

Town of Farmington
Public Hearing Preliminary Budget
October 18th, 2021
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ROLL CALL:

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

GUESTS:

Haleigh Varney

PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING:

Mayor Oliver opened the public hearing portion of the meeting to discuss the 2022 preliminary budget. Council was given the rough numbers for the 2022 budget. The street fund will need special attention as it has been running a deficit for the last couple of years. It is unknown at this time if the street levy will pass but it is very much needed to operate streets as they have been operated in the past. If the street levy or current expense levies don't pass, cuts will be needed in the corresponding funds. The final budget hearing will be happening at the November meeting, so it is important that there is a quorum for this meeting. After all the November bills are put into the system, then it will be easier to see how the budget is ending in 2021. Currently the budget position is in good shape with the street fund being the only fund needing an amendment before the end of the year. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to approve the preliminary budget. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

The public hearing was closed at 6:20 pm.

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Farmington's October 18th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm. This was an onsite meeting with a phone in option.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the August 16th, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the August 17th through October 18th, 2021 check register.
- Approval of the September 2021 Treasurer's Report

Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for October 18th, 2021, council meeting. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Haleigh Varney asked about the Planning and Zoning questionnaire and wonders if there were issues with the contents of the survey? Cody explained because the levy letter was needing to go out and that was the highest priority, that it shouldn't be confused with this matter at this time. Once the election is over, letters will be sent to the residents of Farmington. Planning and

Zoning is not expecting a huge response but thinks the anonymous feedback will be good for the town. Residents who choose to fill out the questionnaire can leave them in the black box.

Several council members noted that there is work taking place on the house on Lincoln Street with the current red tag attached to it. They have been hearing construction noise and see workers coming and going. Cody updates the council that the tickets for violations are ready for the printing process and once they are completed, Tina Coe can begin writing tickets for those not following the rules. The tickets can only be printed in larger quantities so the cost to run the tickets is \$900. The council is in agreement that the tickets should be printed and available for use at this time.

Council suggests sending one more high-level bullet pointed letter stating what their purpose of the levies are for and what expenses they pay. Lavon suggests putting in the letter that the levy amounts have not been raised for many years.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is a dog issue at the park. While kids are playing on the court the neighbors German Sheppards are barking and running the fence aggressively, making it intimidating for the kids playing on the court. There is more concern once kids leave the court and head through the park since the dogs have already gotten out of their fence enclosure due to it not being very sturdy. There was a thought of adding a machine that emits a noise frequency that the dogs don't like when it senses them barking. The dogs have also gotten off their property and been roaming on other people's properties and intimidating their animals. Mayor Oliver said if this continues to be a problem, call the sheriff and let him know the situation, he is well aware there is an issue with these animals.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Oliver said that Keltic Engineering was at the last meeting. They took the O&M manuals for the sewer and water systems and the town maps and had them scanned and put on a thumb drive. They are very excited to start looking for opportunities for the town's water and sewer systems. There are also some funding opportunities out there for solar projects and this might be something the town looks into. There is a dead tree in front of town hall and Bob's trees service said he could drop it for \$600. Blanche suggested also calling Jusky and seeing if they can meet or beat this price. Blanche Rhea **MOVED** to approve spending up to \$600 to remove the dead tree in front of town hall. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Shelly Lobdell **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Blanche Rhea **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The regular town council meeting was closed at 7:05 pm.