

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes - December 02, 2024

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The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 02, 2024 at the Farmington City Building 322 E. Fort. Street. Mayor Stufflebeam led the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The following Aldermen answered present to roll call: Gilles, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen. Ald. Gilles made a motion to approve Ald. Crusen to attend tonight's meeting on Teams remotely. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Adm. Bohanan and Chief Darsham were also present. Atty. Connor attended on Teams.

MINUTES:

Ald. Gilles moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2024. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence for tonight's meeting.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Ald. Gilles moved to approve the Bills for Payment. Ald. Fleming 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.

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS:

The Mayor Stufflebeam read the Working Cash to the City Council. With no further questions, the meeting continued.

TIF REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the TIF balance was \$979,970.21. Mayor Stufflebeam also commented that Mr. Aaron Phillips from Phillips/Salmi Associates, LLC will soon report on the City's Audit. Mayor Stufflebeam also commented that the audit will be much easier in the City's future.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Darsham commented that Ordinance work continues. The Police Dept. and the City of Farmington funded the football team and cheerleaders with pizza playoff meals. The Police Department provided security for all 3 home play off games. Officer Roller passed the physical test at SWIC and will start the academy on January 06, 2025. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Police Report as presented. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Discussion was held on the proposed “STOP” sign placement on Vernon, East of Elmwood Road. Ald. Gilles will ask members of the neighborhood on their thoughts of a stop sign to slow down traffic. Discussion was held about a possible turn lane and with a possible peninsula. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion to go into
Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 (C) (1):

The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employment of the Public Body or Legal Council 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. Rose moved to go into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; and Ald. Fleming, yes. The City Council left the Council Chambers to go into Executive Session.

The City Council resumed regular session at 6:17 p.m. with a roll call: Gilles, Boggs, Smith, Fleming, Rose and Crusen.

Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion resulting from Executive Session. Ald. Gilles moved to approve \$500 for all full time City employees for their Christmas bonus. The part time City employees will receive \$250. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes. Mayor Stufflebeam commented that the City is coming to the end of the American Rescue Fund, and bonuses were adjusted accordingly. Next year Christmas bonuses will be budgeted.

Discussion was held for purchase of a skid steer for the Public Works Department. The City Council would like to see more information on a skid steer and possible attachment and with full expense.

The Police Chief commented that the Police Department is interested in the purchase of Lexipol. Lexipol is an annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual and Daily Training Bulletins with Supplemental Publication Service. With a purchase price of \$2,172 for the rest of this fiscal year and the price of the next fiscal year starts in May 2025. \$5,212.80 for Lexipol. Discussion

was held. Ald. Gilles moved to approve the purchase of Lexipol with the price of \$2,172 for the rest of this fiscal year and \$5,212.80 for the next fiscal year for the Farmington Police Department. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Gilles, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; and Ald. Crusen, yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finances: Ald. Crusen had nothing to report.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to add to the report.

Sewer: Ald. Fleming had nothing to report.

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

Parks & Recreations: Ald. Smith had nothing to report. But asked about leaf collection pick up. Public Works will be working the first and second week of December for leaf removal at the City's residential curbing.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS:

With no questions or comments, Ald. Boggs made a motion to adjourn tonight's City Council meeting. Ald. Gilles seconded the motion carried with all ayes, with an adjourned at 6:32 p.m.