

Town of Farmington

Open Public Meeting – Preliminary Budget Hearing

Regular Town Council Meeting

September 21st, 2015

Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor David Baker, Council Members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, Diana Oliver, Brian Oliver and Billie Wolff.

Visitors:

Jerry Wagner, Don Schaffer, Audrey Neuendorf, James Woomack, Mark Hellinger, Kirby Kiehle, Max Mohan, John Ewing, Jaime Lopez, Ron Johnson and Sandy Hansen.

Open Public Meeting – Preliminary Budget Hearing:

Farmington's open public meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Mayor David Baker and Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Dial-Flomer presented the preliminary budget to the council. The 2016 preliminary budget is the combined effort of Mayor Dugan, Mayor Woomack, Mayor Baker, Clerk-Treasurer Dial-Flomer and Annie Pillers, who has 18 years of experience doing municipal budgets. It was pointed out that Farmington's revenues and expenditures are expected to remain close to those of 2015, and therefore the budget did not undergo many significant changes from 2015 to 2016.

Resolution 369-15 (Revenue Resources):

Joel Abbott **motioned** for the collection of the 1% Tax Allowable Per RCW 84.55.120 of the 2015 property tax amount collected of \$34,783 (approximately \$347.00) to be collected in 2016. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Close of the Public Hearing:

Farmington's open public meeting was closed at 6:10 PM.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Citizen Comments:

- **Water Project Reimbursement – Audrey Neuendorf:**

Audrey presented the council with a bill from Sampson's Plumbing for \$1,302.82 for the repair to the water line from the main to the meter at her residence, she agree to pay this bill in full since the town has already paid a total of \$2,566.34 toward this project - \$2,249.13 to Palouse River Rock and \$317.21 to H.D. Fowler.

- **Proposed Water Line Analysis – Jerry Wagner:**

Jerry Wagner presented the council with a two phase plan for determining how urgent Farmington's residential water line pressure problems actually are. Billie Wolff **moved** to allow Jerry Wagner to conduct phase one of his water pressure research project within the town limits of Farmington. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.** With the council's approval, Jerry has agreed to survey every residence on the system, with the exception of the residences on South 1st Street and those located outside of the town limits. Phase One will be testing the water pressure at the residence and phase two will be pulling the meters at the "low-flow" locations to determine if the problem is on the town's or the residents side of the meter. Mayor Baker will do research to ascertain what the acceptable water pressure per minute standard is within the State of Washington, once that number is determined, Jerry Wagner will proceed with the survey.

- **South Fork of Pine Creek Bridge – John Ewing:**

John Ewing reported that he recently cleaned the section of South Pine Creek which runs behind his residence and that he has also placed a walking bridge over the creek at that location which connects his properties on each side of the creek. John further stated that due to an anonymous report about the bridge, he has been visited by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Environmental Protection Agency, The Department of Fish and Game, The Whitman County Sheriff and the Department of Ecology. David Moore from the Environmental Protection Agency advised John to re-seed the creek bank once the bridge project is completed and stated that he will return to do a final inspection when the project is done. Mr. Moore also agreed to coordinate an interagency meeting to discuss how best to proceed with the cleaning of South Pine Creek. John Ewing offered his services as a backhoe operator in the event the town chooses to rent a backhoe to proceed with cleaning the creek once given the "go-ahead" by DOE and EPA.

Approval of the August 11th & August 17th, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Billie Wolff moved for the approval of the August 11th & August 17th, 2015 Council Meeting minutes, contingent on a correction to the August 17th minutes where on page 3, in paragraph 2 of the **Farmington Water Issues: Council Members Ewing & Wolff** section They read that “Billie stated that Audrey’s project has cost Audrey in the neighborhood of \$1,200.00.” The statement should have read “Kirby Kiehle stated that Audrey’s project has cost Audrey in the neighborhood of \$1,200.00.” Brian Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the August 18th, 2015 through September 21st, 2015 claims of \$5,444.38 & payroll of \$4,773.54 totaling **\$10,217.92**, Brian Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
569	08/31/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	08/01/2015 To 08/31/2015 - DSHS - Child Support
570	08/31/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	933.44	941 Deposit For 08/01/2015 - 08/31/2015
566	08/31/2015	Payroll	1	1624	George Martzall	1,241.34	
567	08/31/2015	Payroll	1	1625	Todd Lobdell	495.76	
568	08/31/2015	Payroll	1	1626	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,001.50	
597	09/15/2015	Payroll	1	1627	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,001.50	
592	09/05/2015	Claims	1	5743	Annie Pillers	404.78	Replacement Of Lost Checks #5662 & #5663 - Annual Report Training & Budget Processing
605	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5744	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2015 August - Water Testing
606	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5745	Avista Utilities	1,695.92	2015 August - AVISTA Charges
607	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5746	Bank Of Fairfield	206.12	2015 September - VISA Charges
608	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5747	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2015 August - Legal Retainer
609	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5748	Crossett's	139.06	EMS & City Hall Cleaning Supplies
610	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5749	Empire Disposal	40.07	2015 September - Garbage Collection
611	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5750	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	116.24	2015 September - Phone - Fax - Internet
612	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5751	Palouse River Counseling	9.23	2015 September - 2% Of The Liquor Taxes Received From The State During The 3rd Quarter Of 2015. Per RCW
613	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5752	Palouse River Rock, LLC.	2,249.13	2015 August - Neuendorf Water Project
614	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5753	Tekoa Hardware & Supply	107.96	2015 September - Parks Supplies
615	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5754	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 September - Water & Sewer #465 Park
616	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5755	Town Of Farmington	75.00	2015 September - Water & Sewer #85 Community Center
617	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5756	Town Of Farmington	75.00	2015 September - Water & Sewer #546 Fire Dept.
619	09/18/2015	Claims	1	5757	Whitman County Gazette		Check #5757 ruined during printing.
618	09/21/2015	Claims	1	5758	Whitman County Gazette	33.25	2015 September - Fireworks Ordinance Repeal
						3,308.40	
001 Current Expense						3,308.40	
101 City Street						1,405.08	
401 Water Fund						4,365.26	
409 Sewer Fund						1,139.18	
						10,217.92	Claims: 5,444.38
							Payroll: 4,773.54

Approval of Treasurer’s Report:

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of the August 2015 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a **\$202,374.03** cash balance. **\$112,810.50** in checking and **\$89,563.53** in the MMDA account. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Council Comments:

- Diana Oliver asked Mayor Baker to look into having the broken basement window on the East side of the town owned church repaired before the inclement weather arrives.
- Diana Oliver asked for an update on the status of the lumber which was harvested from the trees in the park. John and Noreen Ewing both stated that the lumber is under a tarp in the driveway of their residence and that if anyone would like to inspect it or relocate it they are free to do so. Diana Oliver questioned selling the lumber using the sealed bid system. Brian Oliver estimated that Green Ash which is four inches thick and 16 feet or greater in length, could possibly sell for as much as \$7.00 to \$8.00 per board foot. Noreen Ewing reported that Windsor Plywood offered \$50.00 per mantle when she spoke with them last year. Brian Oliver agreed to research prices in order to determine a proper minimum bid should the council decide to sell the lumber.
- Joel Abbott thanked Jerry Wagner for taking the initiative to survey Farmington’s residential water system in order to figure out how widespread the water pressure issues actually are.
- Billie Wolff asked that next month’s council meeting agenda include the topic of “Abandoned Vehicles in Farmington and what can be about them”.
- Billie Wolff announced a farm auction scheduled for 10:00 AM, Wednesday the 23rd of September on Dry Creek Road.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

- None.

Mayor Comments:

- Mayor Baker advised the council that he has received complaints in regard to the abandoned run-down, deteriorated houses in Farmington.
- Mayor Baker asked that anyone traveling to Pullman stop in at Ace Elliott Landscaping to look at the two excavators for sale at that location. Both machines have 3200 hours on them, the smaller model is being sold for \$9,000.00 and the larger model is selling for \$25,000.00, either unit would suffice for water line repair and replacement projects. Council will re-visit this topic at their October 19th meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:00

David L. Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer
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