

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023
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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023 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. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connor and Sergeant K-9 Police Officer Steck were also present. Ald. Rose was absent.

MINUTES:

Ald. Fleming moved to approve the minutes for July 03, 2023. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that there was no Correspondence.

OAK RIDGE REPORT:

There was no meeting, but Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the old fencing was removed and the new fence will be here in August.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam read Cody Payne's report on the Public Works Report. Tree trimming continues. Buskirk Tree Service (carries their own workmans compensation insurance) will soon be removing trees downtown and at Reed Park. Ald. Smith asked if any of the stumps will be removed. Mayor Stufflebeam will look into stump removal. Street patching continues along with weed spraying. Concerns for a sinkhole on E. Central Street. The new flooring for the Public Works Office and restrooms and concession at Jacobs Park are being rescheduled for September. An old shed behind the legion field will be removed. New signs were ordered for Jacobs Park. Mayor Stufflebeam also commented that Cody Payne was doing a wonderful job for the City. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Streets Department Report as presented. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

TIF REPORT:

There was no TIF report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2024-01: Whistle Blower Protection. 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. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-01: Whistle Blower Protection. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on a new lawn mower for the Oak Ridge Cemetery. Cody Payne and Jon Frank brought several quotes on new lawn mowers to the City Council. They were very interested in the ISX2200 60" 26 HP Kawasaki FT730V EFI ECT with a price of \$11,099 from MidWest Equipment, Peoria, IL. Ald. Boggs moved to accept the purchase of the lawn mower from Midwest Equipment: Ferris 60" 26 HP Kawasaki with a price of \$11,099 for the cemetery for the Public Works Department. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Ald. Crusen had nothing to report. She inquired if a permit was needed for a resident adding on to a garage. Mayor Stufflebeam commented, "Yes. A permit is required if the footprint of the building changes." Adm. Bohanan asked Ald. Crusen to stop into her office.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to report. Sgt. Steck commented that a 2000 Mercedes Benz was seized. They are interested in wrapping the car for the school's resource officer's car. Quotes will be brought to the City Council at the next meeting.

Sewer: Ald. Fleming had nothing to report. August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Sewer Committee meeting at the Sewer Sanitary District.

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

Parks/Recreation: Ald. Smith had nothing to report. She did mention that the new park signs from Star Metal Art are being powder coated.

Public Grounds/Buildings: Ald. Rose was absent. A Public Grounds/Buildings Committee Meeting will be held prior to the August 07, 2023 Council Meeting. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that bids are being gathered for heat for this building.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Batterton talked to the neighbors of Spin City about the Beer Garden he would like to open. He said some residents were not concerned and one resident was opposed. Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Adjournment time 7:14 p.m.