

# Town of Farmington

## Open Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting

November 17th, 2014

Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### Roll Call:

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

### Visitors:

Max Mohan, Katherine Barnes Pawson, Brian Oliver, George Martzall, Shelly Lobdell and Todd Lobdell.

### Open Public Hearing - Final Budget Hearing:

The Open Public Hearing for the Final Budget Hearing of the Farmington Town Council was opened at 6:00 PM. Mayor Woomack presented the 2015 final budget to the council.

### Close Public Hearing:

The Open Public Hearing of the Farmington Town Council was closed at 6:15 PM.

### Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened at 6:15 PM.

### Approval of the October 20th, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the October 20th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Billie Wolff **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

### Ordinance 230-14 Adoption of Farmington's 2015 Operating Budget:

Noreen Ewing **moved** and Joel Abbott **seconded** the adoption of Ordinance 230-14 Farmington's 2015 Operating Budget. **The motion passed.**

### Unfinished Business:

- **Street Repair Progress Report – Council Member Joel Abbott:**  
Councilman Abbott reported that on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, he along with Councilman Baker and Ex-Mayor Royce Johnson spread 30 dump truck loads of gravel over the streets of Farmington. The group plans to continue with their endeavor when the weather permits.
- **Frost Free Faucet(s) Progress Report – Council Member Joel Abbott:**  
Councilman Abbott reported that as soon as our weather will allow for the drying of pipe glue, he will install the two frost free faucets in the park.  
Council Member Noreen Ewing reported that the "Farmington Tree Committee" will be meeting with Garth Davis in the near future to discuss the application process for possible grant funding to be used to cover the cost of replacement trees. The grant applications must be submitted within the next few months.
- **Neuendorf Water Pressure Concern – Mayor Woomack – Water Operator Lobdell:**  
Mayor Woomack reported to the council that he has personally spoken with Audrey Neuendorf regarding her water pressure concerns on two separate occasions this month. Audrey advised the mayor that it is her desire to wait until spring to complete the work on her water line so that she can have the work done in conjunction with work being done by her neighbor. The mayor advised the council that it has been suggested to Audrey that her problem may be as simple as a clogged corporation valve at the juncture of the main line. The mayor suggested to the council that if this is indeed found to be the entire cause of the problem, and that if no further repairs or improvements are made to the line, the town should agree to pay for the excavation of Audrey's water line. Todd Lobdell, Farmington's Water Operator stated that unfortunately, Audrey has been the victim of way too much outside input from well-meaning people, who don't know the workings or limitations of Farmington's water system. Todd stated that Audrey's meter has been replaced and that her meter does indeed register adequate flow.

**Approval of Claims & Payroll:**

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the October 21st, 2014 through November 17th, 2014 claims & payroll totaling **\$15,848.60**. Billie Wolff **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
633	10/31/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	680.70	941 Deposit For 10/01/2014 - 10/31/2014
634	11/03/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	10/01/2014 To 10/31/2014 - DSHS - Child Support
630	10/31/2014	Payroll	1	1580	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
631	10/31/2014	Payroll	1	1581	Todd Lobdell	549.64	
632	10/31/2014	Payroll	1	1582	George Martzall	771.09	
656	11/15/2014	Payroll	1	1583	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42	
662	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5589	Avista Utilities	1,331.49	2014 October - Avista Charges
663	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5590	Bank Of Fairfield	1,275.85	2014 October VISA Charges
664	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5591	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 October - Legal Retainer
665	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5592	Empire Disposal	39.66	2014 October - Garbage Collection Fee
666	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5593	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	121.10	2014 October - Phone-Fax-Internet
667	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5594	State Of Washington	4.50	Building Code Council Account State Fee (RCW 19.27.085) Bussing Storage Shed #000026
668	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5595	Strom Electric	1,201.25	Cooling Fan Assembly For Computer @ Well #2
669	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5596	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2014 October - Farmington Fire Department - Sewer & Water
670	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5597	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2014 October - Farmington Community Center - Sewer & Water
671	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5598	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2014 October - Farmington City Park - Sewer & Water
672	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5599	Whitman Co. Dept. Of Public Works	7,605.37	440 Yards Of Gravel - Delivered.
673	11/17/2014	Claims	1	5600	Whitman County Gazette	75.25	2014 October Publication Of Ordinance 229-14 & Open Public Hearings - 2015 Budget X 2
						3,053.12	
001 Current Expense						8,882.07	
101 City Street						2,887.90	
401 Water Fund						1,025.51	
409 Sewer Fund							
						<b>15,848.60</b>	<b>Claims: 12,072.33</b>
							<b>Payroll: 3,776.27</b>

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the October Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a **\$167,759.40** cash balance. **\$78,359.39** in checking and **\$89,400.01** in the MMDA account. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

**Citizens Comments:**

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. Councilman Baker asked Katherine to obtain a price quote for the acceptable easels and to report her findings to the council at their December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Council Comments:**

Councilman Baker questioned Todd Lobdell, Farmington’s Water Operator in regard to the Avista charges generated at Farmington’s Water Tower. Lobdell stated that neither the power usage nor the bill are associated in any way with the operation of the Water Tower. He stated that the charges are actually for the power being supplied to the First Step Internet receiver which is attached to Farmington’s Water Tower. Lobdell stated that years ago in order to entice First Step Internet into providing Farmington residents with high speed internet services, the Town agreed to pay the cost for the power to run First Step’s receiver and to allow them to attached their receiver to the Town’s Water Tower.

Councilman Abbott went on record as having concerns regarding the monthly charge of \$764.76 from Avista for the operation of Farmington’s 47 Street Lights. Mayor Woomack stated that Paul Kimmel, an official with Avista spoke to him about Avista’s desire to include Farmington in their LED pilot program, should they be able to continue with their program in the future.

**Water Operator Comments:**

Water Operator Lobdell advised the council that Farmington resident Julie Bussing is unsatisfied with the amount and types of water testing being done by the Town of Farmington. Lobdell educated the council as to the fact that the State of Washington, Department of Health mandates how, when, what, where and why every entity in the State of Washington tests their water. These tests are set in stone and any changes would have to come from the Washington State Legislature in Olympia. Lobdell further stated that the results of Farmington’s water tests have always been well within normal parameters with the exception of a false positive (lab error) in 2013 and the recent positive coliform test in 2014. Lobdell reminded the council that both well #1 and well #2 are chlorinated to prevent contamination issues and that Farmington’s water test results are a matter of public record and available to any interested party at: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/EnvironmentalHealth/DrinkingWaterSystemData/SentryInternet>.

**Clerk-Treasurer Comments:**

No Comments

**Mayor’s Comments:**

The mayor advised the council that he repaired the electrical outlet which supplies power to the island in the kitchen of the Community Center. He also reported that he is working with George Martzall, Farmington’s maintenance employee, to change out and bring into compliance all non-compliant street signs within the City limits of Farmington.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM**

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James A. Woomack, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer  
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