

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes-May 01, 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 May 01, 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: Rask, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose, and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connor, and Chief of Police Darsham were also present.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mayor Stufflebeam asked for any comments with approval of regular session minutes from April 17, 2023. Ald. Rask moved to approve the minutes for the regular session April 17, 2023. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A resignation letter was read from Mr. Roger Woodcock, Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Woodcock served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the past 14 years. He wished everyone the best for the future including Mr. Stufflebeam with his election as Mayor. Ald. Rask moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Woodcock from his position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ald. Boggs seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Ald. Rask moved to approve Bills Presented for Payment. 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.

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS:

Mayor Stufflebeam read from the Working Cash Accounts. The City Council was asked if there were any questions for discussion, with no questions from the City Council, they gave their approval.

TIF REPORT:

The Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the beginning TIF balance was \$864,371.41. There was a CD closing fee of \$517.80. Mr. Tom Brown had a Residential Grant payment for sidewalk replacement of \$1,237.50. Ms. Nicole McKavitt had a Residential Grant payment for window replacement of \$2,500. The ending TIF balance for April is \$863,853.61.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Darsham commented that Ordinance work continues, with progress on a couple of properties. Chief of Police, Sgt. Steck and Officer Rice helped the Lewistown Police Department during the tornado that struck the communities of Lewistown and Bryant. Chief Darsham and Sgt. Steck attended a 2 day High Risk Traffic Stop Class. They will pass information to the City's newest officers. Sgt. Steck reported that K-9 Koala's Easter Egg Hunt had a large turnout with everyone having a good time. Officer Glover graduated from SWIC Police Academy and is in the FTO process. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the CEDC recommendation from the month of March. An application was presented by the Farmington Forward group on the rear of their facade building. The CEDC approved the application with Jacob & Kline approval of \$7,500. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the CEDC as presented to the City Council. Ald. Rask seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, abstain; Ald. Crusen, no; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

SINE DINE:

At this time Mayor Stufflebeam would like to have the Sine and Dine. The Oath of Office was given to Ald. Crusen of Ward 3; Ald. Boggs of Ward 1; Ald. Smith of Ward 2; Mr. Stufflebeam, elected Mayor of Farmington and newly elected Alex Gilles of Ward 3. Mayor Stufflebeam thanked Charles Rask for his years of service to the City Council. Mayor Stufflebeam also thanked Mr. Rask for his guidance. Charles Rask encouraged people to experience serving on the City Council. Mr. Rask commented that this was his second time serving as an Alderman; he served under Mayor Jim Hurst in the 1980's. The Mayor Stufflebeam also congratulated all of the council members who received their Oath of Offices tonight. He also mentioned that cupcakes would be served after tonight's meeting. The Council members took their seats at 7:14 p.m. and the regular session continued with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Mayor Stufflebeam commented that Massey Roofing, Inc. proposed a statement for the repair work on the roof of the YMCA building, northeast corner. Massey Roofing proposal was with materials and labor a sum of \$9,200. The Mayor Stufflebeam and City Council have been very satisfied with the work they did for the municipal roof. Ald. Rose moved to approve Massey Roofing, Inc. proposal of \$9,200 for the repair work on the YMCA building roof, northeast corner. 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.

Adm. Bohanan reported on the Farmington Recreation Program from the YMCA at Jacobs Park for this summer from 6/19/2023 to 8/04/2023. The proposed budget included staffing; advertising; supplies; snacks; and rental expenses and etc. with a total of \$8,572.15. This program would be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon; 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 7 weeks. For youths ages Kindergarten to 6th. Grade. Registration forms will be available for the program through the Farmington YMCA Program Center. Ald. Crusen moved to approve the Farmington Recreation for the Summer Program as proposed to the City Council with a cost of \$8,572.15. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a

roll call vote: Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; and Ald. Rose, yes. Adm. Bohanan will call Mark Pirtle, Treasure of the YMCA, with the Council's approval.

Mayor Stufflebeam would like to appoint: Jeni Crusen to a 2 year term for the Community & Economic Development Commission. Carolyn Ludwig, Lisa Newcomb and Mike Nelson to a 3 year term for the Planning Commission. Chad Zessin and James Schreiner to a 5 year term for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ald. Rose moved to approve the Mayoral Appointees as presented. Ald. Smith seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

Discussion was held on the proposed Ordinance 2023-08: Amending Title Seven, Health & Sanitation. This has to do with a complaint from a City resident who mentioned the number of unleashed dogs and their defecation on his property. With the amount of the City Council's interest this will return on the next City Council Agenda. Ald. Crusen asked about the fines. Chief Darsham said the fine could cost \$75.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2023-09: Removing City Officials' Property from the TIF by title only. 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. Mayor Stufflebeam read Ordinance 2023-09: Removing City Officials' Property from the TIF by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading. 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. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-09: Removing City Officials' Property from the TIF. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, abstain; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, abstain; and Ald. Smith, yes.

The Mayor Stufflebeam read the Declaration of Local State of Emergency. The nature of the nationwide pandemic of the COVID-19 virus as of September, 2020. 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 REPORTS:

THERE WERE NO REPORTS THIS EVENING

Finance/Ordinance: Ald. Crusen

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs

Sewer: Ald. Fleming

Streets/Sidewalks/Garbage: Ald. Gilles

Parks and Recreation: Ald. Smith

Public Grounds/Buildings: Ald. Rose

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Ald. Fleming reminded the Farmington people of the curbside Spring Clean Up, the week of May 14, 2023. Mr. Zessin asked if an electronic marquee could be purchased for the City's info on the front of the municipal building. Ald. Boggs commented on the expense of a marquee. With no other comments, Ald. Boggs motioned to adjourn. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Adjournment time 7:29 p.m.