

# Town of Farmington

## Open Public Meeting –2016 Final Budget Hearing And Regular Town Council Meeting October 19th, 2015 Farmington Community Center 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### Roll Call:

Mayor David Baker, Council Members: Joel Abbott, Noreen Ewing, Diana Oliver and Brian Oliver.

### Visitors:

Jerry Wagner and Max Mohan.

### Open Public Meeting – 2016 Final Budget Hearing:

Farmington's open public meeting for the 2016 final budget hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM. Mayor David Baker and Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Dial-Flomer presented the final budget to the council. The 2016 final budget is the combined effort of Mayor Dugan, Mayor Woomack, Mayor Baker, Clerk-Treasurer Dial-Flomer and Annie Pillers (who has 18 years of experience doing municipal budgets). It was pointed out that Farmington's revenues and expenditures are expected to remain close to those of 2015, and therefore the budget did not undergo many significant changes from 2015 to 2016.

### Ordinance 232-15 Adoption of the 2016 Operating Budget:

Brian Oliver **motioned** for the adoption of Ordinance 232-15, The Town of Farmington's 2016 Operating Budget. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

### Close of the Public Hearing:

Farmington's open public meeting was closed at 6:05 PM.

### Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

### Citizen Comments:

- **Abandoned Vehicles on 1<sup>st</sup> Street – Jason Bond:**  
Jason Bond was not present at tonight's meeting, however Mayor Baker stated that he has received communication from the owner of the vehicle in question, and that the owner is willing to sign over the title of the vehicle to anyone who is willing to haul the vehicle away. Mayor Baker will call the registered owner to make arrangements to obtain the title to the vehicle and to have the vehicle disposed of.
- **Water Survey Phase One Update – Jerry Wagner:**  
Jerry Wagner presented the council with an update on Phase one of his water pressure research project which was conducted within the town limits of Farmington. Phase one tested the water pressure at each residence and Phase two will consist of pulling the meters at the "low-flow" locations to determine if the problem is on the town's side or the resident's side of the meter. Jerry found that water pressures in Farmington ranged from 4 gallons per minute to 20 gallons per minute. Seven customers have less than 5 gallons of water pressure per minute. Those customers include Mike Hurley, James Woomack, Joel Abbott, Julie Bussing, Jaime Lopez, John Varney and Carrie Vielle. After Mayor Baker consults with Todd Lobdell, Farmington's Certified Water Operator, these seven meters will be among the first checked during Phase two of the water survey project.
- **Farmington's Abandoned Houses – Jerry Wagner:**  
As a matter of information only, Jerry Wagner gave a brief overview of what the Town Officials can legally do about the seven or eight abandoned residences in Farmington. Abandoned houses can no longer be burned because they contain asbestos and lead. Grinding and removal of a structure to Arlington, Oregon costs approximately \$5000.00 per structure. Should the town call the State Fire Marshall, the Fire Marshall will require the owner to eliminate all hazards, at a minimum to disconnect all electrical from the structure, to board up the windows and to build a fire ring around the structure. Should the owner fail to comply with the State Fire Marshall's orders, the town would then automatically takes on the financial burdened and responsibility of complying with those orders.

- **Excessive Speed On Washington Street – Anthea Giboney Thompson:**

Anthea was unable to attend tonight’s meeting but advised the clerk that she contacted Whitman County Sheriff, Brett Meyer who assured her that he will have Deputies place a portable speed indicator sign near her residence on Washington Street, as well as run radar in that vicinity.

**Approval of the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Town Council Meeting Minutes:**

Diana Oliver moved for the approval of the September 21st 2015 Council Meeting minutes, Joel Abbott seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**Approval of Claims & Payroll:**

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 through October 19th, 2015 claims of \$3,864.16 & payroll of \$5,039.75 totaling **\$8,903.91**, Diana Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
631	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	2015 September - DSHS - Martzall Child Support
633	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	848.46	2015 - September MONTHLY IRS - 941 Tax Deposit
634	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	Department Of Labor & Industries	648.21	2015 - 3rd Quarter L&I Quarterly Report
635	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	EFT	Employment Security Department	26.19	2015 - 3rd Quarter UNEMPLOYMENT Quarterly Report
649	10/05/2015	Claims	1	EFT	Department of Revenue	805.72	2015 - 3rd Quarter EXCISE TAX Quarterly Report
628	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	1628	Todd Lobdell	387.98	
629	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	1629	George Martzall	1,025.91	
630	09/30/2015	Payroll	1	1630	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,001.50	
655	10/15/2015	Payroll	1	1631	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,001.50	
664	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5771	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2015 September - Monthly Coliform Water Testing
665	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5772	Avista Utilities	1,399.10	2015 September - Avista Charges
666	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5773	Bank Of Fairfield	15.95	2015 September - Visa Charges
667	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5774	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2015 September - Legal Retainer Fee
668	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5775	Department Of Ecology	981.06	2015 - Annual Bio Solids Permit Fee
669	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5776	Empire Disposal	40.07	2015 September - Garbage Collection
670	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5777	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	109.38	2015 September - Phone-Fax-Internet
671	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5778	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 September - Water & Sewer Account 546
672	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5779	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 September - Water & Sewer Account 85
673	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5780	Town Of Farmington	72.62	2015 September - Water & Sewer Account 465
674	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5781	Whitman County Gazette	28.00	2015 October - Preliminary Budget Legal Notice
675	10/19/2015	Claims	1	5782	Zumar Industries Inc.	47.02	2015 September - Street Signs
						3,019.01	
001 Current Expense						3,019.01	
101 City Street						1,434.46	
401 Water Fund						2,289.34	
409 Sewer Fund						2,161.10	
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						8,903.91	Claims: 3,864.16
							Payroll: 5,039.75

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:**

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of the September 2015 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a **\$202,287.38** cash balance. **\$112,716.49** in checking and **\$89,570.89** in the MMDA account. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

• **Ace Elliot Excavator:**

Mayor Baker asked that anyone traveling to Pullman stop in at Ace Elliott Landscaping to look at the two excavators for sale at that location. Both machines have 3200 hours on them, the smaller model is being sold for \$9,000.00 and the larger model is selling for \$25,000.00. After much discussion it was decided that the smaller unit was possibly too small for Farmington’s needs and the larger unit, being perfect for water line repair and replacement projects, is priced too high to justify the expenditure, considering the amount of use it would receive. Council decided to hire local backhoe owner-operators instead of investing in a machine.

• **AWC Safety Grant Playground Fencing Materials Quotes:**

Council Members Brian Oliver and Noreen Ewing gathered fencing material quotes for materials needed to complete the fencing project at the Children’s Playground Park. Moscow Building Supply can provide all of the necessary materials for just under the grant allotment of \$1000.00. Mayor Baker instructed Councilman Oliver to purchase the necessary materials from Moscow Building Supply, including either 2 six foot gates or 1 twelve foot gate for the South end of the project, and 2 walk through gates if deemed necessary. Mayor Baker stated that any expense incurred above \$1000.00 will be covered by the town. Diana Oliver **motioned** to fence the South end of the playground and to partially fence the North end, leaving open access to the playground in the middle on the North end, Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

**Council Comments:**

Councilman Brian Oliver questioned the manner in which the Goossen sewer line was installed. Jerry Wagner who was foreman on the project explained in detail and to everyone’s satisfaction the specifics of the project.

**Clerk-Treasurer Comments:**

The Clerk-Treasurer asked that Councilman Brian Oliver have Moscow Building Supply e-mail the invoice for the Children’s Playground Park Fencing Materials to city hall as soon as possible, so that the grant reimbursement process can be initiated.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Baker advised the council that Mark Hellinger asked permission to level out the driveway to the “Estes House” a property he owns on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Mayor has given Mark permission to do so and will be meeting with Mark to discuss his plans for the project.

The Mayor reported that he has hired Barney Buckley, a licensed Sewer Operator from Colfax. Mr. Buckley will be paid a \$50.00 per month retainer fee and \$30.00 per hour if he should have to travel to Farmington to work on the system.

Mayor Baker announced that the Clerk-Treasurer has accepted full time employment with Farmington State Bank. She has agreed to stay on as the Clerk to the Council and Cody Lord the Clerk-Treasurer from Garfield will begin job sharing with her before the first of the year.

**Meeting adjourned 8:00**

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David L. Baker, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Farmington  
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Monday, October 19th, 2015 - Farmington Community Center  
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