

City of Farmington

Meeting Minutes-November 04, 2024

Prepared by Nancy Reed, City Clerk

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 04, 2024 at the City Building 322 E. Fort St. Mayor Stufflebeam led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following Aldermen answered present to roll call: Gilles, Smith, Fleming, Rose, Crusen. Ald. Gilles moved to allow Ald. Crusen to attend tonight's meeting remotely on Teams. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Atty. Connor was attending remotely on Teams. Adm. Bohanan, Police Chief Darsham and City Treasurer Charles Fischbach were also present. Ald. Boggs was absent tonight.

MINUTES:

Ald. Gilles moved to approve the minutes for October 21, 2024. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An email was received from Kristen Emmons, David Sander and Lisa Deppermann regarding the return of the Santa Stroll to Farmington, on Dec. 12, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Stufflebeam read the email, and discussion was held with the City Council. The Council would like to see the Santa Stroll return to Farmington's holiday season. Ms. Emmons and others will be contacted with the logistics to be worked out for the upcoming Santa Stroll.

Family of the late Nathan Robertson came to the City Council to ask permission to place a memorial bench and free library at Dimmitt Park. He always loved to sit and read to his children, where they reside near the neighborhood. The City Council approved the memorial bench and free library to be placed at Dimmitt Park. Mayor Stufflebeam asked for the family to contact Adm. Bohanan. Adm. Bohanan will introduce Public Works Supervisor, Shilo VanMiddlesworth with the logistics. Mayor Stufflebeam gave his condolences to the family and thanked them for their contribution to Dimmitt Park in memory of Nathan Robertson.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

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

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS:

Mayor Stufflebeam presented the Working Cash Report. He commented that Shelby has been working with the auditors. We are down to 7 accounts, this will help with audits in the future.

TIF REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam presented the TIF Report with an ending balance of \$1,507,028.63.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Darsham said Ordinance work continues. No major issues were reported during the Spoon River Drive. Other than parking, we hope it will be better next year. K-9 Koala passed his State Recertification Test for the year. Officers helped gather donations for the hurricane relief effort. There were 32 pounds of candy handed out to trick or treaters on Halloween. We have reserved a spot for the upcoming academy for our next officer. Ald. Gilles asked about the school resource car parked at Deppermann's Auto Repair. Chief Darsham commented it is waiting to be repaired. Ald. Fleming motioned to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The CEDC recommended Stan Hansard for tree removal with a TIF grant of \$1,125. Dawn Ward Canvas window awnings with a TIF grant of \$1,000. Out of District, Lavona Kenney for replacing sidewalks with a TIF grant of \$2,500. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the CEDC recommendations to the City Council. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

Discussion was held on the purchase of Diamond dirt for Kersh Field. Ald. Rose has lined up some help with the ballfield. Three loads of diamond dirt will be needed to purchase for the price of \$2,580. Ald. Gilles motioned to approve the purchase of 3 loads of diamond dirt with the price of \$2,580 up to \$2,600. Ald. Smith seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

Chief Darsham would like to introduce and employ Joseph Roller, from Galesburg. He is married with 3 sons and has worked as a contractor. Chief Darsham would like to hire him as the City of Farmington new full time police officer. Ald. Gilles moved to approve to hire Mr. Roller as a new full time Police Officer for the City of Farmington. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

Mr. Joseph Roller received the Oath of Office by Nancy Reed, City Clerk. Mayor Stufflebeam, Adm. Bohanan, the City Council and the audience members welcomed Mr. Joseph Roller to his new position as a full time police officer for the City of Farmington.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Ordinance: Ald. Crusen had nothing to report.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs was absent.

Sewer: Ald. Fleming had nothing to report.

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

Parks & Recreation: Ald. Smith had nothing to report, but wanted to thank Ald. Rose for arranging the work on the ballfield at Jacobs Park. She also thanked the family of Nathan Robertson for the memorial bench and free little library at Dimmitt Park.

Public Grounds and Buildings: Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the memorial trees have been planted at the cemetery near the graves of Mr. Stobaugh and Mr. Walters. Without any other questions or discussion, Ald. Gilles moved to adjourn. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes at 6:15 p.m.