

**Town of Farmington
Public Hearing Preliminary Budget
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 19th, 2020 – 6:00 PM
Telephone Dial-in Available**



Open Public Hearing:

Farmington's Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:00 to discuss the preliminary budget. Treasurer Cody Lord provided a copy of the 2020 budget that has been carried over to the 2021 operating year as a starting point for creating the 2021 budget. Cody asked if a couple of council members would like to come to town hall for a budget workshop to create the 2021 operating budget.

Mayor Oliver presented Ordinance 400-20 stating the regular property tax levy will increase by 1% for collection in 2021. Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to approve Ordinance 400-20 approving a 1% increase in property tax for collection in 2021. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Oliver closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Open Regular Council Meeting:

Farmington's September 21, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM.

Roll Call:

Mayor Brian Oliver, Councilmembers: Lavon Walser, Jaime Lopez, Diana Oliver, Shelly Lobdell and Blanche Rhea.

Visitors:

Steve Nelson Century West Engineers, John Varney, Haleigh Kliewer, Hal & Annette Lisenbee, Julie Bussing and Sandra Hansen

Guest: Steve Nelson with Century West Engineering

Steve Nelson is in attendance with the Town of Farmington Council to discuss the water system and approaching a future grant for portions of the water system. Steve discussed his thoughts on a rough cost to complete the items he and Mayor Oliver had discussed. He believes there are about 5 granting/lending programs that could work for a future water project. There are three main steps the town must complete 1. Begin planning, what is needed and highest priority? 2. Execute an Income Survey for the town. 3. Meet with the IACC Tech Team and see what programs could be utilized and overlapped to make the project come together. Mayor Oliver says the town will likely have to bite off the water project in phases. Steve is here to help the town in whatever capacity is needed and assures the council, the engineering firm he works for can handle all phases of the water project.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Lavon Walser **MOVED** to approve the September 21st, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Total claims and payroll from September 22nd to October 19th totaled \$24,426.48, with claims totaling \$19,557.08 and payroll totaling \$4,869.40. Jaime Lopez **MOVED** to approve claims and payroll from September 22nd to October 19th, 2020. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

The August 2020 Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$273,233.23, with \$180,044.23 in the checking account and \$90,189.00 in the MMDA account. The September 2020 Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$269,881.56, with \$179,687.37 in the checking account and \$90,194.19 in the MMDA account. Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to approve the August 2020 and September 2020 Treasurer's Reports. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 398-20

Mayor Oliver explain this is the resolution to make the utility rate increase for water and sewer rates official. It will raise the base water bill to \$54.70 and the base sewer bill to \$25.57. Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to approve Resolution 398-20 setting the new water and sewer rates to be effective November 1, 2020. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 399-20

Mayor Oliver explained that the town now has a new maintenance worker, Monty Rojas, and he will be working towards becoming a Level 1 sewer and water operator. He will be training with Barney Buckley and will need to be covered by at least a level I operator on the water and sewer system while he does his year of on the job training. Barney Buckley will be retiring at the end of December 2020. Mayor Oliver requested that Monty be paid \$15.00/hour and become a full time 40/hour a week employee for the town. Once he becomes certified, the mayor would like to increase his pay by \$1.00/hour for each credential he holds on the water and sewer side. He would also like to request that since he will be full time, the town pay a portion of his health insurance, maybe a 60%/40% split. Insurance for Monty will run approximately \$537/month. Blanche suggested having a job description in place for the position. Shelly thinks if Monty is able to become the water and sewer operator for the town, she believes it would be good to renegotiate the rate of pay at that time. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to approve paying Monty Rojas \$15/hour for 40 hours of work a week and include a health benefit split of the 60%/40% split with the town paying 60% of his health insurance costs. Blanche Rhea **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Diana Oliver would like to suggest moving the minutes to an action driven minutes format from this point forward. Diana Oliver **MOVED** to have the clerk start action driven minutes in the future. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

The COVID-19 Relief Cares Funding is available through the end of November 2020. It is a use it or lose it grant that requires the town to make the purchase and request reimbursement. Cody sent a reference letter to demonstrate what could and could not be considered under the grant. Todd Lobdell is looking to see if a vehicle could be found to purchase that could assist the EMS department.

Hal and Annette Lisenbee were in attendance to convey their issues with the builder in town. They said there was garbage left around town by him, garbage at the compost and issues with his contractors' dogs. Julie Bussing was also in attendance to express her concerns about the same builder. Mayor Oliver said if you see something say something, call the Sheriff and let him know the issues. Julie said there were also issues with 4 -wheelers and personal belongings left on the main sidewalk.

Heather Lopez was in attendance for the Planning and Zoning Committee. They have had one meeting where they assessed the current planning and zoning map of 2015 and the 1981 zoning ordinance. The group had two recommendations from this meeting; 1. Resolve any issues surrounding the official map. 2. Have a neutral 3rd party vet and approve all outstanding or new building permits submitted. Julie expressed some concern that current buildings being worked on are not meeting State Code. Council expressed this is the role of the building inspector to follow up on this matter. There was agreeance that the building permitting process and need to follow this process must change with Blanche pointing out that as these changes happen, they will affect all individuals of the town and not targeted upon one person. Some clarification is needed on how many units can be added to the current water and sewer systems in town if new development continues to occur.

Blanche Rhea **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**



Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest:  _____
Cody Lord Clerk-Treasurer

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Monday, October 19th, 2020 - Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:28 PM