

City of Farmington
Meeting Minutes- September 05, 2023
Prepared by Nancy Reed, City Clerk

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 05, 2023 at the Farmington City Building, 322 E. Fort Street. Mayor Stufflebeam led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Aldermen answered present to roll call: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connors was on Teams, Sgt. Steck and Officer Snyder were also present. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the minutes from August 21, 2023. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was read from Mark Rathman, Financial Secretary of the Knights of Columbus Council #12083. Their annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held Sept.15 & 16, 2023. They would like permission to continue their annual fundraiser in Farmington at the intersection at Main and Fort Streets. The letter also stated a thank you for their past privileges. Last year their donations went to Camp Big Sky near Fairview. The City Council gave their approval.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Bills Presented for Payment as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS

Mayor Stufflebeam read from the Balance of Accounts. The City Council approved the Balance of Accounts.

TIF REPORT:

The Beginning Balance was \$1,020,224.01. Interest was deposited of \$786.34. Payments of \$5,609.60 to E.D.G. and payment of \$1,402.40 to J & K for TIF fees. Property Taxes were deposited of \$2,259.54. Leaving the TIF ending balance of \$1,036,589.89 with the City Council approval.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Sgt. Steck commented that ordinances work continues in town. Officer Carlock graduated from PTI and is now in the FTO process. Officer DeWester started his duties as the SRO for the Farmington School District. SRO vehicle has been wrapped by CJ Signs and is now waiting for a new windshield, then it will be put into service. The speed trailer has started making its appearance around town. The speed trailer will be moving weekly until winter arrives. Mayor Stufflebeam asked if the speed trailer was secured. Sgt. Steck assured Mayor Stufflebeam that the speed trailer is very secure. Ald. Boggs

moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stufflebeam read from several letters that were sent from neighbors close to Spin City. Discussion was held on the Thompson/Batterton Beer Garden. Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a possible action with a motion from the City Council. There was no motion from the City Council. Mayor Stufflebeam commented with the silence from the City Council the course of action stays as is.

NEW BUSINESS:

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The CEDC recommended approval from the City Council on a Residential Grant for Gayla Karrick in the amount of \$862.50 for tree removal. A Commercial Grant for Diva Florist in the amount of \$4,000 for tuck pointing on the east side of the building. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the CEDC recommendations for the City Council. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that Public Works employee Cody Payne has the opportunity to buy tools for the department. Mayor Stufflebeam commented on what a great deal that this would be for the Public Works Department. There were pictures of the tools to show the City Council, some tools were new. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the tool purchase for the Public Works Department. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam read a list of replacement items needed for the Jacobs Park restroom renovation. Adm. Bohanan commented that the new sinks would be stainless steel. With the purchase price of \$4,529.74 for the replacement items. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the purchase of items needed for the renovation at Jacobs Park restrooms. The restrooms will be painted. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Smith would like to see the restroom doors replaced next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Ald. Crusen had nothing to report.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to report.

Sewer: Ald. Fleming had nothing to report. He would like to invite everyone to take the time to drive by Oak Ridge Cemetery to look at the new fencing.

Streets/Sidewalks/Garbage: Ald. Gilles had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation: Ald. Smith brought in a new sign, Perelli Field, for Jacobs Park. It was made by Mr. Carl Powell and painted by Ald. Smith. Ald. Smith also mentioned and thanked Mr. Chad Zessin, Director of the Scenic Drive at Reed Park, donated \$500 to the City for use of James Reed Park.

Public Grounds & Buildings: Ald. Rose did a walk through the YMCA building with Brian McVey. They now know more information on the repair and maintenance of the building. Ald. Rose commented that there will be information on the next agenda.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Chad Zessin spoke on behalf of the Scenic Drive at Reed Park. They are expecting more vendors this year with it being more organized. The Scenic Drive is held the first two weekends in October 7 & 8, and 14 & 15.

Mr. Vince Doubet said he was on a walk on S. Apple Street when two dogs (a Doberman and a German Shepherd) charged at him from their owners home. One dog jumped on him causing his arm to bleed. He reached a neighbor's house, then he called the police. The police called animal control. The dogs were up to date on their shots. The owners received two fines, one fine for each dog. Mayor Stufflebeam recommended calling the non-emergency phone number (309) 245-2426 or 911. He also recommended carrying a ball bat, golf club or spray to help defend yourself while walking. Sgt. Steck will have a conversation with the dog owners personally. Several other walkers were present to complain about these dogs. Postal carriers have also commented that they are afraid of the dogs on their mail route. Mayor Stufflebeam will talk to Atty. Connor for legal advice and will report back at the City Council.

With no other comments or questions Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Adjournment time: 7:32 p.m.