

## **Farmington City Council**

Meeting Minutes, August 07, 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 07, 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 on roll call: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan, Chief of Police Darsham and Sergeant K-9 Police Officer Steck were also present. Atty. Connor was on Teams. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

### **BILLS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:**

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Bills Presented for Approval. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried 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:**

Mayor Stufflebeam reported on the Cash on Hand.

### **TIF REPORT:**

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the beginning balance of the TIF was \$649,094.19. A deposit for Property Taxes of \$389,493.75 and Interest of \$284.78. A payment of grant money to the Bank of Yates City, \$9,435. A payment of grant money to Farmington Forward, \$10,000. With an ending balance for the month of \$1,019,437.72.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Police Chief Darsham reported that Ordinance work continues. Sgt. Steck, Officers Rice, Glover and Carlock assisted with the 4th of July Parade. Sgt. Steck represented Farmington

P.D. in the Fairview's Homecoming Parade. Chief Darsham met with the Farmington School Board and agreed that Officer DeWester would be the SRO for the 2023-2024 school year. Chief Darsham and Sgt. Steck met with C.J. Signs and agreed on a wrap for the SRO vehicle. They passed out the design for the wrap of the vehicle. Chief Darsham believed that students would like the wrap. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the Whistleblower Ordinance numbering is 2023-13.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Adm. Bohanan commented on the playground equipment at Dimmitt Park. The slide is not safe and has been boarded up to prevent use of the slide. A new tube slide would cost \$5,482.42 from Cunningham Recreation, cheapest option. Other ideals of a new rock wall were considered. The City Council would like more information on prices of other playground equipment companies. before deciding. This discussion was tabled.

Chief Darsham would like to order new bullet proof vests with 50% of the money coming from a grant. Ald. Rose moved to approve 6 replacement bullet proof vests for the Police Department for \$5,580 with reimbursement of 50% of the cost coming from a grant issued later. Ald. Boggs seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; and Ald. Fleming, yes.

Resolution was read by Mayor Stufflebeam to approve a school resource officer for the 2023-24 school year. Ald. Boggs moved to approve Officer DeWester for the School Resource Officer will be \$40 an hour, 8 hours a day for 180 days by title only. 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. Mayor Stufflebeam read the Resolution 2023-2024 for the School Resource Officer. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt a Resolution approving School Resource Officer DeWester for 2023-2024. Ald. Crusen 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. Boggs moved to approve a wrap for SRO Car for \$3,000 from C. J. Signs at Peoria, IL. Ald. Rose 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.

Mayor Stufflebeam read the CEDC recommended City Council for approval for the Residential Grant for In District: R. Young, Window Replacement, \$2,500 and T. Mattson, Front Door Replacement, \$2,500. Out of District: D. Neal, Driveway, \$2,500 and T. Oldfield, Roof Replacement, \$2,500. Commercial: Diva Florist, Roof Replacement, \$6,000 out of \$8,000. Ald. Boggs approved the CEDC recommendations as presented. Ald. Fleming 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.

Mrs. Katrina Haggard approached the podium requesting permission to host the after home football games program for the students held at Jacobs Park for Endzone. The event is chaperoned with a bonfire, night of Homecoming they will be smashing a junk car. (the windows will be removed from the car and parked closer to the dumpster.) Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Endzone for the after school football games. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2023-14: No Stopping, Standing and Parking Loading Zone at Reincarnations Auto Work loading zone: by title only. 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. Mayor Stufflebeam read Ordinance 2023-14 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2023-14. 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. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-14: No Stopping, Standing and Parking at Reincarnation Auto Work. Ald. Rose 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. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2023-15: No Stopping, Standing and Parking with Farmington Fire Dept. Personnel Only in front of the Fire House by title only. 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. Mayor Stufflebeam read Ordinance 2023-15 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2023-15. 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. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-15: No Stopping, Standing and Parking with Farmington Fire Dept. Personnel Only in front of the Fire House. 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. Boggs moved to move forward with Phase I: Building divided into 2 sections. South end and North end separate by east and west entrance hallways. Replacing HVAC throughout the building, estimate cost \$250,000 to \$400,000. Ald. Rose 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Finances:** Ald. Cruesn had nothing to report. Mr. Thrush commented on the possibility of a new scoreboard for Jacobs Park.

**Public Safety:** Ald. Boggs was absent.

**Sewer:** Ald. Fleming had nothing to report. But did remind the City Council of the Sewer Committee meeting at the plant on Aug. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

**Streets/Sidewalks/Garbage:** Ald. Gilles had nothing to report.

**Parks & Recreations:** Ald. Smith commented that the Recreation Program is over and ended

with a party for the kids with M & K inflatables. She also thanked Carl Powell for the making of a sign for Jacobs Park that she will now paint and seal.

**Public Grounds & Buildings:** Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

Tom Oldfield, director of the JFL, would like permission to use the bleachers for the JFL Football games this season. Council approved, Mayor Stufflebeam asked Mr. Oldfield to contact Public Works employee Cody Payne.

Sabrina Wiesbrock, owner of Small Town Circus, a tumbling, dance and aerial company, inquired about the use of the YMCA of Farmington building. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the City of Farmington is under a contract with the YMCA of Canton for the use of the building. Adm. Bohanan will check with the YMCA directors.

Ann Anderson is concerned about a falling fence around the restaurant on Vernon Street. She also noticed the strong odor from the grease dumpster or trash from the restaurant. Mayor Stufflebeam commented the restaurant is under contract for deed and the owner needs to be notified. Mrs. Anderson also commented on lights out at the ballfield at Jacobs Park. Chuck Foste is still unhappy with the curbing on the corner of his street. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the issues will be addressed hopefully this year.

Ald. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.