

Town of Farmington
Regular Council Meeting
July 11th, 2022

ROLL CALL:

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

GUESTS:

Joan Smith, Mike Erickson and Lonnie Erickson.

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Meeting started at 6:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the June 21st, 2022, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 21st, thru July 11th, 2022, check register.

Approval of the June 2022 Treasurer's Report

Diana Oliver **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for July 11th, 2022, council meeting. Haleigh Varney **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

First piece of Business Mayor Brian Oliver Brought up was the First step internet contract that would pay the town \$50 a month for equipment being placed in town. Rhea Blanche asked if the rate was a flat rate or if it was scaling, also how long the contract was? Mayor Brian informed her that it was a flat rate and 10-year contract. Mayor Brian next discussion was how the Street Levies need to be signed by council for approval. Gavin Dewmer should have them turned into County by the end of the following week. Phil From KME said that the pump for the lift station was fine. However, he believes the controller unit is the problem. Phil said he will come out later this week or next to install the pump, but the controller is a few weeks out. Gavin will be going to level one water distribution operator and Budgeting classes at the end of the year. For now, the

town will baby back on Garfield for maintenance till Gavin's classes are done. As far as the leaks in town go Shon and Monty from Garfield will be coming out to help with the main leak on bridge Street. However, the "Leak" on Adam Street may be some sort of water runoff. Blanche Rhea asked if Garfield was charging a fee. Mayor Brian said yes but, Gavin is learning from Shon while there is work to be done. Blanche Rhea asked does he have to continue his training? is it something he has to re-cert every year? Gavin answered yes and I will have more training to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brian Suggested that every 6 months the mayor pro-tem should change. Starting with Blanche Rhea till the end of the year then Lavon Wasler Starting the beginning of the year. January and July will be the switch months in the future. The Tower cleaning from liquid engineering contract has been signed. Gavin will notify the town when the cleaning will be happening. Blanche Rhea brought up a "fishy" smell from the water and a bad bleach smell. The mayor said we are running very close to the minimum of the bleach treatment to get the "fishy" smell gone but not much more can be done at this time.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Joan Smith asked the council what it would take to do a town yard sale day. Mayor Brian said the town can do that. The town just need to get a signup sheet. Blanche Rhea asked maybe we could make it a big street a sale? Joan Smith would rather it be in the individual yards and maybe sometime in August? Diana Oliver said we can post something up on the boards to see if more people in town are interested. Mayor Brian said we could possibly put it on the next water bill. Lonnie Erickson Brought up the filling up of the potholes in town. Mayor Brian said that Ben Smith has been filling up the holes as he can however, the battery on the tractor is dead but being charged. Ben Smith Said he will get to the potholes on Adams Street the next time he gets on the tractor. Lonnie Erickson brought up that there are a lot of speeders in town. She feels unsafe letting people and animals walk down Washington street. Blanche Rhea also agreed that there is a lot of foot traffic, and someone might get hurt. Joan Smith asked about the old, condemned buildings in town. Mayor Brian explained how the town must pay for all the expenses that come with condemning a building. Blanche Rhea asked if it could be used as a training opportunity? Mayor said yes, but the total expense would be the same.

Council COMMENTS

Blanche Rhea brought up the trash burning in town again. She claims there are a few people still burning in town. Mayor Brian said to put cliff notes of the ordinances in the next utility billing. Diana Oliver asked if we could put ordinances out in the utility bill. Mayor Brian said yes Gavin can send out Cliff note versions in the utility bills. Blanche Rhea asked if Gavin was willing to do the duties of the ordinance officer. Gavin Replied No. Blanche Rhea then asked what job duties Gavin has. Gavin proceeded to explain his position duties AND all others he is achieving for the town. Diana Oliver asked about the building inspector for the town. Mayor Brian Said we have a new one in mind his name is Jacob Billington. Mayor Brian will be giving him a call this week. Blanche Rhea would like to publicly thank Jon and Mark for mowing the lawn. Blanche Rhea asked if we could back charge the owners of the property with overgrown grass? Possibly put a lean on the house? Mayor Brian said yes, he doesn't believe the town would receive payment though. Blanche Rhea asked what the town could possibly do besides fine the individuals. Gavin brought up that it is private property so not a lot can be done besides the fine and paperwork trail. Mayor Brian agreed with Gavin. Blanche Rhea asked can at least one ordinance be sent during the utility billing cycles. Gavin said yes, he will make sure there is at least one cliff note version of an ordinance included with the utility bills.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Brian Explained to Lonnie Erickson what being an ordinance officer duties entails. Mayor Brian said to think about it and get back to him if she is interested in the position.

Blanche Rhea **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Ben Smith **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**. The regular town council meeting was closed at pm.



Mayor Brian Oliver

Attest: 

Gavin Dewmer Clerk-Treasurer

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Monday, July 11th, 2022 - Farmington Community Center

6:00 PM – 7:08 PM