Avista Electrical Charges
234	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6028	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2017 March - Legal Retainer
235	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6029	Department of Retirement Systems	25.00	2016 Tax Year - OASI Administrative Fee Per RCW 41.48
236	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6030	Empire Disposal	42.65	March 2017 Garbage Disposal Fee
237	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6031	JMT Petroleum	478.47	2017 March - Kerosene Heating Oil For The Community Center
238	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6032	Palouse Hills L.L.C.	499.11	2017 March - Gravel Purchased And Delivered To Railroad Street.
239	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6033	Thornycroft Appraisals Inc.	500.00	2017 March - Appraisal Methodist Church Property
240	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6034	Town Of Farmington	240.00	2017 April - Water & Sewer Services Accts: 465-85-546
241	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6035	VISA	208.51	2017 March - Visa Transactions
242	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6036	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	112.62	2017 March Phone / Fax / Internet
249	04/17/2017	Claims	1	6037	Palouse Hills L.L.C.	499.11	2017 April - Gravel Purchased And Delivered To Railroad Street.
						4,425.71	
001 Current Expense						2,287.73	
101 City Street						2,177.39	
401 Water Fund						1,447.18	
409 Sewer Fund							
						10,338.01	Claims: 5,029.48 Payroll: 5,308.53

Approval of the March 2017 Treasurer’s Reports:

Jamie Lopez **moved** for approval of the **March 2017 Treasurers Report** showing Farmington with a cash balance of **\$213,379.06**. **\$123,673.59** in checking and **\$89,705.47** in the MMDA account. Brian Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Resolution 381-17 Excess Levy Propositions:

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of Resolution 381-17 - EXCESS LEVY PROPOSITIONS to be placed on the August 1, 2017 - Primary Election ballot. Jamie Lopez **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

- **Proposition 1: Street Maintenance Levy** in the amount of **\$12,000** for an estimated \$1.44 per \$1,000 with and assessed value of \$8,346,186 in 2017 for collection in 2018.
- **Proposition 2: Finance the Current Expense Levy** in the amount of **\$8,000** for an estimated \$0.96 per \$1,000 with and assessed value of \$8,346,186 in 2017 for collection in 2018.
- **Proposition 3: Fire Equipment and General Equipment Levy** in the amount of **\$20,000** for an estimated \$ 2.40 per \$1,000 with and assessed value of \$8,346,186 in 2017 for collection in 2018.

Tree City USA - Committee Coordinator:

At the March 20th Town Council Meeting, Mayor Baker asked if anyone on the council would be interested in volunteering to coordinate the Farmington Tree City USA Committee. After some discussion the issue was tabled to allow council members’ time to check their summer schedules. At tonight’s meeting the Council decided that they as a group, along with Treasurer Cody Lord, will plan and host an Arbor Day celebration in late summer of 2017, thus allowing Farmington to be eligible to obtain reimbursement from the Tree City USA program for \$500.00 in expenses associated with the planting of the trees in the community park last year.

Yard Waste - Compost Site:

At the March 20th Town Council Meeting, Mayor Baker noted that people are ignoring the closed sign at the Town’s yard waste site by driving around it and that items other than yard waste and compost such as construction materials, old mattresses and household debris are being dumped there. The Mayor asked the Council their thoughts on fencing the area especially during the winter months. Discussed was the possibility of sending a list of allowable and non-allowable items (printed on brightly colored paper) to each resident with their utility bill. Also discussed was the possibility of placing a locking gate at the entrance to the area and charging a fee to use the dump. Council asked that prior to locking the area, citizens be informed yet again, (via their utility bill) of the guidelines for using the yard waste site. Julie Bussing asked when the site will be re-opened for residents needing to use it for its intended purpose. Mayor Baker stated that he will authorize the re-opening of the site as soon as weather permits. He explained that the area is currently a mud pit due to excessive rain and that it is impossible for citizens to dump their yard waste anywhere near the designated areas due to their fear of getting their vehicles stuck in the mud. Mayor Baker acknowledged the abuse of the site by those who have dumped unauthorized materials there but stated, that abuse has nothing to do with the site being closed at this time, – it is simply closed due to extremely wet conditions.

Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Compliance Issues Status Report:

A recent WSRB audit of the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department uncovered that the pumper truck owned by the Town of Farmington needs to be taken to General Fire in Spokane to be tested, to insure that it is up to par with the WSRB pump requirements for maintaining a level 9 fire insurance rating. If Farmington’s pumper does not meet the requirements Fire Chief Brian Oliver will ascertain whether or not it can be brought into compliance and if so, at what cost. Cody Lord stated that he will look into whether or not the Town of Garfield intends to surplus, one or possible two of their pumper trucks which are rated at 750 PSI.

Fire Chief-Town Council Member Brian Oliver stated that he will be attending the business meeting of Whitman County Fire District #10 on Thursday night, April 20th. At that meeting Brian hopes to obtain a quote from the Fire District #10 Commissioners for the cost per year that they will charge the Town of Farmington to contract fire services through them.

Treasurer Cody Lord is working with Whitman County Fire District #10’s Secretary Shawna Jefferies and Farmington’s legal counsel – Bishop Law Office to get an Interlocal-Mutual Aid Agreement between the district and the town written and in place as soon as possible.

Council’s Comments:

None.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

- **Jail Restoration & Fire Pumper Truck Purchase - AWC Safety Grants:**
Treasurer Cody Lord reported that he applied for and was granted a \$5,000.00 - 2017 AWC-RMSA Safety Grant to be used toward **either** the restoration of the old jail building or the purchase of a fire pumper truck.

- **1981 Proposed Zoning Map:**

Treasurer Cody Lord advised the council that their May 15th meeting will begin with an Open Public Hearing wherein they will be asked to adopt the PROPOSED Farmington zoning map from 1981 which was replicated by J-U-B the Town's Engineering Company in 2015. The agenda will allow for public comments on this matter.

Mayor's Comments:

- **Gravel:**

Mayor Baker advised the council that so far this year he has purchased and had gravel delivered to both Railroad and Whitman Streets. He also asked Don Schaffer (who has been volunteering to lay gravel for the town) to place gravel from the town's stock pile on to 5th Street near the Field's and the Turk's residences.

- **Children's Playground Park Lighting:**

The Mayor stated that Todd Gabbard from Gabbard Electric recently installed a mast on the old jail building and repaired the electrical lines which are used to supply electricity to illuminate the Children's Playground Park. Todd graciously did this work for nothing more than the cost of the materials.

- **Old Jail-Storage Building:**

Mayor Baker reminded the council that in the fall of 2016 they were presented with a verbal quote from Iron Mountain Construction for \$15,000.00 for the cost to complete the structural repairs to the old jail-storage building. He asked the council if they intended to authorize the \$15,000.00 financial expenditure so that the work can be completed this coming summer. Diana Oliver noted that with both the pre-existing \$7,000.00 Harvest Festival Donation and the 2017 - AWC Safety Grant award of \$5,000.00 (both of which have been set aside to fund the project), the town will be spending \$3,000.00 from the general fund for these repairs. She also noted that several citizens have expressed a desire to see the historic old jail be preserved. Jason Brausen made a **motioned** to pay Iron Mountain Construction \$15,000.00 to rehabilitate the structural integrity of the old jail – storage building. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Treasurer Cody Lord will contact Iron Mountain Construction to confirm that their quote from last year is still a viable quote and if so Cody will request the quote in writing and schedule the work to begin within the next few months.

- **Side Note:**

Max Mohan informed the Mayor, Council and Citizen's in attendance at tonight's meeting about the Palouse Knowledge Bowl's upcoming Boot Camp. The Boot Camp will consist of a group of seminars designed for entrepreneurs' who want to expand their existing business or start new businesses. Max encouraged anyone interested in the event to contact him for further information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.

Mayor David L. Baker

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk

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