

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
April 16th, 2018
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Roll Call:

Mayor David Baker, Councilmembers: Lavon Walsler, Jaime Lopez, Diana Oliver, Brian Oliver and Mark Hellinger.

Visitor:

George Martzall, Josey Booth and Whitman County Assessor, Robin Jones.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's Regular – April 16, 2018 Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Diana Oliver moved for approval of the March 20th, 2018 through April 16th, 2018 claims of \$4,708.96 & payroll of \$5,263.61 totaling \$9,972.57. Jaime Lopez seconded the motion, the motion passed.

CHECK REGISTER

Town Of Farmington		MCAG #: 0806		03/20/2018 To: 04/16/2018		Time: 17:50:05	Date: 04/09/2018
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
218	03/30/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	957.10	2018 MARCH - 941 Monthly Payment
219	03/30/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Department Of Labor & Industries	494.94	2018 QUARTER 1 - L&I Quarterly Payment
220	03/30/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Employment Security Department	25.62	2018 QUARTER 1 - Unemployment Quarterly Payment
225	04/02/2018	Claims	1	EFT	Department of Revenue	793.62	2018 QUARTER 1 - Water & Sewer Excise Tax Payment
215	03/31/2018	Payroll	1	1811	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,070.55	2018 MARCH - Payroll
216	03/31/2018	Payroll	1	1812	Todd Lobdell	530.09	2018 MARCH - Payroll
217	03/31/2018	Payroll	1	1813	George Martzall	1,114.76	2018 MARCH - Payroll
237	04/15/2018	Payroll	1	1814	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,070.55	2018 APRIL - Payroll
213	03/31/2018	Claims	1	6216	Barney Buckley	50.00	2018 MARCH - Wastewater Operator Services
214	03/31/2018	Claims	1	6217	Katherine Pawson	23.00	2018 MARCH - Clerical Assistance @ City Hall
238	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6218	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2018 MARCH - Coliform Water Testing
239	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6219	Avista Utilities	2,046.89	2018 MARCH - Avista Charges
240	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6220	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2018 MARCH - Retainer
241	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6221	CONTROLFREEK INC	436.13	2018 MARCH - Service Call For Well #2 Redlion & Relays
242	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6222	Cougar Graphics	54.98	2018 MARCH - Printing Of Water & Sewer Shut Off Notices
243	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6223	Department of Retirement Systems	25.00	2018 TAX YEAR - OASI Administrative Fee Per RCW 41.48
244	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6224	Empire Disposal	42.65	2018 MARCH - Garbage Collection
245	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6225	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	123.24	2018 MARCH - Phone - Fax - Internet
246	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6226	Town Of Farmington	240.00	2018 MARCH - Water & Sewer Account Payments. #85 Community Center - #465 Park - #546 FVFD
247	04/16/2018	Claims	1	6227	VISA	653.45	2018 MARCH - Visa Charges
		001 Current Expense				3,955.38	
		101 City Street				1,031.19	
		401 Water Fund				3,437.35	
		409 Sewer Fund				1,548.65	
						9,972.57	Claims: 4,708.96 Payroll: 5,263.61

Approval of the March Treasurer’s Reports:

Jaime Lopez moved for approval of the March 2018 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a cash balance of \$ 223,582.22. \$ 133,784.54 in checking and \$ 89, 797.68 in the MMDA account. Diana Oliver seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Informational Forum – Assessor Robin Jones:

Whitman County Assessor Robin Jones reported to the council that Farmington’s assessed value took a dramatic drop in 2018 due to the removal of the “rolling stock” tax assessment aka: state assessed rail car values which for years (in error) had been assessed to Farmington and Lamont exclusively. The Department of Revenue allowed the assessor’s office 3 years to make this assessment correction, with 2017 being the last year rail car values were included in Farmington’s assessment. In 2018 Farmington will experience a 3.4 million dollar drop in state assessed value. Farmington’s 2017 total regular value was \$8,366,386 and in 2018 Farmington’s total regular value has dropped to \$4,927, 176 – a difference of \$3,439,210.

Because of the drop in the assessed value of the town (and because the town is at the statutory maximum rate limit of \$3.60 per thousand), Farmington will only collect \$15,463.86 in tax dollars instead of the \$26,195.16 that Farmington was expecting and thus certified to the county legislative authority, which in 2018 will result in a deficit of \$10,731.30 in tax dollars to the Town of Farmington. Additionally, because Farmington (by a vote of the people several years ago) annexed into the library district, the library district’s levy amount of \$0.46 cent per thousand will be taken out of Farmington’s \$3.60 per thousand right off the top, leaving Farmington with \$3.14 per thousand. Robin advised the Council that Farmington currently has the second highest tax rate in Whitman County.

388-18 Primary Election Excess Levy Propositions:

Brian Oliver **moved** for approval of Resolution 388-18- EXCESS LEVY PROPOSITIONS to be placed on the August 7th, 2018 - Primary Election Ballot. Lavon Walsler **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

• **STREETS:**

PROPOSITION NO 1

The Town Council of the Town of Farmington adopted Resolution 388-18, concerning a proposition to finance street maintenance and repair and street improvements for the Town of Farmington. This proposition would authorize the town to collect an excess property tax levy upon all taxable property within the town in the amount of \$8,000.00, an estimated \$1.64 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed value in the year 2018 for collection in 2019.

• **MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS:**

PROPOSITION NO 2

The Town Council of the Town of Farmington adopted Resolution 388-18, concerning a proposition to finance the current expense fund for the Town of Farmington. This proposition would authorize the town to collect an excess property tax levy upon all taxable property within the town in the amount of \$15,000.00, an estimated \$3.06 or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed value in the year 2018 for collection in 2019.

FVFD Update:

Councilmember – Volunteer Fire Chief Brian Oliver stated that the potential problem in regard to procuring seven sets of turnouts free from General Fire in Spokane is still being looked into. The vendor was fine with making the donation to FVFD however Unifire was not and 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 have been deemed serviceable which saves the town approximately \$14,000.00.

Brian stated that the Farmington Volunteer Firefighters did a training exercises behind their station Sunday, March 25th where in they practiced using the “Jaws of Life” extraction equipment. He also reported that a new Smart TV has been installed at the station for training purposes.

Council’s Comments:

None.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

The Clerk-Treasurer advised the Council that Booker Auction has rented the Community Center for use on May 22, 2018 for a land auction.

Mayor's Comments:

None.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM

Mayor David Baker

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk

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