

City of Farmington
Meeting Minutes-August 21, 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 August 21, 2023 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, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connor and Sgt. Steck were also present.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

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Mayor Stufflebeam decided to start with the General Comments. Fire Chief Matt Watters spoke on behalf of the Farmington Fire Department. The Fire Dept. will partner with The Nickel Plate to request the use of the City parking lot on South Main Street for a fundraiser. They will have food trucks, live music from 3pm. to 11pm. and 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will benefit the Farmington Association & Rescue 1100. Mayor Stufflebeam and the City Council approved the use of the City parking on S. Main Street.

MEETING MINUTES:

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the minutes from August 07, 2023. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence at this time.

CEMETERY MINUTES:

Mr. Herb Stufflebeam read the Oak Ridge Cemetery Report from Aug. 08, 2023. They received a donation of \$4,800 from Lercher Estate. They also had a deposit of \$22.53 in Interest. Leaving the Financial balance of \$27,441.49. Sections of old fencing are still available for donation on the web page. Working on TIF paperwork for the new fence project. Work on the new fence will start Aug. 22, 2023 and will be completed in a week. The Mausoleum ceiling will be painted. Work will begin on landscaping to remove vegetation from the hill, replacing it with river rock on W. Vernon Street. Bids will be taken to move grave markers section 10 North and 12 North. They will be closing off the new section due to unnecessary traffic. The new gate will be ready this fall from the students at the Farmington High School Industrial Arts Class. Mr. Stufflebeam was pleased to help several out of state families with their geneology. Ald. Boggs approved the Cemetery Report as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The rest rooms will be closed at Jacobs Park for painting and repairs after Labor Day weekend. Picnic tables will be set up for the Farmers Closet “Back to School Bash” at Reed Park on August 27, 2023. Waste Water Systems will be cleaning the lagoon; repairs made to storm inlet on Prairie and Pearl Streets. Repair work to storm drain on Oak Street. Tree trimming will continue and street patching will resume. Intercon Construction is working on the west end of town replacing gas mains and services. Making sure all reclaim work is done properly. Bleachers will be moved from Jacobs Park to the JFL practice field. Mayor Stufflebeam also commented that men from the Public Works Dept. continue to work very hard for the City. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Street Department Report as presented. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Farmers Closet will be hosting a fundraiser, “Back to School Bash”, at James Reed Park on August 27, 2023, from 12pm. to 3pm. They will provide inflatables by M & K Parties, food trucks, door prizes, 50/50 drawing plus a raffle table. The Farmers Closet asked for a monetary donation from the City to help with this event. Ald. Boggs moved to donate \$500. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, abstain; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Discussion was held on the Ameren/Light upgrade for the municipal building. Mayor Stufflebeam and Adm. Bohanan commented about the new proposed lighting upgrade with LED lighting. The customer cost would be \$4,674. with great savings to the City annual saving of \$4,447.44. Ald. Boggs motioned to move forward on the Ameren/Light Upgrade. 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.

Discussion was held on the Phase II Water Split between the municipal building and YMCA. No action was taken at this time. This will be revisited on the next agenda.

The discussion was held on the YMCA air conditioning with no action at this time. The condensing unit and coil will need to be replaced. The subject matter was tabled at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: 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 had nothing to report. He did receive a request for the electronic speed sign to be placed around the school zone area.

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

Public Grounds and Buildings: Ald. Rose reported on the municipal building including the electrical needs.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

With no other comments, Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Adjournment time was at 7:20p.m.