

City of Farmington

Meeting Minutes-November 06, 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 November 06, 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 and Crusen. Atty. Connor was on Teams, Adm. Bohanan, Police Chief Darsham and Sgt. Steck were present. Ald. Rose was absent.

Mayor Stufflebeam introduced Aaron Phillips from Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC. Mr. Phillips spoke to the City Council on the Annual Financial Report, year ending on April 30, 2023. Financial Statements booklets were handed out to the City Council. Mr. Phillips reviewed the highlights with the Council. Mr. Phillips commented that not much has changed over the past year. The City has been very strong for the past 5 years, investments and earnings are rising. He commended the office employees on their work. He commented that Revenues and Expenditures are both up 35%. There have been some positive improvements made to the City over the past year. Water Fund could be closed out from the books since the sale to American Water in 2018. Any outstanding water bill collections could be put into the Sewer Fund. Mr. Phillips said Farmington is looking good. Mayor Stufflebeam thanked Mr. Phillips for coming tonight. With no other questions or comments, the City Council meeting continued.

MINUTES:

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the minutes for October 16, 2023. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence for tonight.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

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

WORKING CASH PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

Mayor Stufflebeam presented the Working Cash Report with the City Council's approval.

TIF REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam presented the TIF Report with a beginning balance of \$974,206.12. Interest of \$838.24 was deposited. Property Taxes were deposited of \$242,917.02. Grants payment to Batterton Properties \$13,644. Interest was deposited 10/31 \$1,106.12 with an ending balance of \$1,205,423.50.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Darsham said Ordinance work continues. Police Officers assisted with the Homecoming Parade. Chief recommends that the Homecoming Parade does not coincide with the Scenic Drive setup for next year. Sgt. Steck participated with the Trunk or Treat at the Farmington Moose and at Canton. No major issues were reported during the

Spoon River Drive. Ald. Boggs motioned to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The CEDC recommendation for Cassandra Anderson/Reflective Properties 75% of acquisition price of \$75,000 was tabled until November 20, 2023, due to clarification on the completion date.

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the CEDC recommendation for Cassandra Anderson/Reflective Properties south facade grant for \$7,500 for 165 East Fort Street. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

The Ordinance 2023-16 was also tabled due to the CEDC clarification of the Cassandra Anderson/Reflective Properties.

Adm. Bohanan is requesting a 5% increase in the Tax Levy to the amount of \$250,227. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that some of the money will go to the Parks and Recreation programs. The Jacobs Family Trust has depleted and stopped. The City is looking into upgrades to Dimmitt Park, possibility of a bathroom and a walking path. Ald. Boggs moved to raise the Tax Levy 5% to \$250,227. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Adm. Bohanan commented that with the improvements to the municipal building a new project proposal is being considered, FOB Entry System. An Access Control System is being looked into for our municipal building. The upgrades would include control over 5 doors including the Police Office. Also being considered are the downtown, cemetery, park and primary maintenance buildings. Adm. Bohanan will be soliciting bids due to the expense of this new project.

Mayor Stufflebeam mentioned that Public Works would like to rent a stump grinder, skid steer and a collection broom for a week, at the price of \$2,735. Shiloh and Cody have a plan to grind all of the City owned stumps and clean the lagoon. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Public Works rental equipment for \$2,750 for a week. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Two bids were given for the removal of the old boiler. Ald. Boggs would like to accept Josh Balagna's bid for \$600 for the boiler tear out. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Adm. Bohanan discussed the small property on West Vernon Street that Mid Century would like. A trade of the parcel of land for free WIFI for the downtown area and at Jacobs Park is being considered. Discussion was held and Ald. Gilles motioned to move forward to exchange the parcel of land on W. Vernon Street for free WIFI for the downtown area and Jacobs park. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

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 had nothing to report. He inquired about the new signs for the City. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that they have been ordered.

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

Public Grounds and Buildings: Ald. Rose was absent.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that there is heat in most of the rooms in the municipal building. Mrs. Ludwig inquired about the sign in the ditch east of the Pizza Company. Public works will investigate. Mr. Saunders inquired about the TIF money. Mr. Wykoff inquired how to obtain TIF money. Mayor Stufflebeam commented to see Adm. Bohanan at the office. Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes at 7:49 p.m.