

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes-June 05, 2023
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The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 05, 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, Rose and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connor was on zoom, Public Works Supervisor Ehlers and Police Chief Darsham were also present. Ald. Boggs moved to approve May 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Stufflebeam read a very nice thank you letter from Jace Crawford. He was the recipient of the City of Farmington Academic Scholarship. He will be attending Eureka College this fall where he plans to study Media and Education.

A resignation letter was read from Steve Peters. He resigned from his position as Police Commissioner as of May 16, 2023. Mayor Stufflebeam thanked each one for their correspondence.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

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

WORKING CASH SUMMARY:

Mayor Stufflebeam reported on the Working Cash Accounts.

TIF REPORT:

The beginning balance of the TIF Report is \$671,479.38. A transfer was made to Jacob & Klein for TIF R.D. Administrative Fees of \$9,442.50. A TIF R.D. Grant payment was made to Batterton Properties of \$6,150. The ending balance for the month is \$655,886.88.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Police Chief Darsham commented that the Ordinance work continues. Several Ordinance violations and traffic tickets were issued. Business and Building checks continue. Officer Carlock started training at SWIC Police Academy on the second day of May. Part-Time Police Officer Waller chaperoned the High School Prom. Officers assisted with the Memorial Day Parade from Reed Park to Oak Ridge Cemetery. Officer Glover arrived on a medical call with a traumatic injury to a person's lower leg and applied a tourniquet to stop the heavy bleeding. Rescue personnel arrived to take over the

medical. Officer Glover saved the patient from losing a lot of blood. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all eyes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stufflebeam opened the floor for discussion on the Batterton Beer Garden. Mr. Tom Nelson, a close neighbor to Spin City Laundromat & Bar, commented that he did not want the Beer Garden due to the noise level. Other neighbors voiced their opinions against the Beer Garden along with a written letter. Ald. Crusen also voiced her opinion of the Beer Garden. Mayor Stufflebeam asked the Council for Possible Action with Batterton Beer Garden. No motion was given by the City Council Members. Motion was dropped.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Session:(5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)

The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body, Including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee of the Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine its Validity.

Ald. Boggs motioned to go into Executive Session. 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. The City Council members left the Council Chambers at 7:08 p.m.

The City Council members entered the Council Chambers at 7:24 p.m. with the following members answering present to roll call: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen.

Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a possible action from the Executive Session. Ald. Boggs motioned to promote Cody Payne as Asst. Public Works Superintendent and all tracking to the office. 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.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

Mayor Stufflebeam would like approval of Roger Depperman as the Mayoral Appointment for Police Commissioner. Ald. Boggs moved to approve Mayoral appointment for Roger Depperman as Police Commissioner as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all eyes.

Ald. Boggs moved to approve the CEDC recommendations to the City Council: TIF R.D. Grant of \$2,500 to replace sidewalks at the residence of Jerry Agnoletti and TIF R.D. Grant of \$1,000 to remove a dead tree at the residence of Brandi Foster. 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 asked Adm. Bohanan to report on the City Website. Adm. Bohanan praised the help of Alexa Stufflebeam for her summer internship with the City Municipal Office. Together they are working to improve the City's Website. Adm. Bohanan researched and suggested Central States Marketing from Peoria, IL for hosting and support. Adm. Bohanan had a slideshow with many examples

of what to expect our new City's website could offer the community. Bill payment would be easier along with the ability to access permits. Ald. Boggs motioned to move forward with the City Website with hiring Central States Marketing. 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 donate \$250 to the F.F.A. Alumni Livestock Show scheduled for June 10, 2023, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Lewistown, 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.

Ald. Rose moved to donate \$500 to the Fireworks Donation Elmwood, Yates City, Hanna City, Brimfield and Farmington. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Ald. Gilles moved to donate \$250 for the Farmington July 4th Celebration at James Reed City Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: 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. There will be a Committee Meeting June 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Parks/Recreation: Ald. Smith would like to see some of the wooden signs at the Farmington parks repainted and some replaced. There are a few park signs she would like Star Metal Art to make and powder coat new signs. Ald. Smith will have the total cost ready for the City Council Members at the next Council Meeting.

Public Grounds/ Buildings: Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The missing stop signs were located from the 4 corners at S. Apple Street. Mrs. Ludwig would like the use of the Reed City Park for August 27 for a Back to School Party. She also would like the City Council to revisit the idea of a handrail at the Morton Bank on the Northside of E. Fort Street. Mr. Pat O'Brian was interested in the City Ordinance about fencing height around a swimming pool to be 4 feet instead of 6 feet. Adm. Bohanan will check with the City Ordinance. With no other comments, Ald. Boggs moved to adjourn. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes, adjournment time was 8:02 p.m.