

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes - April 03, 2023
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The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 03, 2023 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: Rask, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen. Atty. Connor, Chief of Police Darsham, Sgt. K-9 Officer Steck, Public Works Supervisor Ehlers were also present. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2023 regular session meeting. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Stufflebeam read a letter of resignation from Mr. Richard Hitchcock from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Stufflebeam thanked Dick for his years of service and commented that he will be missed.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

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

WORKING CASH PRESENTED:

Mayor Stufflebeam reported on the Working Cash.

TIF REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam reported that the beginning TIF balance was \$ 867,091.31. A deposit of \$227.02 interest was added making the ending balance for the month \$867,318.33.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Darsham commented that the Ordinance work continues. Sgt. Steck and Officer Rice assisted the School District with the storms that went through the area last week. Police officers have been busy filling the Easter Eggs. Discussion was also held on placing stops signs at E. Central St. and S. Apple St. and Idlewhile Dr. making it a 4-way stop sign. Chief Darsham would like to place a Speed Trailer on S. Apple Street. Chief Darsham has also talked to a mother, whose son is a known speeder in this neighborhood. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Ald. Boggs would like to see the City donate \$250 for the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt K-9 Koala & Mid-Town Convenience & McDonalds held at Jacobs Park on April 15, 2023 at 11:30 am. This donation will be on the next agenda for council approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the bid acceptance for the sale of 512 E. Fort St. lot. Ald. Crusen motioned but soon retracted her motion. Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion to reject the bid for 512 E. Fort Street. Ald. Boggs moved to reject the bid on 512 E. Fort Street. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

There were no bids on the lot located at 63 W. Pearl Street. Ald. Boggs moved to put a for sale sign on the property at 63 W. Pearl Street with advertising of the sale in the newspaper. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes, and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion for the acceptance of the sale for lot 35 W. Wall Street. Ald. Boggs moved to accept the bid for the property at 35 W. Wall Street. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2023-05: Sale of 35 N. Wall Street by title only. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Mayor Stufflebeam read Ordinance 2023-05 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-05: Sale of 35 N. Wall Street. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

There was no action for the lot at 512 E. Fort.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Supervisor Ehlers discussed the purchase of a Tow Behind Leaf Collection System. Canton Public Works Department has contacted Farmington on the sale of their slightly used Tow Behind Leaf Collection System. It is a 2020 model with 177 hours use, for the purchase price of \$12,500. There is also an 8x10x8 collection box included in the price. Supervisor was very excited to present this to the City Council. He spoke on the many benefits of this item for our City, including the low price. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the purchase for the Tow Behind Leaf Collection System with a Collection Box from Canton with the purchase price of \$12,500. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Smith reported on the recent \$2,000 dollars donated to Jacobs Park from the Jacobs family. Ald. Smith also commented that this will be the Jacobs family's last donation. Discussion was held on the best use for this money. A decision to chip seal the bathrooms and concession stand floors. The cost of this seal chip project is \$3,925. The total of all of the donated money in the trust, the project is \$125 short. Dave Ehlers and Dave Rose have generously offered to split the cost of the money needed.

Supervisor Ehlers commented that he had spoken to the same company to chip seal the floors at the Public Works Office. This project would be \$3,000 due to the prevailing wage. Ald. Fleming viewed the floors out to the Public Works Office and commented that they are in need of a chip seal. Ald.

Boggs moved to approve the chip seal floors at the Public Works Office floors. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam had talked to Jim Ralston, he inquired about a donation to the Yates City Harvest Home Park towards the purchase of 2 loads of quick dry dirt for the baseball fields. Ald. Crusen moved to donate \$1,500 for the use of quick dry dirt for the Home Harvest Baseball Fields. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; and Ald. Rose, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam read the Declaration of the State of Emergency. The nature of the emergency is a nationwide pandemic of Covid-19 virus that exists as of September 19, 2020. During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority as provided under the Municipal Code, the Illinois Management Agency Act and Ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs mentioned that Officer Carlock is about to graduate in the top of his class.

Sewer: Ald. Smith had nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Garbage: Ald. Fleming mentioned that curbside Spring Clean Up will be the week of May 14, 2023.

Parks and Recreation: Ald. Crusen would like to see timer lights under the pavilion at Jacobs Park.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Discussion was held with several audience members on the sale and rejection of the City owned properties. Two residents spoke on the speeding on S. Apple and E. Vine Streets. They are very concerned for children's safety. Mayor Stufflebeam will revisit this with a City Ordinance with 4 way stop signs on S. Apple Street and E. Central and Idlewhile Dr.

Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes with an adjournment time of 7:49 p.m.