

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes, August 05, 2024
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The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 05, 2024 at the Farmington City Building 322 E. Fort St. Mayor Stufflebeam led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Aldermen answered present on roll call: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming and Rose. Adm. Bohanan, Chief of Police Darsham and Sergeant K-9 Police Officer Steck were also present. Ald. Rose moved to allow Ald. Crusen to attend the meeting on Teams. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Atty. Connor and Ald. Crusen was on Teams. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2024. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Bills Presented for Approval. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried 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 reported the Balance of Accounts.

TIF REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the ending balance for the month was \$1,103,409.08.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Police Chief Darsham reported that Ordinance work continues. Officers assisted with the July 4th parade. Officers were busy during the storm removing trees from roads. Assisting in clearing roads for Ameren trucks to fix downed power lines. Sgt. Steck passed out generators to those in need of power. Sgt. Steck and K-9 assisted Canton with the missing juvenile. The

young child was found at her residence. Officers took part in a 2 day training at the High School, including in active shooter drills. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that there was no “Old Business” tonight.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stufflebeam read the CEDC recommended the following for approval from the City Council.

In TIF: Bob Thompson, Tree Removal, \$1,000; Ryan Skaggs, Gravel, \$937.97; Morgan Morris, Tree/Roof/Siding, \$2,500; Jeff Vogal, Garage Door, \$1,644. 75; Don Peckem, Siding, \$2,500; Kemple, Tree Removal; \$2,500; Kurt Daniels, Foundation Replacement, \$2,500.

Out of TIF: Jon Kersh, Garage remodel, \$2,500; Bill Balagna, Tree Removal, \$1,000.

Commercial: Spoon River Home Health, Redevelopment, \$19,812.94; Harris School, Facade Grant, \$7,500. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the CEDC recommendations as presented. Ald. Boggs seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

The Resolution Farmington Betterment Association donated 99 E. Vernon Street to the City. The lot is to be sold and proceeds to go to the Farmington Community Center. The City will have the property appraised. After the appraisal of the property it will be ready for posted bids. Ald. Rose motioned to move forward with the appraisal with the donated property, 99 E. Vernon Street. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; and Ald. Fleming, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that extra slip sheeting footage is needed on the roof for the Solar Project. Additional funding will be needed, Mayor Stufflebeam commented this should have been included in their bid. Mayor Stufflebeam would like to negotiate the fee, with it being split. Ald. Rose motioned to move forward with the additional funding. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; and Ald. Fleming, yes.

Ald. Rose moved to approve the additional footage needed for extra slip sheeting for the Solar Project \$18,435 to be negotiated fees with the Solar Company. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; and Ald. Fleming, yes.

Ald. Gilles moved to approve the following 5 people to be appointed by Adm. Bohanan for the Farmington Community Center Board: Paula Monari, President, Lorry Monari; Cassandra Anderson, Luke Divan and Justin Rose. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; and Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen.

Ald. Rose moved to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Dave Giagnoni to the CEDC. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Finances: Ald. Cruesn had nothing to report. Ald. Crusen is studying hard to be an EMT. She will be on Teams while she is studying for her license. Mayor Stufflebeam recognized her and wished her a lot of luck.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to report.

Sewer: Ald. Fleming had nothing to report.

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

Parks & Recreations: Ald. Smith had nothing to report.

Public Grounds & Buildings: Ald. Rose reported on the progress on the solar installation.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Steve Schmidgall of Farmington would like to see the city sidewalks fixed. They are broken, crumbling and uneven. Mr. Schmidgall and his friend use a motorized wheelchair and the damaged sidewalks make it very difficult to get around. Mayor Stufflebeam will do what he can and will notify the Public Works Department of the damaged sidewalks. Mayor Stufflebeam also commented that some of the sidewalks that Mr. Schmidgall mentioned, are IDOT's responsibility.

Ald. Boggs made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.