

Town of Farmington

Final Budget Hearing
Regular Town Council Meeting
Town Hall

November 18th, 2024

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Blanche Rhea, Clerk Treasurer, Lynn Yarnell. Council Members: Lavon Walser, Josh Gamez and Mike Erickson

Guests:

Cody Lord, Hal and Annette Lisenbee, Mark and Liz Hellinger, Lonnie Erickson and Brian Westgate

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Blanche Rhea called the Final Budget Hearing to order at 6:00PM

Discussion Concerning 2025 Budget:

It was agreed between all Council Members That changes made to the 2025 Budget, the prior night during the Budget Training class, would be the Final budget for 2025. Everyone has a better understanding of the Budget. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to pass Ordinance #260-24 to Amend the 2024 Operating budget and Ordinance #261-24 Adopting the Final Operating Budget for 2025. Josh Gamez **seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.**

Josh Gamez **MOVED** to close the Final budget hearing. Mike Erickson **seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.** The Final Budget Hearing was closed at 6:05 pm.

REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA MEETING:

Check Register, Checks and Invoices were all approved by the council. October's Meeting Minutes were approved as well. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to approve the consent agendas. Josh Gamez **seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Building Permits will be discussed in the next Council Meeting
- Garret from Fish and Wildlife visited Town Hall and gave a very detailed explanation of the Critical Area Ordinance, answered questions and provided copies of the Ordinance as well.
- Ziplly update, Work will be starting soon in Farmington to add a Fiber-Optic Network put in overhead on Avista's poles. Avista has replaced some poles for the new broadband network.
- Jason Brausen gave a Letter of Resignation on 10.14.24

- Haleigh Varney Also gave a Letter of Resignation on 10.18.24

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution #424-24 for 1% Property Tax increase. Josh Gamez **MOVED** to Pass the 1% increase for 2025. Lavon Walser **seconded**. Mike Erickson was a **nay** vote.
- MSRC-AWC required training for Council Members to happen by the end of 2024. Classes are about 4-6 hours, online and free. Lynn Yarnell will be sending out links for the training to Council Members.
- Partners for Rural Washington, we will be working closely with them over the next couple of years for possible grants and assistance.
- Resolution #423-24 Annual Sewer Rate Increase of 6%. Josh Gamez **MOVED** to pass. Lavon Walser **seconded** the motion. Mike Erickson was a **nay** vote.
- Levy Certification signed by Mayor Rhea
- Mark Hellinger Addressed Council about open Council positions. Mark then submitted a Letter of Interest to be considered for a Council position. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to table the decision to add Mark to Council Until the next Meeting so Council can prepare questions for him. Josh Gamez **seconded the motion**. Mike Erickson was a **nay** vote. There were strong words directed at Mayor Rhea and disagreements on Mike Erickson's behalf about the decision to add Mark to the Council at the meeting tonight.

MAINTENANCE COMMENTS:

NONE

CLERK COMMENTS:

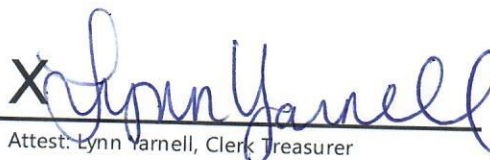
NONE

MAYOR COMMENTS:

- Mayor Rhea Stated that She would like the Council meetings to stay professional and everyone to get along. And if That doesn't happen, other measures will be taken to keep the peace at future Meetings.

Lavon Walser **MOVED** to adjourn the council meeting. Josh Gamez **seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Mayor Blanche Rhea

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Attest: Lynn Yarnell, Clerk Treasurer