

Town of Farmington
Regular Council Meeting
June 21st, 2022

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Brian Oliver, Council members: Lavon Walser, Haleigh Varney, Ben Smith, and Blanche Rhea. Absent: Diana Oliver

GUESTS:

Liz Hellinger, Mark Hellinger, Joe Savoy, Joni Denton, Eric Hasenoehrl

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Farmington's June 21st, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. This was an onsite meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the May 16th, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the May 19th, thru June 20th, 2022, check register.

Approval of the May Treasurer's Report

Haleigh Varney **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for June 21st, 2022, council meeting. Ben Smith **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Blanche Rhea Discussed Trash Burning in town. Mayor Brian Oliver Still needs an ordinance officer for the town to handle the situation. Anyone in town can be the officer however Mayor Brian doesn't want to be the town's ordinance officer. Mayor Brian said he would like the new ordinance officer to be actual law enforcement however, there are no candidates yet. Blanche Rhea asked can we get Law enforcement to be back into town? She is scared for children in the area. Mayor Brian Replied Yes, we can ask for some law enforcement to come into town again. Blanche Rhea Why doesn't property on Washington St. have Empire trash? Everyone else in town does. Mayor Brian replied to have the ordinance sent to them to reiterate the problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric from Keltic Engineering has a few things to go over with Council members. Removal of sediment inside the septic reservoir really needs to happen. The total cost of Liquid engineering will be \$4,115.00 for services. Also, Eric recommends them. Their concerned if are there antennas. Eric doesn't believe there are any antennas so should be fine. (There is a 40 x 40 access area.) Eric Began to explain what the job entails. They go in with wet suits to vacuum the solids out of the reservoir. He also mentioned it is important to take good notes of maintenance that happens, this for the future. Liquid engineering would be cleaning the precipitate waste. Blanche Rhea asked Is there any testing being done on the sediment? Eric replied no it is just an inspection and cleaning of the tank. Blanche Rhea **MOVED** to have Liquid engineering out for the job. Mayor Brian Agrees it really needs to be done. Haleigh Varney **Seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. Blanche Rhea, can we make sure it is posted via website when the job is being done so the town can know? Gavin Dewmer replied Yes, we can put it on the boards and the town website. Eric explained how he is not concerned with pumps because they were replaced in 04 however, he is worried about the maintenance of the pumps. Mayor Brian brought up that the station needs to be vacuumed out at least once if not twice a year. Eric also said that the pump's oil needs to be checked as part of the maintenance routine, and record keeping of said lift station. Mayor Brian really wants to have the maintenance happen and see how everything is holding up. Mayor Brian also brought up that the town needs some hydrants and some meters. He would like to see 4-5 more hydrants in town, 30 or so meters and asked about possible solar power installation. Eric will have more information on solar during the next meeting.

Joe From First step internet stopped by to get permission to upgrade equipment on the water tank. He explained how It doesn't take much more room or power but would make the internet service better for the community. The second piece of business is to update the agreement with the town. Mayor Brian said he doesn't have a problem with first step coming and upgrading the equipment. Mayor Brian asked to be notified just in case he gets calls from citizens and would like the agreement to be that the town is paid the equivalent of the cost of service for the month. Joe said he would send it up to his bosses and see what they say. Then he will notify us what they say hopefully next week.

Street Levies for 2022 General election Mayor Brian asked to have a Motion to have the same street levies on the next voting season. Haleigh Varney **MOVED** and Lavon Walser **Seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. Will be printed for review and signature at the next regular council meeting.

Haleigh Varney asked Can the volunteer list get updated on the website? Gavin Dewmer responded that it will be done by the end of the week.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joni Denton Brought up that planning and zoning only has 4 people. Can they move up to 5? Mayor Brian said as long as there are at least 3 people he is ok with it. Haleigh Varney asked if there was a problem with her being on council and the planning and zoning? Mayor Brian said there was no problem, and once there are notes to send them over to Gavin and we can post them on the town website? Blanche Rhea with 5 members can the meetings be every month? Joni said Yes, most likely can move to have them once a month. Joe Savoy asked is the town maintenance position has been filled? Mayor Brian Responded No, we have about 4 volunteers though. Joey said that the volunteers are doing great! However, he would like to see a maintenance person out making the town look nice. Can we post things that need to be done for volunteers by chance? Mayor Brian Brought up that the town fund is growing right now, and he would like to see it continue to grow to buy some new equipment and possibly hire a full-time maintenance worker by the end of the season. Blanche Rhea wondered if it would be cheaper to hire a lawn care service to do the town instead of a maintenance position. Haleigh Varney Stated it would be about \$2000 or more so most likely not worth it. Mayor Brian Agreed with Haleigh Varney. Haleigh Varney Asked if there could be a town Beautification Day? Mayor Brian stated that it would be better with a handful of bodies to get work done. Blanche Rhea asked if a thank you could be put on the website for volunteers. She also brought up the abandoned property next to hers. It is getting to be a problem with mice and ticks. She asked if the town could mow the grass and send them a bill? Mayor Brian said we will wait till the 30-day mark then mow it and send them a bill. Joe Savoy If the property is deemed to be a hazard, ordinance says we can send them notices? Blanche Rhea says when summer comes it's going to dry out and be a possible fire hazard. Mayor Brian said if nothing else we can get it mowed down and sprayed. Joni Denton asked if the town gravel pile was free for anyone in town to use? Mayor Brian Responded Yes, as long as you're filling potholes in the road. Ben Smith said he is filling potholes on good days.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comments

Gavin Dewmer asked the council for approval to get a town credit card for town purchases and Signature Authorization.

Credit Card Authorization for Gavin Dewmer was approved

Signature authorization for Gavin Dewmer was approved

Gavin Dewmer Named Official Clerk-Treasurer 6/21/2022


MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Brian brought up that the emergency truck that the fire station bid on was bought by someone else. Also, Gavin needs to get with Cody to try to get a noise ordinance for the town. Building inspectors need to be called out for personnel in town if there is no building permit by 6/22/2022, Red Tagged and also all late Utility Bills need to be yellow tagged and turned off.

Blanche Rhea MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Haleigh Varney **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. The regular town council meeting was closed at 7:14 pm.



Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest: 

Gavin Dewmer-Treasurer

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Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 - Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 7:14 PM