

Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
April 20, 2020
Telephone or Video Conference Meeting
6:00 PM

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's April 20, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM. This meeting was conducted via telephone and video conference to abide by the Washington State Governor's Office Proclamation 20-05 Due to the Covid-19 situation.

Roll Call:

Mayor Brian Oliver, Councilmembers: Lavon Walser, Jamie Lopez, Diana Oliver and Shelly Lobdell were present.

Visitor:

Dwayne Alexander, Todd Lobdell and Barney Buckley.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Jaime Lopez **MOVED** to approve the March 16th, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes and Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to approve the March 2020 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a total March cash balance of \$257,850.97, \$167,692.92 in checking and \$90,158.05 in the MMDA account, Jaime Lopez **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Position #5 is still available. Mayor Oliver asked council to encourage people in the community to join the council and support the town.

7 live traps have been purchased and placed around town. Mayor Oliver asked Cody to also purchase the cheaper of the two pass through traps that were located, this trap will be used for the beaver in the creeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Oliver said there has been a request to add water service to the 200 block of Washington Street. This is the property that borders Jason and Anthea's place and is owed by Shelly and Mike Ausmus. It is believed there was a broken hydrant by the bus station and there is also a very old meter and box on the property that is no longer serviceable. Barney Buckley explained that he has been to the property to survey it and will dig at the location where the old hydrant was run over and capped to see if this would be a good place to provide water service to the property. Guest Todd Lobdell said there are several meters in the fix-it shop which will work for reconnection. Once the meter is activated and the water restored to the property, then a new utility account can be set up for Shelly and Mike.

Barney also provided council with an update of all matters at the sewer lift house. The volume totalizer is now working again as intended. George should continue to take manual DMR reads until it can be confirmed at the end of the month that all numbers are totaling correctly. When the high sewer flows came in February, silt and debris entered into the lift station and caused one of the lift station pumps to have a seal failure. The wet wells were scheduled for a vacuum and clean to get the debris at the bottom out of the system. There was about 5 dozen buckets of gravel collected and taken to the lagoon. The damaged pump was taken out by KME and will be serviced offsite and returned for operation. KME has the seal kit already, so it should be a quick turn-around. Barney suggests that the town will likely want to conduct some main line cleaning before too long. Mayor Oliver said he can arrange the fire truck when they are ready to do the cleaning. Todd Lobdell said he can't remember the system ever being cleaned and Barney states he has pulled manholes and sees some normal debris but everything appears to be moving smoothly.

RESOLUTION 396-20 Excess Levy to be voted on in 2020 and collected through taxes in 2021. Mayor Oliver explains the same amounts from the year before are presented on this levy. The money will be primarily used for expenses in the current expense fund and expenses in the street fund tied to gravel and road oiling and some street repair. Mayor Oliver would like to gravel as

many roads as possible with the funds collected on this levy. Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to approve Resolution 396-20 approving the levy amount to be voted on by the citizens of Farmington in the 2020 election and to be collected in 2021. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Dwayne Alexander was present for the meeting and introduced himself as the person in charge of the property remodel at Main and 3rd street. He will be coming into town hall to apply for a building permit shortly and Cody will schedule a time to complete this since the office is closed to the public at this time. Dwayne said he is interested in potentially building some spec homes on the lots he owns on Washington Street. Mayor Oliver thinks this would be great as long as the properties fit the tradition of the town and encourages Dwayne to keep in contact about his intentions so a planning commission can be formed to get the project approved from the town's side. Mayor Oliver encouraged Dwayne to let the town know when he has plans in place for the property.

Council Comments:

Shelly Lobdell asked that the town send a letter to the local farmers encouraging them not to use 5th Street as a thru fare. The only farmers that should be an exception to this would be Lehn Farms since they have to access their fields from 5th street. Shelly also asked if the Oakesdale School District could hang graduation flags in downtown Farmington for their graduating kids and Mayor Oliver approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

Cody encouraged all council members to stop by in the coming days to quickly sign the meeting documents, especially Resolution 396-20 since this has a May 8th deadline to be to the elections office in Colfax in order to make on the primary election ballot.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Oliver said he has been extremely busy at work and hasn't had as much time to devote to town projects. If there is anyone willing to volunteer their time right now for projects, he would gladly accept the assistance.

Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to adjourn the regular council meeting. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The meeting closed at 6:34 pm.

Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest: _____
Cody Lord Clerk-Treasurer
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Monday, April 20, 2020 - Farmington Community Center
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