

**Town of Farmington  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

**Open Regular Town Council Meeting:**

Farmington's May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

**Roll Call:**

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

**Visitors:**

Casey Louder with Pine Creek Conservation District, Brian Westgate, and Brian Gateway (call in)

**Citizen Comments:**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

- Check Register from April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, \$20,602.03 including claims of \$12,756.22 and payroll of \$7,845.81.
- Minutes from April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting.
- April 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Adrian Green **MOVED** to approve April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Regular Town Council meeting consent agenda. Jason Brausen **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

Parking Ordinance – Mayor Gamez added the wording for a vehicle to be towed after 3days. All council members approved of this time frame. Lavon Walser **MOVED** to approve Ordinance #267-26 for no parking regulations. Rudy Goossen **seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

**New Business:**

Brian Gateway – Brian called in to discuss the lot that he owns on Lincoln Street that is currently for sale. He was wondering what rules and regulations the town had for building on a lot as he is trying to sell it and wants to advertise it this way. He was informed about the setback rules from town property lines and that the living space must be at least 500sqf. Brian was hoping for a variance from the council to allow for a 400sqf tiny home. He was made aware that the town cannot offer him a variance as then they would have to offer everyone else that comes to town and wants to put in a tiny home the same variance and the town is not going to do that. After the information was given to Brian, he hung up and exited the meeting.

Pine Creek Conservation District – Casey came to talk to the town about what the conservation does and is about and how they can help towns and community with their resources. The conservation district was first started back when there was the dust bowl to help manage and preserve soil and water in the surrounding area. They are available to help homeowners around the properties and farmers around their farm fields. Another problem that they are focusing on is fire safety and preparation on properties around the area. They have a team that can go to people's homes and observe the area and identify any fire starters on the property and assist in removal of the fire starter. To assist with that, they have a woodchipper that can be used. This is all a free service to the public in the surrounding area. The town also has access to the woodchipper for no cost except to pay for any maintenance costs. If this is something that the town is interested in for future projects, then the town would just need to complete an interlocal agreement with the conservation district. They are also interested in setting up story times and outside activities for children to help teach them about outside life. The conservation district has worked with Farmington in the past to try and help with the beaver dam. Council member Jason stated that the town is having issues with Pine creek flooding more than usual and if this is something that the conservation could come look at. Casey said yes, they can come look at the creek and give suggestions as to what the town could do to help with the flooding issue. Jason asked if they could do that then please and Casey stated that he would call and set up a time to do so. Council member Walser stated that it would be nice to be able to use the chipper to help clean up the creek banks of fallen trees as a first stage to handling the flooding problem.

**Maintenance Comments:**

Lavon stated that the leak on Bridge Street has been repaired. Was originally planning to just put a band aide on the leak but the town had all the parts to fix it correctly so ended up just replacing the line so that it shouldn't have any future problems. Boyd & Boyd construction did the work.

The green circle swing in the park was stolen. If anyone sees it in someone's yard in town or has information as to who took it, please let Town Hall know about it. Think that it happened the Thursday night before the meeting.

**Council Comments:**

Jason asked if there is an Ordinance for prohibiting people from living in a camper on their property. Mayor Gamez stated that yes there is unless they are actively building or working on a home on the property. The camper is allowed to be hooked up to power and water but cannot have sewer or dump anywhere on town property or into the town's sewer system.

**Clerk/Treasurer Comments:**

The GMA grant work with Commerce is complete. Will not need to do anymore work on this until next year in 2027.

**Mayor's Comments:**

Port of Whitman came and spoke with Mayor Gamez to introduce themselves and let him know the type of things that they can do in the county and for towns in the county.

Currently the town does not have a code enforcement officer. Mayor Gamez stated that it might be a good idea to reach out to other towns and see if we could partner with them and their code enforcers. There have been a few code violations in town lately that we could not enforce unless legal action was taken because of the lack of a code enforcer. Mayor Gamez referenced the gate that was recently put across a town owned alley way as reference. Jason stated that maybe it would be a good idea to see if anyone would like to volunteer to be code enforcer for the town. Jamie will look into it and see if there are any state laws or certifications that a code enforcer would need to have before the town appoints one.

Mayor Gamez stated that the service in Town Hall is poor. Talked about the possibility of purchasing a mini cell tower or some kind of booster to help with service and to have Wi-Fi access. It might also be a good idea to switch from Wifiber to Ziplly. Council member Green agreed that it could save the town money to switch providers.

Lavon Walser **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Jason Bruasen **seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

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Mayor Josh Gamez

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Erickson, Clerk-Treasurer

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