

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 20th, 2017
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:50 PM**

Roll Call:

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

Visitors:

Shawna Jeffries, Tom Hodges, Richard Zimmerman and Ron Johnson from Fire District #10, Cody Lord and Katherine Barnes Pawson.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of the February 21, 2017 through March 20, 2017 claims of \$3,878.29 & payroll of \$3,975.24 totaling \$7,853.53. Lavon Erickson seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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Town Of Farmington MCAG #: 0806		02/21/2017 To: 03/20/2017				Time: 16:07:45	Date: 03/20/2017
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
123	02/28/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	02/01/2017 To 02/28/2017 - DSHS - Child Support
124	02/28/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	744.06	941 Deposit For 02/01/2017 - 02/28/2017
118	02/28/2017	Payroll	1	1732	Barbara Dial-Flomer	348.22	02/16/2017 thru 02/28/2017
119	02/28/2017	Payroll	1	1733	Todd Lobdell	372.17	02/01/2017 Thru 02/28/2017
120	02/28/2017	Payroll	1	1734	Cody Lord	522.18	02/16/2017 thru 02/28/2017
121	02/28/2017	Payroll	1	1735	George Martzall	800.41	02/01/2017 Thru 02/28/2017
154	03/15/2017	Payroll	1	1736	Barbara Dial-Flomer	422.48	03/01/2017 thru 03/15/2017
155	03/15/2017	Payroll	1	1737	Cody Lord	665.72	03/01/2017 thru 03/15/2017
122	02/28/2017	Claims	1	6011	Barney Buckley	50.00	February 2017 Waste Water Services
162	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6012	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2017 February - Water Sampling
163	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6013	Avista Utilities	1,767.48	2017 February - Avista Electricity Charges
164	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6014	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2017 February - Legal Retainer
165	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6015	Cougar Graphics	102.32	2017 March - Printing Of Water & Sewer Billing Envelopes
166	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6016	Empire Disposal	42.65	2017 February - Garbage Collection Fee
167	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6017	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	110.63	2017 February - Phone / Fax / Internet
168	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6018	George Martzall	35.33	2017 March - Reimburse For Required Work Boots - Per Mayor Baker
169	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6019	Palouse River Counseling	40.14	2017 March - 2% Of Liquor Taxes Received From The State During The 2nd, 3rd & 4th Quarter Of 2016 - PER RCW 70.96A.0872015
170	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6020	State Of Washington	4.50	2017 March - Building Code Council Account State Fee (RCW 19.27.085) Goossen #000041.
171	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6021	Town Of Farmington	240.00	2017 March - Water & Sewer Services Accts: 465-85-546
172	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6022	VISA	761.09	2017 February & March VISA Charges
173	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6023	Zumar Industries Inc.	499.65	2017 March - Stop And Yield Signs
184	03/20/2017	Claims	1	6024	State Of Washington	4.50	2017 March - Building Code Council Account State Fee (RCW 19.27.085) Hellinger #000034.
						3,907.27	
001 Current Expense						1,065.90	
101 City Street						1,470.77	
401 Water Fund						1,409.59	
409 Sewer Fund							
						7,853.53	
							Claims: 3,878.29
							Payroll: 3,975.24

Approval of the February 2017 Treasurer’s Reports:

Brian Oliver moved for approval of the **February 2017 Treasurers Report** showing Farmington with a cash balance of **\$211,975.66**. **\$122,277.81** in checking and **\$89,697.85** in the MMDA account. Diana Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Whitman County District #10 Fire Commissioners:

Whitman County District #10 Fire Commissioners, Ron Johnson, Richard Zimmerman and Tom Hodges addressed the council and Mayor Baker about the potential for certification and rating changes brought about by a recent audit that could affect the Town of Farmington’s residential and commercial insurance rates if not addressed. The audit uncovered that the pumper truck owned by the Town of Farmington is not up to par with the WSRB requirements.

Currently there are two entities operating out of the fire department; Whitman County Fire District # 10 and the Town of Farmington Volunteer Fire department. The Commissioners strongly suggested that Farmington consider contracting fire services through Fire District #10. However the commissioners were unable to provide the council with a firm financial quote for contracted fire services. They did however state that they will review the matter and advise Fire Chief Brian Oliver as to what an approximate cost to Farmington for contracted fire services through Whitman County Fire District #10 would be, at their next business meeting... they noted that the Town of Oakesdale pays \$14,000.00 per year for contracted fire services through them. The commissioners further stated that if Farmington should contract fire services through the district that Farmington will need to supply to the district a serviceable pumper truck that meets WSRB requirements, upon entering into the contract. The district in turn will agree to upgrade the firefighter turnouts, and air packs which are also required by the WSRB. Currently the FVFD has to upgrade 10 sets of turnouts (priced new at \$3,000.00 each) and 4 Air Packs (at \$800.00 per bottle or complete units at \$2,500.00 each).

According to the District #10 Fire Commissioners, the Interlocal-Mutual Aid Agreement from May 2006 is obsolete and must be renewed as soon as possible. That agreement states that the District is 85% owner and the Town is 15% owner. This is derived from approximate money and in kind contributions during the initial construction phase. It further states that each entity will be responsible for the maintenance on their own equipment within the station and insurance on said equipment. Allocation of expenses for operation and maintenance of the facility will be as follows: The district, as 85% owner, will be responsible for electrical, heating and general day to day maintenance expenses. The Town will supply sewer and water, mowing, watering, fertilizing and spraying of grass and insurance on the building for replacement value. All future capital expenses will be split 85% / 15% and will be divided as soon as possible after they occur.

Fire Chief Brian Oliver will make arrangements to have Farmington’s pumper truck tested by General Fire to see if it can be brought into compliance prior to the council’s April 17th meeting. The Chief will also continue to look for surplus pumper trucks in the event Farmington’s cannot be brought into compliance.

Council’s Comments:

None.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

Treasurer Cody Lord advised the Council that as of this date the 2017 operating budget is well within range and looks good.

Clerk Barbara Dial-Flomer ascertained from the Council that they would like a resolution prepared and presented to them for approval at their April 17th meeting for three special levies to be placed on the August primary election ballot to include: Streets, Fire Equipment and Maintenance and Operations.

Mayor’s Comments:

- **Tree City USA Volunteer Coordinator:**
Mayor Baker asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering to coordinate the Farmington Tree City USA Committee. After some discussion it was decided to table the issue until the April 17th meeting of the Farmington Town Council in order to allow the council members time to check their summer schedules.

- **Compost/Yard Waste Site:**
Mayor Baker noted that people are ignoring the closed sign at the Town’s compost/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 placing a gate at the entrance to the area and charging a fee to use the dump. The issue was tabled until the April 17th meeting to give Council time to assess the situation and come up with a solution.

- **Jail Restoration Project:**

The Mayor asked the Council if they were ready to accept the \$15,000.00 bid they received last fall, and to proceed with the Jail restoration project now that the weather has improved. Councilmember Diana Oliver confirmed with Treasurer Cody Lord that the \$7,000.00 Farmington Festival donation is still available and can be used toward this project. Council then decided to have Cody apply for a \$5,000.00 – “2017 AWC-RMSA Safety Grant”, to also be used toward the jail restoration project if awarded the funds.

- **Electrical Wiring At Park:**

Mayor Baker advised the Council that in the near future he will be meeting with Todd Gabbard from Gabbard Electric to have repairs made to the low hanging electrical cable that was pulled down by a Fed Ex truck last fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Mayor David L. Baker

Attest: _____
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk
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