

**Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
May 17th, 2021 – 6:00 PM
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ROLL CALL:

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

VISITORS: No Guests

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Farmington's May 17th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. This was an all-virtual meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of April 19th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the April 20th, 2021 through May 17th, 2021 Check Register with expenditures totaling \$11,292.39, claims total \$7,439.25 and payroll total \$3,853.14.
- Approval of the April 2021 Treasurer's Report; total cash balance of \$275,443.63 with \$185,212.78 in the checking account and \$90,230.85 in the MMDA Account.

Diana Oliver **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for the May 17th, 2021 council meeting. Shelly Lobdell **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

The RV ordinance was discussed again with Blanche Rhea stating 60 days per year should be allowed, this way people with summer company, visitors doing harvest or people coming to events at WSU will have plenty of time throughout the year to accommodate their guests. She felt that allowing RV use while remodeling a home should be allowed if it was clear, there was to be no permanent living in an RV, and she felt this shouldn't be allowed in the commercial district. She agreed with the ordinance, stating that no hook-ups to the town's sewer system should be allowed.

Jaime Lopez said that the town is a rural setting, and he thinks that having no distinction of lot size is ridiculous. He believes that if a person wants to house say a mother-in-law situation in a temporary RV arrangement on their property, they should have the right to do this. Under the current ordinance, they would only be allowed to do this for a short amount of time before having to get approval from the council for an extension. He thinks the planning and zoning should do a little more research and believes that at least a 60-day time frame would be appropriate.

Lavone Walser believes the ordinance should read that an RV can be used on a residential property as housing, until work is completed on the main residence. Shelly Lobdell said allowing the use of an RV as temporary residence until the project is complete could essentially make it an endless living arrangement. Diana Oliver asked how long a building permit was good for and Mayor Oliver said permits are good for 6 months to a year in general. Diana said she is not in favor of having an open-ended length of time such as until the project is complete. Blanche suggested that maybe when a person applies for a permit, they have to disclose the length of time they are thinking the project will take. Once the first deadline is up, the contractor/homeowner would need to file for an extension to the building permit and at that time could also ask for an extension on residing in their RV through the length of the building permit extension.

Jaime said he would be alright with this change to the ordinance. In summary the RV ordinance would allow temporary residence in an RV for up to 60 days for family or company visiting an established resident. An RV can be used as temporary residence while working on a property with a current and active building permit. The permit will be good for one year and an RV user may ask for one 6-month extension while working on said property. Mayor Oliver said this new language will be added to the current ordinance and this new ordinance will be circulated with the next water bill that will be sent out. The ordinance should also say the water and sewer costs are to be incurred by the property owners and absolutely no sewer connection or sewer dumped into the town's sewer system is allowed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Oliver said he had the town removed from the Primary Election after the town learned only Garfield and Farmington were planning on being on the primary ballot. This means Garfield and Farmington would have to absorb the total cost of the election which would be roughly \$20,000 and Farmington would be responsible for 25% of that cost. This means that the town will only run the Current Expense and Street levy in the General Election in November. Blanche said this mean they really need to get the message out to vote. There should be information out there about what the levy cost pays for and the importance of being able to collect that levy for the town's operation.

Shelly thinks that having some additional information (newsletter) available to the public will help to make them aware of what is being worked on and what help the town could use. Diana suggested posting this on the website so more residents of the town can see the activity. Mayor Oliver asked if each council member would like to take on a month and draft up their notes that they would like to put in front of their community. This could be where volunteer needs could be posted or future projects that have an impact on the town and the residents. Mayor Oliver said the rose gardens need some help, the water lines have broken over the years and they need to be weeded. Also, the signs at the entrance to town need to be repaired and enhanced. There are border stones that need replaced. The signs need to be sanded and painted and the beds need to be weeded. Jaime said this sounds like a great project for volunteers. Mayor Oliver will work with a couple local lawn and garden companies to see if bids could be attained.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Diana said the softball park used to have bases and they have disappeared over the years. She is hoping the council would support spending a little money to purchase some new bases so the softball field can be used again. Council was in support of making this purchase.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comments:

Town hall will be switching from Zply Fiber to Cascade Computing for its internet service. Currently town hall is utilizing the library connection since the Zply service has not been the best. Marcus Munn will be scheduling soon to make this connection. Also, at the same time he will provide an estimate for some surveillance cameras that will be placed on town property to make sure town assets are safeguarded.

Mayor's Comments:

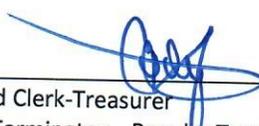
The Fire Department will be hosting a Fireman's Picnic in the park. The hope is to get the community to turn out and have just a nice social event. There will be no cost to the community, it will be totally covered by the fire department. Cody will put a note in the next billing cycle to save the date of July 10th, the trucks will be cleaned, and rides will be provided to the kids. Mayor Oliver asked Cody to contact both CTI and Woltering Concrete to see if they have an interest in giving a bid to repair the bridge that was damaged by the lift station. Mayor Oliver thanked Jaime Lopez for his years of service to the council and all his involvement. He reminded council that council Position #2 is now vacant and to be looking for a viable candidate to be appointed to this position. Mayor Oliver informed council that the adjudication agreement is being reviewed by the county commissioners. Once this is approved, the town can then upload their fees and penalties to the JIS system and then code enforcer Tina Coe can begin to start enforcing the ordinances with penalties attached. The town is getting close to making this process come together.

Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. Jaime Lopez **seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**



Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest: _____


Cody Lord Clerk-Treasurer

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Monday, May 17th, 2021 - Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 6:52 PM