

Town of Farmington
Public Hearing Final Budget
March 28, 2022
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ROLL CALL:

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

GUESTS: Eric and Lisa Hasenoehrl with Keltic Engineering and Gavin Dewmer

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Farmington's March 28, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. This was an onsite meeting with a phone in option.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the February 22, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the February 23rd, thru March 28, 2022, check register.
- Approval of the February 2022 Treasurer's Report

Diana Oliver **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for March 28, 2022, council meeting. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Eric and Lisa Hasenoehrl were present to talk about future engineering plans for the Town of Farmington. There was discussion about the sewer lift pumps and sending a recommendation for replacement using the Covid Relief Funds. This would require a system revisions plan to be submitted to DOE and Keltic could take care of this for the town. These would be larger solids handling pumps so that the cost of repair and replacement could be reduced.

Keltic Engineering brought a service agreement to be reviewed and signed by the council. Cody will send the contract over to Bishop Law Office for review and council has expressed interest they would like to move forward after that takes place. Talk about the water system also took place and how to get discoloration out of the system. The tank will eventually need to be cleaned and of course hydrant flushing consistently will help the matter. Possibly a manganese removal system in the well house will be needed at some point.

A call out system to notify if the power has gone down and the plant or pumps are not working would be nice to have. Recently the power went down on the weekend, and it wasn't discovered until a couple of days later when it was almost problematic. Anything to help ensure this wouldn't happen again would be of benefit to the town. Lisa Hasenoehrl said there are some infrastructure dollars coming and will be pumped into the region from the state level. It would be a good time to explore what all is needed infrastructure wise within the town and see if the Wenatchee funding connector event could turn up some funding to make it happen. Right now, green energy is a hot topic so there will be lots of money being pushed towards wind and solar

efforts. Lisa and Eric will try to attend the next meeting via zoom and have a little better idea of costs and direction for the town.

Council Position #2 is vacated, and someone needs to be appointed to this position. There are two interested parties here who would like to occupy the seat, Haleigh Varney and John Varney. Council will ask each candidate a series of questions of why they should be the next council member for seat #2. Haleigh Varney stepped out of the council chambers while John went first. Council asked a series of questions and took notes. The same process was repeated for Haleigh Varney. Once both had answered the questions, council said they would move into Executive Session to deliberate the qualifications and answers to the provided questions. Council asked for 15 mins to deliberate per RCW 42.30.110 (h). Executive session started at 6:57. Council ended executive session at 7:10 and the regular town council meeting resumed.

Council approved Haleigh Varney as the appointed council position #2 with 2 votes Haleigh and 1 vote John Varney. Cody will get the "Oath of Office" from the county and will notify them of the appointment. Council Position #4 has just been vacated by Shelly Lobdell so a second appointment will be needed in short order. John was encouraged to apply again if interested and one other person in town has shown interest.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

A councilmember questioned if the owners at 4th and Chestnut have been in to purchase a building permit and Cody confirmed this has not happened yet however, there is an active water account at the property. Diana Oliver questioned the \$5,000 AWC Safety Grant and if all of it wasn't used, possibly a small portion of it could be used to fix the grate at the gazebo so it wouldn't be a hazard to any kids. There is also some repair work that could be done to the pit area. Blanche said the thank you notes for public assistance helping to keep the roads cleared of snow this winter was received well and many appreciated the acknowledgement for their efforts.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Oliver said that Cody's position now has a replacement, and the new Clerk/Treasurer will be Gavin Dewmer. Gavin was present in the audience and talked some about his background and family and his interest for filling this position. He is currently a resident of Garfield. Cody will be training Gavin for at least a month or until full knowledge of the job is demonstrated.

Lavon Walser **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Blanche Rhea **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. The regular town council meeting was closed at 7:22 pm.



Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest: _____


Cody Lord Clerk-Treasurer

Town of Farmington – Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022 - Farmington Community Center
6:00 PM – 7:22 PM