

Town of Farmington
Public Meeting & Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 17th, 2014
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Open Public Meeting – Discussion of Ideas for CDBG Grant Applications:

The Public Meeting to select projects for CDBG Grant applications was opened at 6:00 P.M. Layne Merritt asked the council if they were interested in pursuing CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds this year. Layne explained that the deadline for submittal of a grant application is June 19, 2014 and that today's public hearing is for council members and the public to voice ideas as to projects they would like to see submitted for the grant funding. Tonight's public meeting will be followed by a public hearing at the March 17th council meeting where the grant project or projects will be selected. Layne stated that he will invite Farmington's water personnel, Todd Lobdell and Frank Triplett to attend the March 17th council meeting so that they can voice their ideas regarding water issues. The idea of an "Imminent Threat" grant to have Pine Creek dredged properly was proposed however Layne explained that Farmington would probably not be successful in pursuing an "Imminent Threat" grant as they are usually reserved for situations relating to immediate health hazards. It was suggested that Farmington apply for grant funding to renovate the Town owned Methodist Church. Layne explained that a usage plan for that building must be established before a grant can be submitted. Layne suggested that prior to applying for grant funding for the sewer system that Farmington first complete their quality impairment study. Layne suggested re-submitting last year's application which dealt with the replacement of water service lines from the main line to each residence in Farmington. Mayor Woomack asked that the council also consider the possibility of a grant to install blow off valves or hydrants at the end of the water lines as bleeding the water tower does not clean the lines in the manner in which blow off valves do.

Close Public Meeting:

The Public Meeting to discuss projects for CDBG Grant funding was closed at 6:55 P.M.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Council Meeting was opened at 6:55 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Visitors:

Layne Merritt, Max Mohan, Mark Hellinger, Steve Martin, Sabra Martin, Jerry Wagner, John Ewing, Kirby Kiehle, Margie Broyer, Roger Broyer, Katherine Barnes Pawson, Brian Oliver and Rudy Goossen

Approval of Minutes:

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the January 20th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

• **Disaster Planning – Committee Report:**

Council member Billie Wolff reported that Pastor Mcoombs from the Farmington Seventh Day Adventist Church met with the Church Board of Directors who agreed to allow Farmington residents to seek refuge in the SDA School Building in the event of a natural disaster. Billie and Mayor Woomack will meet with Pastor McCoombs to access the facility.

• **Telephone Allowance:**

Because Farmington does not provide employees with company cell phones and because Farmington's Clerk-Treasurer is more often times than not, contacted by fellow employees, council members and citizens on her personal cell phone (either via text message or phone call), Council Member Ewing and Mayor Woomack requested that the council vote to compensate the clerk-treasurer for the use of her personal cell phone in lieu of providing her with a company phone to include a text messaging package. Noreen Ewing **motioned** that the Clerk-Treasurer be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per month for the use of her personal cell phone for Town business. Billie Wolff **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Ordinance 227-14 – Establishing a Farmington Tree Advisory Board & Establishing the Tree City Use Requirements:

Noreen Ewing **moved** to adopt Ordinance 227-14 – Establishing a Farmington Tree Advisory Board and to establish the Tree City Use Requirements. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.** Council Member Ewing stated that three individual arborists were consulted and concurred that the recent problematic pruning of the trees in the Town Park weakened three of the trees to the point of them having to be removed immediately due to safety concerns. Farmington was fortunate in that Avista (who was having tree trimming done in Farmington) had their workers cut the three trees down for Farmington at no cost to the Town. The arborists also stated that all of the trees in the park have come to the end of their life cycles and will eventually need to be removed and replaced.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the January 21st, 2014 thru February 17th, 2014, claims & payroll totaling \$ **8,502.01**
Billie Wolff **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
59	01/31/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	604.52	941 Deposit For 01/01/2014 - 01/31/2014
57	01/31/2014	Payroll	1	1526	Brian Oliver	336.16	
55	01/31/2014	Payroll	1	1528	Duane Groom	46.17	
56	01/31/2014	Payroll	1	1529	Todd Lobdell	312.54	
58	01/31/2014	Payroll	1	1530	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
54	01/31/2014	Payroll	1	1531	Kirby Kiehle	73.88	
79	02/15/2014	Payroll	1	1532	Kirby Kiehle	140.38	Feb 1st ,2014 - Feb 15th, 2014
80	02/15/2014	Payroll	1	1533	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	Feb 1st ,2014 - Feb 15th, 2014
81	02/15/2014	Payroll	1	1534	Brian Oliver	96.04	Feb 1st , 2014 - Feb 15th, 2014
87	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5474	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	
88	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5475	Avista Utilities	1,694.78	
89	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5476	Bank Of Fairfield	550.54	
90	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5477	Bishop Law Office	200.00	
91	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5478	Empire Disposal	39.66	
92	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5479	J-U-B Engineers, Inc	1,404.43	
93	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5480	JMT Petroleum	1,138.62	
94	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5481	John Deere Financial	13.12	
95	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5482	Moscow Building Supply	14.83	
97	02/17/2014	Claims	1	5483	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	141.50	2014- January Phone & Fax
						3,367.07	
001 Current Expense						1,471.34	
101 City Street						178.08	
306 Special Equipment Reserve						1,238.21	
401 Water Fund						2,247.31	
409 Sewer Fund							
						8,502.01	Claims: 5,217.48
							Payroll: 3,284.53

Mayor’s Financial Report:

A copy of the mayor’s year-to-date financial summary was given to the council. It was noted that Farmington had a negative \$ 762.00 variance through January and a budget surplus of \$724.00 through January 2014.

Approval of Financial Reports – Treasurer’s Report:

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the December financial reports which show Farmington with a \$141,912.85 cash balance. Noreen Ewing **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Citizens Comments:

Max Mohan asked that the downed Cottonwood trees in the creek near his residence be removed. He was advised that Pine Creek near his residence is County owned and that he will need to contact Whitman County to have this issue addressed.

Max Mohan questioned the mayor about volunteer opportunities. Mayor Woomack stated that he will address the volunteering issue in an upcoming newsletters.

Mark Hellinger went on record giving his support to the Tree City USA project.

Mark Hellinger announced that the 2014 Farmington Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 1200 – 2200.

Rudy Goossen asked if the council had made a decision as to whether or not they wanted to pay the difference to install a four inch water line from the existing line at the grain elevator on South First Street out to the area across from the Rambo residence on Cemetery Road. Mr. Goossen stated that if he were to install a small line his cost would be approximately \$1200.00 which he will pay toward the Town's expense of installing a four inch line and that he will also donate two days of his personal labor toward the project. Mayor Woomack stated that he will meet with Farmington's water maintenance employee, Todd Lobdell, and Jerry Wagner to take measurements and familiarize himself with the situation. Mayor Woomack requested that this issue be revisited at the March 17th Town Council Meeting.

Sabra Martin reported that she has researched natural alternatives to spraying harmful chemicals for mosquitos and that she will forward her finding to Mayor Woomack for publication in an upcoming newsletter.

Council Comments:

Diana Lowley requested that in the future, if meetings are held concerning town matters outside of the regular Town council meeting, that notes be taken and e-mailed to council members who are unable to attend, so they are informed when questioned by citizens.

Dave Baker asked how long the fallen trees will lay in the park before being disposed of. Mayor Woomack advised that as soon as weather permits the wood will be moved to the Ewing residence where it will dried, milled and used for benches for the park and for other projects to sell, and that the money generated from those projects will go back into the maintenance and operation costs of the park.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None

Mayor's Comments:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor James A. Woomack

Attest: _____
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk/Treasurer
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Arbor Recognition Ceremony:

Following the regular Farmington Town council meeting, Council Member Ewing and Jerry Wagner recognized the original Farmington residents who, in 1906 were instrumental in planting the original trees in Farmington's existing Town Park.