

Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 16th, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Open Regular Town Council Meeting:

Farmington's March 16th, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call:

Council members: Lavon Walser, Rudy Goossen, and Jason Brausen

Visitors:

John and Noreen Ewing, Adrian Green, and Brian Westgate

Citizen Comments:

Adrian Green submitted his letter of interest for Council Seat #4. Mayor Gamez asked Adrian what experience he had to be a council member. Adrian stated that he sat on the board for Pullman Regional hospital, has budget and grant work experience, and is loyal to small town living. Council member Lavon asked Adiran what issues he thought were ongoing in the town. Adrian stated that he is new to the area but believes that there needs to be better awareness about the street levy for citizens and better awareness for citizen resources in the town. Said it would also be nice to see more businesses in town. Lavon agreed with Adrian about there needing to be better information given to the town about the levy. Council member Rudy asked how he would balance economic growth within the community. Adrian stated that keeping community awareness is important for how much growth would cost the town. Council member Jason asked what success would look like in his first year. Adrian stated to have more community involvement. Adrian is very impressed with the community and Lavon's upkeep with the town. Mayor Gamez asked if everyone was ready to make a vote. All council members voted yes to Adrian becoming a council member. Adrian was sworn in and took council seat #4.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Check Register from February 23rd through March 16th, 2026, \$9,252.53 including claims of \$4,352.78 and payroll of \$4,899.75.
- Minutes from February 23rd, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting.
- February 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Jason Brausen **MOVED** to approve February 23rd, 2026, Regular Town Council meeting consent agenda. Rudy Goossen **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

Water/sewer rates – Jason asked if there was notice of the rate raise in the last utility bill. Lavon stated that it was in the utility bill but that in the past the raise rates usually start in June. Lavon motioned to table the resolution until the next meeting to adjust the start date to June 1st.

Parking Ordinance – Jason stated that the rules should not go into effect until a parking issue becomes a reoccurring issue. Mayor Gamez agreed that unless they were in a no parking zone the town would not give notice or tow the vehicle right away. Council member Adrian asked if it would just be the police issuing tickets. Mayor Gamez said yes since the town does not currently have a code officer. Mayor Gamez is going to update the Ordinance and bring it to next council meeting for further review.

New Business:

Fish and Game - Fish and Game officer came to the meeting and asked if anyone had seen the moose recently. Rudy stated that he had seen them over on the south side of town by Whitman Ave. They have mainly been seen on the east side of town but have been moving all around. Game officers said this is a common issue for towns and they get lots of calls throughout the year for moose in towns. The community is wondering what is bringing them to town and making them want to stay for so long. Game officers stated that snow can push them into town and that there is a lack of predators and they like the food they find in town. It could also be the same moose that has been coming to town over the years. Moose sightings in towns are happening more in more in towns in northern Washington as well. Fish and Game is limited to what they can do but it is an option to try and haze the moose with paintball guns. Relocation is not a good option because it takes a lot of manpower and resources and can also cause safety risks to the moose as well.

Jason asked if the Palouse divide would be a good relocation option for Fish and Game were to relocate them. Game officers stated that since that is technically in Idaho, Idaho's Fish and Game said that Washington could do it once if needed but to not make a habit of it because it is against the law to transport animals across state lines due to possible diseases. Tranquilizing and transporting them can be hard on the moose because it can overstress them and the moose could end up dying. The best plan to get the moose to leave is to make them uncomfortable and to not feed them.

Maintenance Comments:

Council Comments:

Adrian needs to know what classes to take to be a council member. Mayor Gamez said that Jamie would send him the information and that when he had completed the courses to send the certificate of completion to Jamie in the office. Adrian would be interested in taking some classes to help with grant work and information.

Jason wants to investigate getting the creek in town cleaned up and what that would take.

Clerk/Treasurer Comments:

Mayor's Comments:

The town computer is very slow and old. It was bought used. Mayor Gamez is requesting the approval of the council to purchase a new computer and monitors for the office. New ones will last longer than buying used ones again. After researching, the price looks to be about \$1,400. Rudy asked if we had those funds available. Lavon said that yes, we do and that she thinks there is too much old stuff on the computer and that is what is slowing it down. Jason Brausen **MOVED** to approve the purchase of a new computer and monitors for the town office. Adrian Green **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Lavon Walser **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Rudy Goossen **seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Mayor Josh Gamez

Attest: _____
Jamie Erickson, Clerk-Treasurer

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