

**Farmington City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes - April 01, 2024**  
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The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 01, 2024 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 and Crusen. Ald. Fleming moved to approve Ald. Rose to attend the City Council meeting on Teams. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Atty. Connor was on Teams. Adm. Bohanan and Sgt. K-9 Officer Steck was also present. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024 regular session meeting. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that there was no correspondence tonight.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:**

Mr. Giagnoni wanted to state that he was reimbursed for the purchase of a display case. 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 PRESENTED:**

Mayor Stufflebeam reported on the Working Cash Accounts.

**TIF REPORT:**

Mayor Stufflebeam reported that the beginning TIF balance was \$1,741,185.28. A payment was made to Farmington Central from the TIF agreement of \$48,766.53. A payment was made to the Fulton County Treasurer from the TIF surplus of \$171,073.41. The end of the month balance is \$1,521,345.34.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Sgt. Steck commented that the Ordinance work continues. Sgt. Steck commented that Officer Glover has resigned and is now working for the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Part time Officer Don Shamblin was hired to fill in the holes of the schedule. Applications are being taken for a new full time police officer. Sgt. Steck organized several departments to attend the Unified Special Olympics game at the Farmington High School. Several of our officers attended: Chief Darsham, Sgt. Steck, Officer Rice and Officer DeWester. Former Farmington Police Officers Herink (Canton P.D.) and Trooper Fox also attended. Stg. Steck mentioned that the month of April is National Autism Awareness Month. Officer Ulm graduated from the transition academy at SWIC and is now a certified full time officer. Stg. Steck also mentioned that the K-9 Koala Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Ald. Boggs

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the Flock Cameras for the Police Department. The Master Services Agreement was printed out to all of the City Council members. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the agreement stated that the cameras would not belong to the City and the fees could increase. The City would however own the data. The estimated cost would be \$27,000 for the 3 Flock Cameras. Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion. The City Council remained silent. The regular session continued.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (1):

The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Council for the Public Body, Including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee of the Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine its Validity.

Ald. Boggs moved to go into Executive Session. 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. The Council left the Council Chamber at 6:08 p.m.

The City Council entered the Council Chambers at 6:28 p.m. with all of the Aldermen answering present to a roll: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen.

Mayor Stufflebeam requested a motion from action with the Executive Session. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the City employees raises as presented. Ald. Crusen 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.

Discussion was held on the flooring for the Administration Office and Cemetery Room. Mayor Stufflebeam stated that they would like to put new flooring in these 3 rooms first. The cost of the flooring from 6G Hardwood Floors LLC would be \$16,412.10. Mrs. Ludwig asked if it was necessary to put new flooring in the cemetery room. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that these rooms are used the most and would like to see how they look. Ald. Boggs moved to approve 6G Hardwood Floors LLC for the price of \$16,412.10. 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. Fleming suggested to Mayor Stufflebeam the Council Chamber use replaceable square carpet tiles to absorb the noise level. Mayor Stufflebeam would like a motion to approve the 2024 MFT Program for Street Improvement. Ald. Fleming moved to approve the 2024 MFT Program for Street Improvement with the cost of \$74,619.80. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; and Ald. Boggs, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion to accept Brenda Balagna's resignation as Deputy Clerk and IMRF Representative. Ald. Boggs moved to accept Brenda Balagna's resignation as Deputy Clerk and IMRF Representative. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with the City Council responding in all ayes.

Mayor Stufflebeam introduced Tracy Sollenberger and would like to appoint her as the new Deputy Clerk and IMRF Representative. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the Mayoral appointment of

Tracy Sollenberger as the new Deputy Clerk and IMRF Representative for the City of Farmington. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

Oath of Office was given to Tracy Sollenberger as the newly appointed Deputy Clerk and IMRF Representative. The City Council welcomed Tracy Sollenberger. Mayor Stufflebeam invited everyone to come up April 24, 2024 to the City Office to wish Theresa and Brenda well on their retirement.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Public Safety:** Ald. Boggs had nothing to report.

**Sewer:** Ald. Fleming had nothing to report.

**Streets/Sidewalks/Garbage:** Ald. Gilles asked about the new No Parking for a Loading Zone Signs in front of ReCARnation downtown. Mayor Stufflebeam said he'd ask Shilo about the sign.

**Parks and Recreation:** Ald. Smith asked about ordering a porta potty for Dimmitt Park. Sgt. Steck mentioned that the parks are now open. She also suggested a reminder list to be put in the sewer bill next month of hours and items for the City electronic recycling. **Public Grounds and Buildings:** Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brad Boughton was inquiring about the FOB on the old gym door. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the City may have a new cheaper bid coming in for the FOB. City Treasurer, Charles Fischback wanted to warn people of potential scammers asking for personal financial information. He continued to say with it being tax time do not fall for imposters asking for your banking information. Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes with an adjournment time of 6:47 p.m.