

Town of Farmington

Regular Town Council Meeting

December 15th, 2014

Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 7:05 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor James Woomack, Council Members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, Diana Lowley, David Baker and Billie Wolff.

Visitors:

Katherine Barnes Pawson, Brian Oliver, George Martzall, Kirby Kiehle and Mark Hellinger.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

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

Approval of the November 17th, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Diana Lowley **moved** for approval of the November 17th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Dave Baker **seconded the motion**, **the motion passed**.

Unfinished Business:

- **Street Repair Progress Report – Council Member Joel Abbott:**
Councilman Abbott reported that there has been no recent progress on the street graveling project. It was stated that Brett Lisenbee contacted the mayor and was given permission to volunteer to fill pot holes as Brett's time schedule allows.
- **Frost Free Faucet(s) Progress Report – Council Member Joel Abbott:**
Councilman Abbott reported that due to inclement weather, no progress has been made on the installation of the two frost free faucets in the park.
- **Display Board Easels:**
At the November 17th Council meeting Katherine Barnes Pawson asked the council to consider the purchase of two easels for the purpose of displaying photographs depicting Town projects and events which would be attached to foam boards and displayed in the foyer of City Hall. Katherine agreed to take on the project and to keep the photo boards updated on a quarterly basis. Katherine estimated the cost of two easels to be approximately \$32.00 and the cost of supplies to create two display boards each quarter to be approximately \$30.00. The council unanimously agreed to allow for this expenditure and asked that Katherine submit receipts to the mayor for reimbursement on a quarterly basis.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the November 18th, 2014 through December 15th, 2014 claims & payroll totaling **\$9,544.77**. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
695	11/28/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	630.78	941 Deposit For 11/01/2014 - 11/30/2014
696	11/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	11/01/2014 To 11/30/2014 - DSHS - Child Support
691	11/30/2014	Payroll	1	1584	Todd Lobdell	377.21	
692	11/30/2014	Payroll	1	1585	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
693	11/30/2014	Payroll	1	1586	George Martzall	678.21	
694	11/30/2014	Payroll	1	1587	Robert Hill	41.68	
726	12/15/2014	Payroll	1	1588	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
730	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5601	Anatek Labs, Inc.	140.00	2014 - November Water Testing & 6 Additional Re-Tests
731	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5602	Avista Utilities	1,299.70	2014 - November Avista
732	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5603	Bank Of Fairfield	192.50	2014 - November VISA Charges
733	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5604	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 - November Retainer Fee
734	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5605	Board For Volunteer Firefighters	1,230.00	2015 - Volunteer Firefighter Disability & Pension Fees
735	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5606	Cougar Graphics	71.28	2015 - Water & Sewer Billing Window Envelopes
736	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5607	Empire Disposal	39.66	2014 - November Garbage Collection
737	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5608	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	117.58	2014 - November Phone - Fax - Internet
738	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5609	JMT Petroleum	511.84	91 Gallons Unleaded Fuel & 75 Gallons Of Stove Oil
739	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5610	Palouse River Counseling	20.55	2% Of The Liquor Taxes Received For The Past Quarter. RCW 70.96A.087
740	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5611	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2014 December - 465 EMS & Park Water-Sewer
741	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5612	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2014 December - 85 Library - City Hall - Community Center Water-Sewer
742	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5613	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2014 December - 546 Farmington Fire Department
743	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5614	Dept. of Health Washington State	510.00	2014 - Sanitary Survey - Farmington Water Department
744	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5615	Dept. of Health Washington State	42.00	Water Operators Certification - Renewal Fee
745	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5616	Whitman County Gazette	112.00	2014 - November Legal Notices Publication Fee
749	12/15/2014	Claims	1	5617	Zumar Industries Inc.	1,337.08	2014 - Street Sign Replacement Project
						4,359.60	
001 Current Expense						2,535.15	
101 City Street						1,858.72	
401 Water Fund						791.30	
409 Sewer Fund							
						9,544.77	Claims: 6,042.05
							Payroll: 3,502.72

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the November Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a **\$170,594.83** cash balance. **\$81,176.45** in checking and **\$89,418.38** in the MMDA account. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Bi-Annual Appointment of Mayor ProTem:

Billie Wolff **moved** for the re-appointment of David Baker as Mayor Pro Tem. Joel Abott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Proposal for Capital Project Improvement of the Library & City Hall Area:

Librarian Rose Anderson asked to be added to this month’s agenda so that she might propose a capital improvement project for the library & city hall areas of the community center, where in the Town Council would match the funding already approved by Whitman County Library for the purchase and installation of padding and carpet for the joint area of Farmington Library and City Hall. Rose was not present at tonight’s meeting and therefore her issue was not addressed.

Citizens Comments:

Mark Hellinger (through his company Audio Pile) donated the labor and materials to replace two windows in the town owned jail (which is now used as a storage building) at a total cost to Mark or his company of \$569.10. Mark would like to declare this donation as a tax deduction and has asked the town to complete Part IV on page 2 of IRS Form 8283 and to provide him with a "Charitable Tax Donation Receipt".

Council Comments:

Billie Wolff noted the winterization efforts made at City Hall and thanked Mark Hellinger and George Martzall for their contributions. Billie also advised the council that she is researching LED lighting options and the potential cost savings associated with their use.

Noreen Ewing reported that she spoke to Ex-Mayor Royce Johnson in regard to the cold draft issues in the occupied areas of the community center, i.e.: the library and city hall. Royce suggested using spray insulation under the flooring of these two areas and the pursuit of grant funding from the historical society for the replacement of the existing windows.

Utility rates were discussed, the council voted against increasing the rates and decided instead to do a redistribution of the funds already being collected between water and sewer in order to build a reserve in the water fund. Councilman Dave Baker **motioned** to redistribute the utility rates as follows: Water \$44.25 Usage Fee + \$2.66 Tax = \$46.91

Sewer \$24.25 Usage Fee + \$1.46 Tax = \$25.71

Councilman Joel Abbott **seconded the motion**, the motion passed. The effective date for this change will be January 1, 2015 with the total bill to the customer remaining the same at \$72.62 per month.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

No Comments

Mayor’s Comments:

Mayor Woomack advised the council that he had been contacted by Bill and Sandy Hansen in regard to a beaver dam issue in Pine Creek which was causing a flooding hazard behind their residence. The mayor contacted Bill Foreyt a licensed trapper who placed traps in the area and immediately caught a 42 pound male beaver. Noreen Ewing suggested using a pump to drain the beaver’s pond as a possible alternative to the beaver problem in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

James A. Woomack, Mayor

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer

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