

Town of Farmington
Regular Council Meeting
Onsite Town Hall
October 16th, 2023

ROLL CALL:

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

VISITORS: Eric Hasenoehrl, Lisa Hasenoehrl/ Keltic Engineering, Chris Workman/
Transportation Improvement Board State of Washington, Mary Collins, Karen Kuerling, Sue
Henry/ League of Women Voters, Jason Brausen, Mike Erickson

OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Farmington's October 16th, 2023, Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
This was an onsite meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda was not available due to the Town Clerks' illness. Council moved to have
September 2023 Consent Agenda approved at the November council meeting scheduled for
November 20, 2023 at 6PM. Council granted permission for Mayor to process checks if needed
for bill paying.

Diana Oliver **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda for August 21st, 2023, council meeting.
Haleigh Varney **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

RCO Parks Grant: Project 23-1745 Farmington City Park Maintenance grant application was
discussed. Council was advised that our grant was accepted and a determination would be made
sometime in October if we are granted. Farmington requested \$64,500 for park maintenance.

Street and Current Expense Levies: Street Levy and General Expense Levy was again
mentioned. Please get out and vote as these levies are very important to Farmington. All were
advised if anyone has questions in the community to please talk to the Mayor or the town clerk.

Code Enforcement: Council was advised that the Code Enforcement Officer that was hired has
now resigned.

NEW BUSINESS:

TIB: Guest speaker Chris Workman gave his presentation on a road grant that the Town of
Farmington maybe eligible for up to \$600k. This grant would be chip sealing the town's gravel
roads, approx. 3 miles worth, with a new chip seal product called OTTA Seal. This product is
used in the mid-west but is considered new to the State of Washington. This seal has a longevity
life span of 10 to 15 years before maintenance would be needed. Mr. Workman answered many

questions from council regarding heavy farm equipment, trucks and other heavy items being on these chip sealed streets. Questions about future repair costs and with seal streets and speeders on the town's streets. Mr. Workman assured that these roads will hold up to extreme temperatures and weather and will handle the farm equipment and heavy traffic that takes place in Farmington. Speeding was discussed as well. All of council were actively asking for the pros and cons of this product. The project, if Farmington is granted, will begin in the spring or summer of 2024. The project should be completed in approximately 1 month barring any problems, weather etc...Mr. Workman also stated that additional grants could be available for maintenance on these roads as well when the time comes.

Keltic Engineering gave their assessment and advice on the Otta Seal saying this is an excellent opportunity at this grant. A no money grant. Uniontown, WA will also be having this done in 2024 as well.

After much discussion, Council then made a motion to approve for applying for the TIB/OTTA SEAL grant.

Ben Smith made the MOTION, Haleigh Varney seconded. The motion passed by Council unanimously.

The League of Women Voters: The League of Women Voters, Mary Collins, Karen Kuerling and Sue Henry presented to council and The Town of Farmington a plaque recognizing all of the women who have served on Farmington's Council and Mayor position on the League of Women Voters 100 Year Anniversary in the year 2020. The presentation was delayed due to the Covid pandemic. Farmington proudly received this award and thanked the ladies for presenting this to Farmington.

AWC Workshop: AWC Elected Officials Essentials Workshop was discussed. The workshop cost is \$95.00 per person and is being held in Fairfield, Washington on Saturday December 9, 2024 for anyone interested in attending. A flyer with all the information was sent to council members.

AWC Cybersecurity: AWC Cybersecurity Initiative Invitation was discussed. This is for security for all that is high technology. Council was asked how they felt about attending this workshop/discussion. No one felt it was needed except maybe for the town clerk. Since it is unknown of the initial cost and all annual costs, this item was deemed not necessary for Farmington at this time. Farmington already has security in place.

Council Seat #5: A letter of interest was presented to council, for council position #5, by Jason Brausen. Jason's letter of intent was read by him to council. Jason has served on council in the past and felt he wanted to rejoin town council and give back to his community. Council asked some questions. Council then did a vote. Council unanimously approved Jason's appointment and voted all in favor of him joining town council. Welcome Jason!

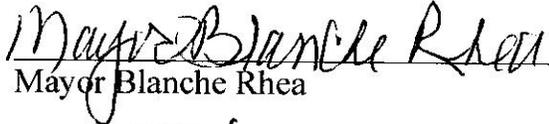
MAINTENANCE COMMENTS

Updates on the Meter Grant Projects and all is good in town.

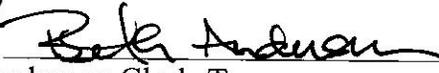
MAYOR COMMENTS

Reminder to get out and vote for Farmington's Levies!

Mayor Rhea 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. Ben Smith **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Diana Oliver **seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.** The regular town council meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.



Mayor Blanche Rhea

Attest: 

Beth Anderson Clerk-Treasurer

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Monday, October 16, 2023 - Farmington Community Center
6:00PM – 7:23PM