

Town of Farmington

Regular Town Council Meeting

July 21st, 2014

Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 8:50 PM

Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

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

Visitors:

Max Mohan, Brian Oliver, John Ewing, Shelly Lobdell, Todd Lobdell, Jerry Wagner, Steve Martin & Mark Hellinger.

Approval of the June 16th, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the June 16th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Unfinished Business:

- **Status Report – Farmingtonwa.com Website: – Council Member Abbott**
The Farmingtonwa.com Website has gone public and is up and running. The hosting was set up through Network Solutions and the transfer for the farmingtonwa.com domain was successfully initiated and transferred to the Network Solution's servers. Anyone wishing to donate photos of Farmington to be used on the website is welcome to e-mail them to Joel Abbott.
- **Status Report – Pot Hole Repair: – Council Member Abbott**
Mayor Woomack ordered 40 yards of gravel from Whitman County Road Department which was delivered earlier today and placed in a pile on the West end of Adams Street. Councilmen Baker and Abbott plan to begin making pothole repairs possibly as early as Friday, July 25th.
- **Tree Committee Report – Council Member Ewing:**
\$3072.30 was spent to have R&C Tree Service from Post Falls, Idaho remove the Ash tree near the fire pit in the park along with the two Poplar trees across Third Street from the Trimble rental property and the Lombardi Poplar which sat on town owned property near the Trimble rental property. Also removed were the twelve (12) stumps from each of the fallen trees, all at total cost to the town of \$722.30. The remaining balance of \$2350.00 was covered by AWC - RMSA Safety Grant Funding. Garth Davis and his Supervisor from Tree City USA visited Farmington on June 10th and were elated with the progress in the park. They stated that Farmington is their smallest but also their most vibrant member and that Farmington should definitely apply for a tree planting grant which is issued through their agency.
- **Rose Garden Status Report – Council Member Ewing:**
Noreen Ewing reported the Memory Rose Garden located at the North end of the basketball court has been completed with the exception of the drip watering system, and that the Rose Garden at the South end of the Basketball court is progressing nicely. Noreen reported that she is in the process of arranging for volunteer labor to make the repairs to the broken water faucet in the park, since per Mayor Woomack, neither the Water Operator nor Maintenance Staff can handle the repair at this time. Noreen also stated that the electrical permit for the park has been renewed for another year.
- **Disaster Preparedness Report – Council Member Wolff:**
Council member Wolff did not have a report prepared for tonight's meeting.

Opening of Sealed Bids:

Sealed bids were accepting until 5:00 PM tonight for the paneling and doors removed from the basement of the Town owned Methodist Church building. Three bids were received, John Ewing submitted the winning bid for \$108.88.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Dave Baker moved for approval of the June 17th, 2014, to July 21st, 2014 claims & payroll totaling \$ 15,563.85 Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
384	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	624.96	941 Deposit For 06/01/2014 - 06/30/2014
385	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Department Of Labor & Industries	403.02	2ND Quarter 04/01/2014 - 06/30/2014
386	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Employment Security Department	18.68	Unemployment Quarterly Report
395	07/03/2014	Claims	1	EFT	Department of Revenue	676.26	2014 - Quarter Two Excise Tax Return
361	06/19/2014	Payroll	1	1560	Brian Oliver	90.04	
376	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	1561	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
377	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	1562	Todd Lobdell	495.76	
378	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	1563	Duane Groom	46.17	
379	06/30/2014	Payroll	1	1564	George Martzall	536.78	
401	07/15/2014	Payroll	1	1565	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
373	06/26/2014	Claims	1	5541	R & C Tree Service	3,072.30	Tree & Stump Removal - Farmington City Park
408	07/09/2014	Claims	1	5542	Ryan Excavating	4,069.45	Water Line & Meter At Farmington State Bank
421	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5543	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2014 June - Monthly Water Testing
422	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5544	Avista Utilities	1,422.28	2014 June - AVISTA Charges
423	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5545	Bank Of Fairfield	691.81	2014 June - VISA Charges
424	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5546	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 June - Legal Retainer Fee
425	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5547	Bob's Fire Equipment	218.83	2014 June - Fire Extinguisher Servicing
426	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5548	Department Of Ecology	157.68	2014 June - Wastewater Permit Fee
427	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5549	Empire Disposal	79.32	2014 June - Garbage Disposal
428	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5550	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	117.17	2014 June - Phone / Fax /
429	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5551	JMT Petroleum	197.55	2014 June - 52 Gallons - Unleaded Fuel
430	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5552	Tekoa Hardware & Supply	205.13	2014 June - Charges
431	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5553	United States Post Office	48.00	2014 June - Annual Postal Box Rental - P.O. Box 65
432	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5554	Whitman County Gazette	17.50	2014 June - Public Hearing Publication X 2 For The Six Year Street Plan
435	07/21/2014	Claims	1	5555	John Deere Financial	480.32	Repair Parts - JD Lawn Mower & Tractor
						7,009.64	
001 Current Expense						1,105.57	
101 City Street						6,180.67	
401 Water Fund						1,267.97	
409 Sewer Fund							
						15,563.85	Claims: 11,673.60 Payroll: 3,890.25

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 has a negative \$2,547.00 variance through June 2014 and a budget surplus of \$4,344.00. Mayor Woomack presented the council with a guide on how to interpret this report which also shows where each figure comes from and what it means in relation to the budget.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Joel Abbott moved for approval of the June financial report showing Farmington with a \$168,706.89 cash balance. Dave Baker **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Water Pressure Issue – Audrey Neuendorf:

Council was made aware that Audrey Neuendorf has unacceptable water pressure at her residence located at 401 East Main Street. Jerry Wagner and Todd Lobdell (Farmington’s Water Operator) have both recently and separately tested the water flow at the residence and determined it to be only four gallons per minute which is not sufficient to operate her outside sprinkler system. Audrey has replaced all of the plumbing in her residence and out to the meter box with one inch pipe. It was decided that Farmington’s Water Maintenance Operator will inspect the existing 5/8 inch meter for any problem and repair it or replace it if necessary. If no issues are discovered with the existing 5/8 inch meter, Audrey will contact a contractor to have one inch lines and a one inch meter installed at her expense.

Harvest Festival Wrap Up Report- Mark Hellinger:

Mark Hellinger advised the council that three issues remain unresolved at this time for the Farmington Harvest Festival Unincorporated Association. #1: The tax years have not yet been closed, however CPA, Sally Bishop is working on this issue. #2: Because the tax years have not been closed out, the funds from the Festival proceeds have not yet been disbursed to the Town of Farmington (which is where donors were told the proceeds from the festival would go). #3: Assets purchased by the Farmington Harvest Festival Unincorporated Association have not been liquidated. Mark stated that he will check with Attorney Stephen Bishop to ascertain how these assets which include five pop up tents, a used freezer and two BBQ grills should best be liquidated. Mark stated that he will report back to the council once Sally Bishop has finished closing out the tax years.

Methodist Church Project:

Mayor Woomack reported that the paneling and doors have all been removed from the basement of the town owned Methodist Church building and that mold bombs which kill both spores and mold have been detinated in the building. He reported that the sump pump worked well all winter and that he will replace three broken window panes, wipe the counter tops and sweep the debris from the floors prior to turning the church project as well as all other facilities projects over to the council to deal with as they see fit.

Resolution 363-14 Calling for Election on Excess Levy Propositions:

Joel Abbott moved and Billie Wolff seconded Resolution 363-14 to be placed on the November 4th General Election Ballot, in which PROPOSITION #1 reads: SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON LEVY A SPECIAL TAX OF \$9,000. AN ESTIMATED \$.84 PER \$1,000 OF THE 2014 ASSESSED VALUATION, FOR CITY STREET MAINTENANCE FUND, FOR COLLECTION IN 2015, BE APPROVED? YES or NO? PROPOSITION #2 reads SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON LEVY A SPECIAL TAX OF \$6,000. AN ESTIMATED \$.56 PER \$1,000 OF THE 2014 ASSESSED VALUATION, FOR CURRENT EXPENSE FUND, FOR COLLECTION IN 2015, BE APPROVED? YES or NO? The motion passed.

Citizens Comment:

Steve Martin requested that a sign saying “Not Potable Water” be posted by the outside water faucet on the South side of the EMS shed, due to the water from that faucet having a strong odor of chlorine.

Jerry Wagner stated that a large role of two inch HDLP pipe left over from the bank water line project was left behind Heise’s Antique Store. Mayor Womack stated that he would retrieve the pipe and secure it in the well house at Well One.

Max Mohan questioned whether or not the John Deere mower deck had been repaired, Mayor Woomack advised him that it had. He also questioned why the Town doesn’t transfer some of the money from the checking account into the MMDA account. He was advised that the same amount of interest is accrued in both accounts.

Todd Lobdell stated that something needs to be done about the use of 5th Street as a “truck route” by K&L Farms, Pigeon Hollow Farms and Pfaff Brothers. Mayor Woomack agreed to contact each of these farmers before harvest to ask them to have their drivers use Bridge and 3rd Streets. If this does not solve the problem blocking 5th Street from Pine to Washington to all traffic except residential traffic will be considered as well as posting signs prohibiting all multi axel vehicles.

Council Comments:

Dave Baker suggested not filling the second maintenance position as a way for the town to save money. Dave also clarified that winter maintenance hours allowed are 10 hours per week per position and summer hours allowed are 15 hours per week per position.

Dave Baker questioned “BANKED” hours on the Town employee time cards. The council unanimously agreed that Town employees are to accrue COMP TIME instead of BANKED HOURS.

Billie Wolff stated that she has received complaints from volunteers working in the park who observed the Town’s maintenance employee taking multiple breaks and also standing around watching them work instead of assisting with their project.

Billie also noted that there are branches hanging in the roadway from a tree located in the 300 block of North First Street. She was advised that their removal is the responsibility of the property owner.

Joel Abbott advised the council that he spoke to Don from Specialty Asphalt in regard to the problems with Farmington's Streets. Don suggested that Farmington add a penetrant oil to any freshly laid gravel and repeat the process for the next three to five years to form a hardened surface that would then become eligible for chip seal funding through the State.

On behalf of Mark Hellinger, Joel Abbott asked permission from the town council to allow Mark to pay to have Specialty Asphalt seal the asphalt apron at the corner of Bridge and Third. Council unanimously gave permission and added that they will pay to have the opposite apron sealed at the same time. Joel agreed to coordinate this work with Specialty Asphalt.

Diana Lowley reported that she has been questioned by citizens as to whether or not Goossen's garage is sitting in the middle of a Street or Alleyway. Jerry Wagner stated that the garage is currently sitting in a temporary location but that it is definitely neither in the Street nor on an Alleyway.

Diana questioned why the Mayor distributed a flyer outlining his hiring and firing authority. The mayor advised that it was to clear any confusion in reference to the matter.

Diana also questioned why, when questioned at the June meeting, the mayor did not tell the council that George Martzall was receiving skills training when he traveled to Pullman each day and that he was reimbursed with gas vouchers to make the daily trips to Pullman. The Mayor stated that he was simply caught off guard by the questioning.

Diana ask why the mayor issued an e-mail to each council member which in her opinion slandered the terminated maintenance employee. Mayor Woomack stated that this is not the correct venue in which to discuss this matter.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None.

Mayor Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

James A. Woomack, Mayor

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk/Treasurer

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