

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 16, 2019
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM**

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's December 16th, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Roll Call:

Mayor Brian Oliver, Councilmembers: Shelly Lobdell, Mark Hellinger and Diana Oliver were present. Lavon Walser and Jaime Lopez were absent.

Visitor:

Mary Jo Turk

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Diana Oliver **MOVED** to approve the November 18th, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes, November Treasurer Report (showing Farmington with a total cash balance of \$271,076.33, \$180,978.52 in checking and \$90,097.81 in the MMDA account), as well as the November 19th through December 16th, 2019 claims of \$5,298.02 and payroll of \$3,500.22 totaling \$8,798.24. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Mark Hellinger said he didn't have a problem with the \$580.00 repair to the bank west of the bridge done by Triple B Excavation, however he would like to at some point take up the \$500.00 threshold the mayor is granted to spend without council approval. He would like to see where this policy was set. He questioned whether it was done in ordinance/resolution or just motioned at the table.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barney Buckley was absent so no water or sewer report was given but Mayor Oliver said everything was running as normal. Mayor Oliver said there were boulders added to the west side of the bridge to help prevent erosion of the bridge and creek bank. Likely there will be some more shoring needed but he would like to wait for the bridge inspection to happen and see what their recommendation will be.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Diana Oliver said she has been working on the contents to submit the AWC Safety grant. She is proposing a new roof, either composite or metal, be installed on the fix-it shop to help keep heat in and also protect the interior from leaking. She is working to collect bids for the project now and the challenge is getting a contractor out here to have a look at the project. One bid was provided for the materials to do either a composite or metal roof. Mark stated that he is a fan of metal in this region.

Mark also wonders if the council/clerk should prepare an option #2 for the safety grant just in case they don't approve this one. He stated a second option might be to buy more material to continue to build up the lagoons so they are back in good working order. Waves across the lagoons over the years has created erosion. Mark Hellinger **MOVED** to submit the AWC Safety Grant for the fix-it shop roof replacement. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

The town will need to adopt a budget amendment for the 2019 operating budget before the end of the year to accommodate for the 13th month transaction which are expenses incurred in 2019 and must be paid before Jan. 20, 2020. Treasurer Cody Lord presented two different options for the budget amendment. Option 1 is increasing the allowable expenditures in the Special Equipment Reserve and moving the KME pump rebuild from the 409 Sewer Fund to the 306 Special Equipment Reserve Fund. Or option #2 would be to slightly increase the 306 Special Equipment Reserve fund and the 409 Sewer Fund to accommodate final 13th month transactions in the sewer fund and also to allow for the payment to KME for the sewer pump repair out of the 306 Special Equipment Reserve fund. Both options are fine to execute, however option #1 is a little simpler due to only having to do one BARS

code transfer. Mark Hellinger **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance #246-19, amending the 2019 operating budget and increasing the allowable expenditures in Fund 306 (Special Equipment Reserve) to \$11,700.00. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Oliver said there are some funds left over in the 101 Street Fund budget in 2019 and the town citizens have approved the street levy for collection in 2020. He would like to propose the town put that money to good use and put some gravel on the highest traveled roads in town. It has been some time since significant rock was put onto the surfaces and he would like to see 2 inch of rock added to the highest traffic areas. Mayor Oliver believes rock is about \$9.00/yard if ordered through the county and if they deliver it will likely be around \$15.00/yard. They will need to look at Google Maps in order to get a good estimate of how much material would be needed to get the 2 inch base and 16 feet wide surface.

Mayor Oliver said currently this is the wrong time of year to put any product down, but he wishes to have a plan in place for the spring so they can arrange some help from people in town with equipment to spread the material. The county should be able to belly dump the material which will make it easier to spread. Mark said on 2nd street there are a couple blocks that will need it, as well as up by the Triplett's house to the Church as that receives a fair amount of traffic. Mark has spent some time grading some streets to be able to find the edge of the street and also provide a nice crown on the surface so that water runs off and to the ditches.

Mayor Oliver explains the county is getting anxious to know how much material the town will be needing so they can schedule on their end. Mark said currently they don't know the delivery charge and Mayor Oliver said what he needs is a rough amount that the council would be comfortable allocating towards graveling the streets. Shelly believes since the citizens are passing the levies for the streets, funds should not be stockpiled but instead put back into the streets so they are nice to travel on. Mark Hellinger **MOVED** to allocate up to \$10,000 to use on the street re-rock project. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Oliver said the town will be in need of a snow plow operator noting that Tim Hokenson has no interest in driving the plow this winter. Shelly asked if the mayor had talked with Rudy yet. Mayor Oliver had not, but he will be reaching out to a few additional people in the coming days. There was some question about whether the town was required to have someone with a CDL drive the snow plow truck. Mark believes the reason a CDL is needed for the plow truck is due to the fact that it has air breaks. Mayor Oliver and Mark both stated what the town really needs is an F-450 with a plow on it. Possibly there is some kind of grant that could be used for this. Cody will call AWC and see if they can shed some light on if the town requires a CDL if the truck is only operating within town limits. Citizen Mary Jo Turk suggested reaching out to Tekoa or Palouse and see who does their snow removal.

Rick Wride has been assisting in doing the fall cleanup in the park and around town. George Martzall has been out due to eye surgery and limited to only light duty during the healing time. Rick has assisted in getting leaves up in the park, getting rock off the roads and fall cleanup on the approaches to town.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.



Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest: _____


Cody Lord Clerk-Treasurer

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Monday, December 16th, 2019 - Farmington Community Center

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