

# Town of Farmington

Open Public Hearing & Regular Town Council Meeting  
October 20th, 2014  
Farmington Community Center  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## Roll Call:

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

## Visitors:

Max Mohan, Kirby Kiehle, Katherine Barnes Pawson, Jerry Wagner, George Martzall & Mark Hellinger.

## Open Public Hearing - Preliminary Budget:

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

Mark Hellinger suggested that the town council develop a long term plan to eliminate the need for "excess tax levy" money to run the town. Mark suggested the aggressive pursuit of grant funding, and actively "Promoting Farmington" as not only a place to live but also a place from which to operate a business. Mark noted that his effective property tax rate "in the Town of Farmington" is approximately 230 percent more than what he pays on a comparable piece of property in the County. Mark questioned the council as to what he is receiving for his extra tax dollars.

Jerry Wagner stated that the extra tax dollars are paying for the maintenance of the streets and the street lights, the maintenance of the parks as well as the community center building, the water system, the sewer system and the required licensed personnel to run those systems.

Max Mohan expressed his belief that the only way to ease the financial burden on a small town like Farmington is to promote growth in both the residential sector and the industrial sector. He stated that funds are available for businesses who are willing to locate in rural areas.

## Close Public Hearing:

The Open Public Hearing of the Farmington Town Council was closed at 7:10 PM

## Open Regular Council Meeting:

The Regular Town Council Meeting was opened at 7:10 PM

## Approval of the September 15th, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Billie Wolff **moved** for approval of the September 15th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Joel Abbott **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

## Resolution 364-14 (Revenue Resources) RCW 84.55.120 - Adoption of the Regular Levy:

Dave Baker **moved** and Billie Wolff **seconded** the adoption of Resolution 364-14 authorizing the collection of Farmington's regular levied property taxes in 2015. **The motion passed.**

## Unfinished Business:

- **Streets Status Report – Pot Hole Repair – Council Member Abbott:**  
Councilmen Baker and Abbott plan to begin making further pothole repairs in the very near future, they have been waiting for moisture.
- **Park Status Report – Council Member Ewing:**  
Noreen Ewing (via e-mail) reported that the components for the automatic drip watering system were purchased for just under \$100.00 and the hole for the frost free faucets has been dug. She hopes to have the faucets and the watering system installed within the next few weeks.
- **Facilities Status Report – Council Member Lowley:**  
Nothing to report.
- **Wastewater Status Report – Council Member Baker:**  
The testing of Pine Creek (mandated by the Department of Ecology) will begin as soon as the creek has appropriate water flow.

- **Water Status Report – Council Member Wolff:**

Nothing to report.

- **Window Replacement at the Jail Building – Mark Hellinger:**

Mark felt it would be prudent to involve the town council in the following decisions regarding the replacement of the 2 southern facing windows in Farmington’s old jail building. Mark asked for input on the following decisions:

- 1) The wood type to be used for the casings. The casings are currently being constructed using 2” x 6” cedar lumber.
- 2) The finish for the wood casings. The intent is to leave the wood unpainted (natural wood appearance) but treat the casing wood with a polyurethane preservative.
- 3) The type of windows. On order are new vinyl 6 pane windows which will look similar to this:  
[http://www.homedepot.com/catalog/productImages/400/75/75f9f2b9-bb5a-4a18-a126-e72fdee71704\\_400.jpg](http://www.homedepot.com/catalog/productImages/400/75/75f9f2b9-bb5a-4a18-a126-e72fdee71704_400.jpg)
- 4) Color of the window frames. White are on order.
- 5) Color of the window bars.
- 6) What to do with the remains of the original window casings and frames?

The Council and all members of the public who were in attendance at tonight’s meeting were in total agreement that the bars should be painted black, the window casings should be made of wood and painted white to match the (either four or six) double paned, thermal - vinyl windows that Mark already has on order. It was agreed that the original (rotten) wooden window casings should be disposed of as Mark deems fit. This was put in the form of a **motion** by Dave Baker and **seconded** by Billie Wolff. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Approval of Claims & Payroll:**

Joel Abbott **moved** for approval of the September 16th, 2014 through October 20th, 2014 claims & payroll totaling **\$17,306.55**. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

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Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo		
560	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT DSHS	100.00	09/01/2014 To 09/30/2014 - DSHS - Child Support		
561	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Department Of Labor & Industries	452.98	3RD Quarter 07/01/2014 - 09/30/2014		
562	10/06/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Employment Security Department	20.14	Unemployment Quarterly Report		
563	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	647.90	941 Deposit For 09/01/2014 - 09/30/2014		
572	10/06/2014	Claims	1	EFT	Department of Revenue	753.74	2014 3rd Quarter - Excise Taxes Water & Sewer		
556	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	1575	George Martzall	656.12			
557	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	1576	Robert Hill	174.20			
558	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	1577	Todd Lobdell	377.21			
559	09/30/2014	Payroll	1	1578	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42			
586	10/15/2014	Payroll	1	1579	Barbara Dial-Flomer	837.42			
596	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5573	Town Of Farmington	1,018.13	14 Months Of Water & Sewer Services At FFD		
597	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5574	Town Of Farmington	943.94	13 Months Of Water & Sewer Services At The Community Center		
598	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5575	Anatek Labs, Inc.	950.00	2014 September - Monthly Testing \$20.00 2014 October - Repeat Sample Testing - \$930.00		
599	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5576	Annie Pillers	172.76	2015 Budget Process Consultation - 6 Hours 41 Miles Roundtrip Mileage @ 55.5 Cents Per Mile		
500	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5577	Avista Utilities	1,548.86	2014 September - Avista Charges		
501	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5578	Bank Of Fairfield	366.29	2014 September - VISA Card		
502	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5579	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2014 September - Retainer		
503	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5580	Crossett's	168.27	2014 Supplies		
504	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5581	Empire Disposal	39.66	2014 September - Garbage Collection		
505	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5582	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	122.86	2014 September Phone & Fax		
506	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5583	Safeguard Business Systems	170.54	Town Of Farmington Checks - 500 Accounts Payable		
507	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5584	State Of Washington	4.50	Building Code Council Account State Fee (RCW 19.27.085)		
508	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5585	Strom Electric	5,111.45	Kiehle-Wolff Storage Shed Power Supply For Interlock To Well 2 Pump & Installation Of 100A Breaker In Pump Panel & Danfos Drive.		
509	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5586	Town Of Farmington	943.94	13 Months Of Water & Sewer At Park & EMS Shed		
510	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5587	Whitman County Auditor	79.74	Election Fee - August 5th, 2014		
518	10/20/2014	Claims	1	5588	Industrial Chem Labs	608.48	Lift Station Degreaser 100#		
						6,026.40	001 Current Expense		
						1,212.25	101 City Street		
						8,288.48	401 Water Fund		
						1,779.42	409 Sewer Fund		
						<b>17,306.55</b>	<b>Claims:</b>	<b>13,203.16</b>	
							<b>Payroll:</b>	<b>4,103.39</b>	

**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 positive \$4,407.00 variance through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and a budget surplus of \$6,515.00 with a net cash effect of \$10,922.00.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

Dave Baker **moved** for approval of the September Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a \$169,609.79 cash balance. \$80,228.76 in checking and \$89,381.03 in the MMDA account. Diana Lowley **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

**Citizens Comments:**

Max Mohan requested that the County Road Department be contacted and asked to fill the pot holes on the County portion of North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street just before the bridge heading out of town toward Tekoa. The Clerk advised Max that she would e-mail Phil Meyer, Whitman County Public Works Supervisor with the request.

Jerry Wagner asked that the "new" Poplar Trees that have sprouted up on the lot just south of the Methodist Church be sprayed with 2, 4D in the very new future. Councilman Baker stated that he will work with Farmington's maintenance worker to get this project done.

Jerry Wagner also asked that the Basketball Court project be wrapped up with the installation of the top rail on the chain link fencing and the installation of the walk through gate. He volunteered to work with Farmington's maintenance worker to remove the unusable junk and clutter from the walkway near the "old library" at the town shop.

**Council Comments:**

Dave Baker gave recognition to George Martzall for the great job he is doing as maintenance worker for the town.

Dave also expressed his appreciation of Mark Hellinger and noted that Mark has once again gone above and beyond in his service to the town.

**Clerk-Treasurer Comments:**

No Comments

**Mayor's Comments:**

No Comments

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM**

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James A. Woomack, Mayor

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