

**Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 6:00 PM  
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**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Brian Oliver, Councilmembers: Lavon Walser, Jaime Lopez, Diana Oliver, Shelly Lobdell and Blanche Rhea.

**VISITORS:** No Visitors Present

**OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:**

Farmington's February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. This was an all-virtual meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Approval of January 18th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Check Register with expenditures totaling \$12,530.97, claims total \$6,612.10 and payroll total \$5,918.87.
- Approval of the January 2021 Treasurer's Report; total cash balance of \$279,658.22 with \$189,442.76 in the checking account and \$90,215.46 in the MMDA Account.

Jaime Lopez **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council meeting. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**PLANNING AND ZONING:**

Mayor Oliver explains to council that the town is still waiting on the final suggested language from the planning and zoning committee concerning the RV ordinance. Cody emailed out the RV ordinance suggested by the town's attorney. Mayor Oliver said they could take what he provided, adopt or alter it or just wait for the planning group to come back with their suggestions. Council agreed that waiting for planning and zoning was the best option.

The current volunteer policy was circulated, and it is a pretty cut and dry document that all volunteers should sign before doing anything for the town. Mayor Oliver asked the council to review this policy and see if there was anything that needed to be omitted or added to the document.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Garfield's water and sewer operators have visited Farmington to tour the system and check out what tools were available for repairs. Currently there are very few tools to make repairs on the water or sewer system and Shon from Garfield will be making a list of the most important tools that the town should have on hand. Once the list is put together, it will be prioritized, and items will need to be purchased.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Farmington's building inspector, Bob Hill has passed away. The council acknowledges how grateful they are for the efforts he put forth in Farmington. Mayor Oliver met with a new local building inspector from Tekoa who is willing to take over the responsibilities. His name is Steve Haxton. Mayor Oliver would like to offer him \$50.00 per trip to close out the last remaining open building permits in town and then going forward pay him 75% of each building permit to oversee from start to finish. He is familiar with the state building requirements and said he is not intimidated to enforce building restrictions and see to it that compliance is met on all future projects. A resolution will be provided, laying out the new payment details for this building inspector.

Shelly Lobdell said she did a little research on pay for a maintenance worker within the county and the town is low with their current compensation. Mayor Oliver said Monty has been with the town about 4 months and his pay will increase \$1.00 per hour for each water and sewer license that he obtains. Also, next month will be the first payment towards health insurance, possibly in April it would be a better time to look at how much Monty is accomplishing and how the water and sewer training is coming and reassess the compensation.

• **RESOLUTION 402-21 Revised Employee Pay Schedule**

Mayor Oliver said this resolution reflects the pay increase to 75% of all proceeds from each issued building permit to be paid to Steve Haxton. There are currently no other revisions to employee compensations. Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to approve Resolution 402-21 setting the rate of pay for the building inspector. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Oliver talked about the AWC/RMSA safety grant to be submitted for \$5,000. This grant will be used to cover the speed radar sign at the north end of town on the approach from Tekoa and this sign will be the same one that was installed on the west side of town coming from Oakesdale. The signs cost about \$3,200 each, so for the remainder of the grant money, the town will likely get some security cameras to place on town property. Blanche asked where the cameras would be positioned and Mayor Oliver said likely the town restrooms, parks, town hall, fix it shop and fuel pumps. Cody will be in contact with Cascade computing to see what kind of service and installation can be provided.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Blanche questioned the metal structure located next to the restaurant building and what was the plan for this structure. Currently the structure is not set back from the sidewalk 20 feet as the zoning ordinance call for. Blanche is also concerned about the proximity of the steel structure to the building and wonders if this might be a fire hazard? Mayor Oliver said he didn't see any fire issues but has already told the owner he will need to side or paint the structure or put a fence around the outside, so it is not such an eye sore. Blanche said she is also concerned about the ADA ramp into the building and wonders when the front exit is built out to accommodate the ADA ramp, will this encroach the traffic on the town's sidewalk? Jaime Lopez expressed concern about the sidewalk and deck encroaching on town right of way and will this create any future liability for the town? Mayor Oliver asked Cody to reach out to the town's attorney and pass along the set-back encroachment question and see if the town needs to take any action.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Oliver reminded all council members, since everyone is attending the meetings virtually, council will need to take time to get to town hall and sign the check registers and minutes.

Mayor Oliver asked the council to take action to allow him to sign the Interlocal Agreement with AWC/RMSA, allowing the town to provide health insurance benefits for the maintenance position. Blanche Rhea **MOVED** to allow Mayor Oliver to sign on behalf of the town to enter an Interlocal Agreement with AWC/RMSA for health insurance benefits. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**



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Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Cody Lord Clerk/Treasurer

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Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Farmington Community Center  
6:00 PM – 6:46 PM