

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes-February 06, 2023

Notes by: Brenda Balagna, Deputy City Clerk

Prepared by: Nancy Reed, City Clerk

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 06, 2023 at the Farmington City Building 322 E. Fort St. 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. Mayor Stufflebeam introduced Ms. Bettina Bohanan as our new City Administrator. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connor, Chief of Police Darsham.

PRESENTATION: Aaron Phillips, Salmi & Associates, LLC-City Audit

Aaron Phillips spoke on the Financial Statements with the City of Farmington, year ending April 30, 2022. He commented that all reports were filed on time. With limited staffing he also stated what a wonderful job Theresa and Brenda do in the office. Mr. Phillips reviewed the Statement of Net Position, Assets versus Liabilities. There was an increase of \$380,000 which is very strong for the City. Our City will be out of debt by 2029. The City also has 20 months in operating cost in reserves, better than average. Overall the City is in great shape. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Stufflebeam thanked Aaron Phillips for speaking to the City Council on the City's audit.

Sgt. Steck introduced Mr. Donald Hackett, President of the FOP Lodge, who presented Mayor Stufflebeam and Council with a Blue Gold Award. Spoon River Valley chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police in appreciation of Farmington's support in Law Enforcement.

MINUTES:

Ald. Rask moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2023. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Bills Presented for Payment. 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.

WORKING CASH PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:

Mayor Stufflebeam read from the Working Cash Accounts.

TIF REPORT:

The beginning balance was \$960,359.90. A payment to E & E Investment, TIF Grant \$2,500. Property taxes \$20,537.73; Interest of \$254.58; Property taxes \$152.10. Leaving a balance of \$978,804.31.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Darsham commented that Ordinance work continues. Sgt. Steck and K-9 Koala assisted Lewistown Police Department with a drug search at school. Officer Glover started his academy training at SWIC on January 04, 2023. He is doing very well. Jacob Waller was hired as a part time officer, to cover shifts. Officer Herink will also be hired as a part time officer to cover shifts and one day a week at school. Officers got into a pursuit which ended in Norris, IL. on January 06, 2023 at 1:18 a.m. Canton Police Department assisted with the pursuit and arrest. Officers were advised that the Galesburg Police was in pursuit of the driver before coming to Farmington. The driver had been involved in a shooting in Davenport, IA. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report. Ald. Rask seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Discussion was held on the purchase of a fireproof file cabinet for historical records, with a purchase price of \$2,000. Ald. Rask moved to approve the purchase of a fireproof file cabinet with a price of \$2,000 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.

Mayor Stufflebeam commented on the CEDC Residential Redevelopment program application for Duane Courtwright, tree removal, with a grant of \$1,500. Cody Rice, replacement windows with a grant of \$2,500. Ald. Fleming moved to approve the recommendations from the CEDC as presented. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; and Ald. Boggs, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam read the Declaration of the State of Emergency. The nature of the nationwide pandemic of Covid-19 virus that exists as of September 19, 2022. 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 REPORT:

Finances: Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to report. Chief Darsham introduced Officer Dewester, who recently graduated from the academy in December. He will be working half of the school year and the other half on the streets of Farmington. He will be alternating with Officer Glover.

Sewer: Ald. Smith had nothing to report.

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

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

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

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no comments, Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn tonight's meeting. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes with an adjournment time of 7:30 p.m.