

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 19th, 2018
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

Roll Call:

Mayor David Baker, Councilmembers: Lavon Walser, Diana Oliver, Brian Oliver and Mark Hellinger.
Councilmember Jaime Lopez was absent.

Visitor:

George Martzall.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular - March 19th, 2018 Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the February 19th, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Diana Oliver moved for approval of February 19th, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Lavon Walser seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Brian Oliver moved for approval of the February 20th, 2018 through March 19th, 2018 claims of \$8,371.62 & payroll of \$4,426.57 Totaling \$12,798.19. Diana Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

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Town Of Farmington				Time: 18:59:47		Date: 03/12/2018	
MCAG #: 0806		02/20/2018 To: 03/19/2018				Page: 1	
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
142	02/28/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	897.14	2018 FEBRUARY - 941 Payroll Tax Deposit
136	02/28/2018	Payroll	1	1807	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,070.55	2018 FEBRUARY - Payroll
137	02/28/2018	Payroll	1	1808	Todd Lobdell	400.80	2018 FEBRUARY - Payroll
138	02/28/2018	Payroll	1	1809	George Martzall	987.53	2018 FEBRUARY - Payroll
175	03/15/2018	Payroll	1	1810	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,070.55	2018 MARCH - 03/01/2018 - 03/15/2018
132	02/20/2018	Claims	1	6202	Freeburg Sales & Service	389.90	2018 FEBRUARY - 3 Snow Plow Batteries
133	02/20/2018	Claims	1	6203	Rudy Goossen	16.15	2018 FEBRUARY - Reimbursement For Hydraulic Fluid
139	02/28/2018	Claims	1	6204	Barney Buckley	50.00	2018 FEBRUARY - Wastewater Operator Services
140	02/28/2018	Claims	1	6205	Rudy Goossen	216.00	2018 FEBRUARY - Snow Plow Operator 13.5 Hours
141	02/28/2018	Claims	1	6206	Katherine Pawson	22.00	2018 FEBRUARY - Clencl Assistance @ City Hall
176	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6207	Avista Utilities	1,512.63	2018 FEBRUARY - Avista Charges
177	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6208	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2018 FEBRUARY - Legal Retainer Fee
178	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6209	Empire Disposal	42.65	2018 FEBRUARY - Garbage Collection Fee
179	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6210	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	123.91	2018 FEBRUARY - Phone/Fax/Internet
180	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6211	Personnel Concepts	25.85	2018 ANNUAL - Washington Labor Law Posters
181	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6212	Rathbun Communications LLC	5,217.30	2018 MARCH - Radios And Repeater For FVFD
182	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6213	Town Of Farmington	240.00	2018 FEBRUARY - Water & Sewer Account Payments. #85 Community Center - #465 Park - #546 FVFD
183	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6214	Whitman Co. Public Works	252.23	2017 ANNUAL - Bridge Inspection
184	03/19/2018	Claims	1	6215	Whitman County Gazette	63.00	2018 FEBRUARY - Legal Publishing Fees
						3,365.81	
001 Current Expense						3,365.81	
101 City Street						1,780.81	
306 Special Equipment Reserve						5,217.30	
401 Water Fund						1,316.88	
409 Sewer Fund						1,117.39	
						12,798.19	
						Claims:	8,371.62
						Payroll:	4,426.57

Approval of the February Treasurer’s Reports:

Lavon Walser moved for approval of the February 2018 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a cash balance of \$ 227,149.54. \$ 137,361.95 in checking and \$ 89, 7807.59 in the MMDA account. Diana Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Whitman County RFA Information:

Josey Booth who is the FVFD Secretary-Treasurer compiled an information sheet which was presented to the council in regard to the proposed Whitman County Rural Fire Authority (RFA). The proposed Rural Fire Authority is in the infancy stages of “possible” formation. The next meeting of Whitman County District Commissioners and Fire Chiefs will take place in mid to late April. Josey’s Overview and Consideration for Fire Protection documents are attached.

FVFD Update:

Councilmember - Fire Chief Brian Oliver stated that the radio equipment approved for purchase by the council at their January meeting has been installed by Rathbun Communications, LLC of Moscow, ID at a cost of \$5,217.30 which covered the purchase and installation of the radio equipment.

Councilmember - Fire Chief Brian Oliver stated that the potential problem in regard to procuring seven sets of turnouts free of charge from General Fire in Spokane is still being looked into. The vendor was fine with making the donation to FVFD however Unifire was not – a workable solution between all parties is being sought.

Brian also advised the council that the aluminum air tanks which were at General Fire in Spokane to be pressure tested and filled were recently left empty at the station, but will be picked up by Unifire and hopefully deemed serviceable and thus filled.

Brian also reported that the Farmington Volunteer Firefighters will be doing various training exercises behind their station on Sunday, March 25th.

Sewer System – Lift Station Update:

Councilmember Mark Hellinger reported that he is working on a comprehensive review and status report on the sewer system and lift station which he hopes to have completed and ready to present to the council at their April meeting.

Council’s Comments:

None.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None.

Mayor’s Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 P.M.

Mayor David Baker

Attest: _____
Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk
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FARMINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

Explanatory Action: Town of Farmington - Whitman 10 cooperative
Action Description: Merger / RFA Incorporation

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Josey Booth
Secretary/Treasurer
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Description	Quantity	Value	Revenues
FARMINGTON assessed value	0.51	\$ 8,733,320.00	\$ 4,453.9
District 10 assessed value	0.51	\$147,940,448.00	\$ 75,449.6
FARMINGTON recent purchases	1	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.0
<i>FARMINGTON contribution value</i>	0.75	\$ 19,500.00	4

The citizens of the Town of Farmington have committed, by a vote of the people, to a 1-year Fire Protection levy. In consideration of this, we would like Whitman 10 to consider a graduated increase in service assessments and/or tax collection for residents of the Town of Farmington. If such consideration is granted, then the Town of Farmington would transfer full ownership of equipment and apparatus to the Whitman 10 / RFA taxing district.

Given the calculations above, if Farmington had previously been a part of the Fire District, the town's assessed value would contribute roughly \$4,500 per year. With recent expenditures, the depreciated value (estimated at 75%) of equipment and apparatus accounts for nearly 4.5 years of contribution. We would like your feedback on a proposed schedule that gives Town of Farmington residents a tax collection exemption for 2 years, 50% collection rate in Year 3, 80% collection rate in Year 4, and the full District/RFA tax assessment & collection rate starting in Year 5.

Sincerely yours,

Farmington Fire Department

Josey Booth
Secretary/Treasurer
Farmington Fire Department
March 19, 2018

Consideration for Fire Protection

Options for increased cooperative support between Whitman 10 and Farmington Volunteer Fire Department

Last week, this analysis was shared with Whitman #10 commissioners. I stressed that these were my own initial thoughts, and simply an attempt to get additional dialogue going given recent history and North Whitman County dialogue about the potential formation of an RFA (Regional Fire Authority). I made sure to communicate that was in no way authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Town of Farmington.

Overview: The analysis attempts to provide an approximate calculation on the value (in years) of Farmington's most recent investments in the Farmington Fire Department. It does not make any consideration for historical contributions (or lack thereof) to Whitman 10. The time-value of Farmington contributions is calculated as if the Town were taxed at the same rate as the rural district.

Considerations: Findings of fact (F) and Assumptions (A)

- Town of Oakesdale has a negotiated service agreement with Whitman 10 (they are legally "merged" or "annexed"), and pay an annual fee of \$14,000 to the rural fire district. (F)
- Town of Oakesdale turned over ownership of all apparatus and equipment to Whitman 10 at the onset of the service agreement. Value of that exchange of ownership is unknown and not considered. (F)
- Town of Oakesdale began paying the annual service fee to Whitman 10 the very first year following the start of the service agreement - there was no "ramp up" period. (F)
- North Latah Fire District has a negotiated service agreement with Whitman 10, and pay an annual fee of \$5,000 to the rural fire district. (F)

- North Latah Fire District has historically helped facilitate the acquisition of apparatus and equipment for Whitman 10, however the contribution details of that are unknown and not considered. (F)

- Town of Oakesdale's assessed value is approximately twice (2x) that of Town of Farmington. If Oakesdale's service agreement with Whitman 10 had been calculated at a similar rate to the rural district, their service agreement would likely have been closer to \$9,000 annually. Feedback from fire district commissioners indicate Oakesdale realized that structural fire suppression is typically more costly (apparatus, PPE, training) than wildland fire suppression, and this was the primary reason they agreed to pay \$14,000 annually. (A)

- Currently, Whitman 10 and Whitman 7 (rural area surrounding Rosalia) are in initial discussion regarding the formation of an RFA (Regional Fire Authority). They have invited many other towns and districts in North Whitman County to consider participation. (A)

- An RFA is legally similar to a fire district, however the emergency services (Fire only, Fire + EMS, Fire + Police, etc) and governance board structure can be customized and defined at the formation of the RFA. (A)

- Once an RFA is formed, all citizens within the geographically defined boundaries are taxed at the exact same rate. This levy collection must be approved by the voters within those boundaries. (F)

- Participation in an RFA eliminates the need to negotiate a time specific service agreement between multiple entities, and revenues are based upon the county's collection and disbursement of property taxes. (F)

- There is some question whether or not municipalities (cities and towns) can participate directly in an RFA, or if they first must be annexed by a rural fire district for participation. Whitman 7 has taken the route of annexing Rosalia, and Whitman 10 is exploring annexing Oakesdale. (A)

This is a summary of what we know currently, but more information is being gathered regularly. I will make sure to share what we learn with both the Town of Farmington and Whitman 10. Please let me know what questions you have.

Thank you,

Josey Booth