

Town of Farmington
Public Hearing – Vacating Various Alleyways & Streets
Regular Town Council Meeting
August 21st, 2017
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

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

Visitors:

George Martzall, Todd Lobdell, Mark Hellinger and Katherine Barnes-Pawson.

Open Public Hearing

The Vacating and Selling of Alleyways in Block 41, Block 26 & Block 10 and Streets at Church from Bridge to Alder and Alder between Church & Pine.

Council & Citizen Comments:

Council agreed that the streets and alleyways in Block 41, Block 26 & Block 10 and Streets at Church from Bridge to Alder and Alder between Church & Pine which are currently planted in alfalfa, will never be used and should be sold to the Hellinger's. There were no public comments.

Close Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing for the vacating and sale of Alleyways in Block 41, Block 26 & Block 10 and Streets at 4th from Pine to Bridge, Alder between 4th & 5th and Church between 4th & 5th was closed at 6:10 PM.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular August 21st, 2017 Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Approval of the July 17th, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Brian Oliver **moved** for approval of the July 17th, 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 July 18th, 2017 through August 21st, 2017 claims of \$5,464.47 & payroll of \$5,646.93 Totaling \$11,111.40. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
495	07/31/2017	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	1,239.62	941 Deposit For 07/01/2017 - 07/31/2017
490	07/31/2017	Payroll	1	1767	Barbara Dial-Flomer	845.10	07/16/2017 - 07/31/2017
491	07/31/2017	Payroll	1	1768	Todd Lobdell	408.19	07/01/2017- 07/31/2017
492	07/31/2017	Payroll	1	1769	George Martzall	1,210.58	07/01/2017-07/31/2017
493	07/31/2017	Payroll	1	1770	Rebecca Quincy	654.57	07/16/2017 - 07/31/2017
530	08/15/2017	Payroll	1	1771	Barbara Dial-Flomer	613.01	08/01/2017 - 08/15/2017
531	08/15/2017	Payroll	1	1772	Rebecca Quincy	675.86	08/01/2017-08/15/2017
494	07/31/2017	Claims	1	6082	Barney Buckley	50.00	2017 JULY - Sewer Operator
544	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6083	Amatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	JUNE 2017 - Coliform Testing
545	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6084	Avista Utilities	1,429.54	JULY 2017 - Avista Electrical Charges
546	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6085	Bishop Law Office	200.00	JULY 2017- Retainer Fee
547	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6086	Bob's Fire Equipment	91.63	JULY -2017 Annual Fire Extinguisher Servicing
548	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6087	Empire Disposal	42.65	JULY 2017 - Garbage Collection
549	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6088	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	114.48	JULY 2017- Phone / Fax / Internet
550	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6089	Gabbard Electric	1,372.31	AUGUST 2017 - Lift Station Controller & Telemetry Installation & Repair.
551	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6090	Mark Phillips	125.00	AUGUST 2017 - Street Sweeper Operator
552	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6091	Kevin Pickron	280.00	JULY 2017 - IT Work Done On The Navigator Software System - (DMR Card Reader - Sewer Lift Station)
553	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6092	State Of Washington	4.50	JULY 2017 - State Fee Building Permit / Turk - 304 N 5th Street Farmington, WA.
554	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6093	Town Of Farmington	257.49	JULY 2017 - TOE - Utility Payments #465-#85-#546
555	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6094	VISA	1,455.87	JULY 2017 - VISA Charges
556	08/21/2017	Claims	1	6095	Whitman County Gazette	21.00	JULY 2017- Publication Fee
		001 Current Expense				4,628.98	
		101 City Street				1,304.18	
		401 Water Fund				2,334.66	
		409 Sewer Fund				2,843.58	
						11,111.40	Claims: 5,464.47 Payroll: 5,646.93

Approval of the July 2017 Treasurer's Reports:

Brian Oliver moved for approval of the July 2017 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a cash balance of \$237,946.51. \$148,211.06 in checking and \$89,735.45 in the MMDA account. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Ordinance 236-17: Brian Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 236-17 the vacation & sale of the alley lying between lots 1-8, Block 10 Truax Addition, Town of Farmington to Walter Mark Hellinger. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ordinance 237-17: Brian Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 237-17 the vacation & sale of the unopened alley lying between lots 1-8, Block 26 Sheehan's 1st Addition, Town of Farmington to Walter Mark Hellinger. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ordinance 238-17: Brian Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 238-17 the vacation & sale of the alley lying between lots 1-8, Block 41 Truax Addition, Town of Farmington to Walter Mark Hellinger. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ordinance 239-17: Brian Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 239-17 the vacation & sale of the portion of Alder Street between Church & Pine lying between Lots 1-4 Block 10, & Lots 1-4 Block 48 of Truax Addition, Town of Farmington to Walter Mark Hellinger. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ordinance 240-17: Brian Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 240-17 the vacation & sale of the portion of Church Street between Bridge & Alder lying between Lots 5-8 Block 41 of Truax Addition & Lots 1-4 Block 48 of Truax Addition, Town of Farmington to Walter Mark Hellinger. Jamie Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Water Quality Testing Concerns:

The Mayor and Councilmembers formally considered recommendations for additional and more frequent water testing from Farmington resident Julie Bussing. Council decided to continue as is, with the mandated testing schedule of Farmington's town water supply, which is overseen by the Department of Health and the Federal Government. Council agreed that because Farmington is in compliance with all water testing (and is without findings), that adding to Farmington testing expense at the request of one resident would not show good fiscal responsibility on their part. They offered that if a concerned taxpayer would like to have additional tests conducted on the water, they could do so by taking samples to a certified lab and having the testing done their personal expense. The names of the 2 available laboratories in our area (which are certified testing sites approved for the State of Washington) can be made available by Farmington's Water Operator.

Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Update –Brian Oliver:

Brian Oliver reported that he has been in contact with Chief Mike Baggott and Marv Pillers of the Palouse Volunteer Fire Department and has learned that Palouse's pumper truck (which Farmington has first option to buy), will be pump tested on September 9th. Brian will advise the council at their September 18th meeting as to the outcome of the truck's testing. If the truck tests out as planned arrangements for the purchase of the truck should be finalized. Council asked Brian to send the clerk a description of Farmington's current pumper truck so that a sealed bid advertisement for sale can be placed in the Whitman County Gazette. Council agreed on a minimum starting bid price of \$3,000.00.

Council's Comments:

- Brian Oliver reported that the FVFD Building has been rented out as a wedding reception venue for the Erickson Wedding on October 28th, 2017. District 10 – who owns the majority share of the building with handle the rental details.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

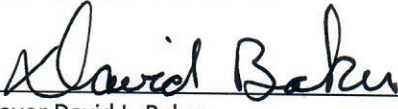
- The clerk reported that numerous citizens have raised concerns over the lack of care being given to the two Memorial Rose Gardens at the park. Mayor Baker stated that he will direct Farmington's grounds maintenance employee to take an active role in the care of this area.

Mayor's Comments:

- Mayor Baker reported that Todd Gabbard from Gabbard Electric has finished making repairs at the Sewer Lift Station. The Mayor advised the council that he has purchased a radio communicator alert system for the lift station at a cost of less than \$500.00. However future installation of the system could run as much as \$500.00.
- The Mayor advised the Council that Councilmember Jason Brausen may be giving up his position on the Council due to work obligations. The Mayor asked the Council to consider who they would like to appoint to the Jason's position in the even Jason were to resign.


- Mayor Baker stated that he will be contacting Bill Foreyt a licensed problem animal trapper from Colfax, to enlist Bill's services in getting rid of the recent skunk infestation here in Farmington. Mr. Foreyt charges \$40.00 per skunk he is able to trap. Katherine Barnes-Pawson agreed to act as Mr. Foreyt's local contact.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.



Mayor David L. Baker

Attest:



Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk

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