

Town of Farmington
Regular Council Meeting
Onsite Town Hall
July 17th, 2023

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blanche Rhea, Council Members: Lavon Walser, Haleigh Varney, Diana Oliver and Ben Smith

VISITORS: Hal and Annette Lisenbee

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Farmington's July 17th, 2023, 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 June 26th, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the June 27th, thru July 17th, 2023, Check Register.
- Approval of the June 2023 Treasurer's Report

Diana Oliver **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for July 17th, 2023, council meeting. Haleigh Varney **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Meter Installation Date: Correct Equipment contacted us and said they had an emergency come up, so the install dates will be August 1-3 next month. Mayor Rhea wanted to remind everyone that their water would be turned off as their new meters were going in.

Banner Bank: After not receiving any information from State Bank NW, all were in agreement to move the town's accounts to Banner Bank in Tekoa.

Water Tower: Mayor Rhea received notification that Advanced Diving will be arriving August 12th, so asked Beth to put a note in the next utility bill about running water for at least 15 minutes after the water is turned back on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcoming Josh: Josh was not present this evening.

Bridge Report: The bridge on 1st Street needs repair. Ben Smith said the Garfield-Farmington bridge is losing concrete. Diana Oliver said yes it is, but it is also on a County road. When the bridges were built, they did not have semi's full of grain driving over them every year, because

the grain was moved by train. Mayor Rhea said that she would do some research on grant options. We can also talk to Jody Opheim at the Port of Whitman.

MAINTENANCE COMMENTS

Lavon Walser said there was a blockage situation at Dave Baker's. She checked the manhole in Dave's driveway and found that it was completely plugged. When she looked at the manhole by Johnson's, there was only a trickle of water coming through. She and Beth called around to a couple of different places and all suggested Palouse Valley Septic Service in Potlatch. They came out first thing the next day and was able to clear the line easily and quickly. They pulled a large chunk of asphalt out that was wedged in tight. Lavon flushed the line with 3500 gallons of water and checked a couple of other 'T' locations to make sure nothing was building up along the way.

CLERK COMMENTS

Beth said the budget is looking good. Seems to be right on schedule. She is getting ready for the training needed for the software when the new meters get installed. She will be submitting the Excess Levy, Prop 1 and 2, before August 1st to go on the ballot in November.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Hal and Annette Lisenbee said the questions they had about the water meters was already answered.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Diana Oliver asked for updates on ordinance violators. Mayor Rhea said she has checked on a couple of places, but there is nothing new. There were questions about the Junk Vehicle and Trash Ordinances and Haleigh Varney mentioned that the Nuisance Ordinance was updated when there was a Zoning Committee. Council members and Mayor Rhea will double check the most recent versions.

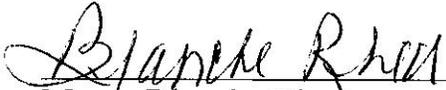
Haleigh Varney asked how would you enforce compliance? Mayor Rhea explained the process of letters going out and fines being assessed if not complied with. Not much else can be done, except a lien being placed on the property.

MAYOR COMMENTS

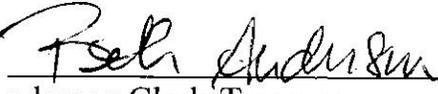
Mayor Rhea said that there is a lot going on this summer so far. There have been complaints about road conditions, too much gravel, not enough gravel, but we are doing the best we can. There have also been complaints about speeding on 3rd Street coming from Tekoa. Annette

Lisenbee said that sometimes they are going so fast they blow through the corner and go past her house. Ben Smith mentioned making sure speed signs were posted. Mayor Rhea has asked for a police presence, but they've only been out two times so far.

Mayor Rhea thanked everyone for being on Council and feels everyone is doing a great job. She asked if there were any other concerns needing to be discussed, and as there were none, she asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diana Oliver **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Lavon Walser **seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.** The regular town council meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.



Mayor Blanche Rhea

Attest: 

Beth Anderson Clerk-Treasurer

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Monday, July 17, 2023 - Farmington Community Center
6:00PM – 6:55PM