

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
July 16th, 2018
Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:10 PM**

Roll Call:

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

Visitor:

George Martzall, Josey Booth, John Hart, Shanna Hiscock, Marcella Goossen, Anne Haynes, Bill Tensfeld, Katherine Barnes-Pawson, Max Mohan, John Winslow, Rose Anderson and Donald Schaffer.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

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

Approval of the June 18th, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Brian Oliver **moved** for approval of June 18th, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of the June 19th, 2018 through July 16th, 2018 claims of \$2,641.46 & payroll of \$5,265.08 Totaling \$7,906.54. Jaime Lopez **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

CHECK REGISTER

Town Of Farmington						Time: 16:58:58	Date: 07/09/2018
MCAG #: 0806		06/19/2018 To: 07/16/2018				Page:	1
Trans	Date	Type	Acct #	Chk #	Claimant	Amount	Memo
431	06/29/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Department Of Labor & Industries	511.08	2018 QUARTER 2 - Labor & Industries
432	06/29/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Employment Security Department	26.02	2018 QUARTER 2 - Employment Security
433	06/29/2018	Payroll	1	EFT	Internal Revenue Service	949.96	2018 JUNE - 941 Payroll Tax Deposit
444	07/02/2018	Claims	1	EFT	Department of Revenue	752.74	2018 QUARTER 2 - Sewer & Water Excise Tax Payment
428	06/30/2018	Payroll	1	1823	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,070.55	2018 JUNE - Payroll
429	06/30/2018	Payroll	1	1824	Todd Lobdell	568.88	2018 JUNE - Payroll
430	06/30/2018	Payroll	1	1825	George Martzall	1,068.04	2018 JUNE - Payroll
457	07/15/2018	Payroll	1	1826	Barbara Dial-Flomer	1,070.55	2018 JULY - Mid Month Payroll
408	06/19/2018	Claims	1	6254	Crossett's	28.37	2018 JUNE - Cleaning Supplies
426	06/29/2018	Claims	1	6255	Barney Buckley	50.00	2018 JUNE - Wastewater Operator Services
427	06/29/2018	Claims	1	6256	Katherine Pawson	23.00	2018 JUNE - Clerical Assistance @ City Hall - 2 Hours
459	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6257	Anatek Labs, Inc.	20.00	2018 JUNE - Water Testing For Coliform
460	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6258	Avista Utilities	1,032.76	2018 JUNE - AVISTA Charges
461	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6259	Bishop Law Office	200.00	2018 JUNE - Legal Retainer
462	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6260	Empire Disposal	48.55	2018 JUNE - Garbage Collection
463	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6261	Frontier Communications NW, Inc.	123.24	2018 JUNE - Phone - Fax - Internet
464	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6262	Town Of Farmington	241.59	2018 JUNE - Water & Sewer Account Payments - #85 Community Center - #465 Park - #546 FVFD.
465	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6263	US Postal Service	54.00	2018 JULY - Annual Post Office Box Rent
466	07/16/2018	Claims	1	6264	VISA	67.21	2018 JUNE - Visa Charges
						2,354.95	
001 Current Expense						1,028.59	
101 City Street						2,958.08	
401 Water Fund						1,564.92	
409 Sewer Fund							
						7,906.54	
						Claims:	2,641.46
						Payroll:	5,265.08

Approval of the June Treasurer's Reports:

Brian Oliver **moved** for approval of the June 2018 Treasurers Report showing Farmington with a cash balance of \$250,331.34 \$160,488.87 in checking and \$89,842.47 in the MMDA account. Jaime Lopez **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

Introduction of Whitman County District Court Judge Candidate John Hart:

Mr. Hart introduced himself and stated that he will be seeking election in November for the Whitman County District Court Judge position. John Hart has been the Colfax Municipal Court Judge since November 2012. He rules on criminal misdemeanor and traffic cases that occur in Colfax. He also runs his own legal practice out of an office in Pullman, where he has handled criminal and traffic litigation since 2004. Since graduating from the University Of Nebraska College Of Law in 2000, he has served as pro tem judge, or substitute judge, with the Whitman County District Court, as well as a court commissioner pro tem for the Whitman County Superior Court. Hart said his time serving under Robinson and his desire to help others sparked his interest in the open seat.

"What I think often gets lost in the practice of law," he said, "is that the people attracted to this type of work want to help people be in a better position than when they arrive in front of them." Hart said he wants to take the time to make sure people understand the process and decisions the judge makes, adding that judges need to think about the impact their decisions can have on people. He said he would emphasize open access to the court, as well as technological renovation. "Our courts need a heavy technology overhaul and upgrade, and we are in the process of doing that," he said. Hart is a member of several Washington District and Municipal Court Judges' Association committees, including the Nomination Committee, Education Committee, Conference Planning Committee and, recently, the Judicial Information System Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Farmington Volunteer Fire Department Update:**

Councilmember – Volunteer Fire Chief Brian Oliver stated that he had nothing to report.

- **Guest Speaker: Director of Whitman County's Emergency Management Bill Tensfeld:**

Bill provided the Council with an update on Whitman County's proposed Regional Fire Authority (RFA). Bill stated that he as Whitman County's Emergency Management Director and the commissioners from various Whitman County Fire Districts have been working with Bob Merritt a Seattle based consultant since approximately November of 2017 on the formation of a regional fire authority. Bill predicted that a proposition for the formation of such a fire authority will not be placed on the ballot until at least spring of 2019. Bill stated that RFA's are typically governed by a board of directors and that in his opinion some of the strongest pros for the formation of an RFA are that each district within the RFA will be covered under the same financial umbrella and the RFA will be financially able to hire a paid administrator to oversee all aspects of the RFA to include training and recruitment. Bill pointed out the obvious con as being the mandatory tax increase necessary to establish and maintain membership in the proposed RFA. Mr. Tensfeld surmised that Farmington has three options, #1 is to provide their own fire protection, #2 would be to contract for fire protection through District #10 or #3 to join the RFA.

- **Review of the Community Center User Rental Fee:**

Council reviewed the topic of the community center user policy which was tabled at their June 18th meeting. Councilmembers Diana Oliver and Mark Hellinger studied the topic and reported back their findings. Councilmember Hellinger explained that the current \$35.00 per day rental fee in place does not cover the cost to the Town for renting the space once the wages of staff used to re-set furniture and clean the building are taken into consideration. Mark researched town hall meeting room rental rates and policies to get a general idea as to what is common. Mark's thought is that the City of Palouse's rates and policy are seemingly representative of municipalities who offer their community center for rent to the general public: The following link outlines the City of Poulosbo City Hall Conference room rental fees and policy: <https://cityofpoulosbo.com/facility-rentals/> Mark also called Pullman City Hall and ascertained that their current fee for renting a small conference room is "\$25/hr" with quite a few stipulations and exceptions as explained to him by the employee he spoke to. Marcella Goossen stated that it is difficult to use the space due to the excessively heavy furniture, once moved, needing to be put back into place to accommodate Town Council's usage. Diana stated that first and foremost, the council needs to make a determination as to whether the current space is #1 a conference room/council chambers or #2 a community center area for the use of the community, due to the fact that the extremely heavy furniture does not afford the area to be used as a dual purpose area. Council tabled the topic until their August 20th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **390-18 General Election Excess Levy Propositions:**

Diana Oliver **moved** for approval of Resolution 390-18- EXCESS LEVY PROPOSITIONS to be placed on the November 6th, 2018 – General Election Ballot. Jaime Lopez **seconded the motion, the motion passed.**

- **STREETS:**

PROPOSITION NO 1

The Town Council of the Town of Farmington adopted Resolution 390-18, 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 390-18, 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.

- **Purchase of Additional Radios For FVFD:**

During the June 18th Council Meeting, Councilmember – Fire Chief Brian Oliver asked the Mayor and Council to consider purchasing an additional 2 or 3 portable radios for the FVFD. This topic was tabled until the Council’s August 20th meeting.

Council Comments:

None.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments:

None.

Mayor’s Comments:

Mayor Baker thanked his staff for their continued dedication and commitment to the Town.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM

Mayor David Baker

Attest: _____

Barbara Dial-Flomer, Clerk

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