

Farmington City Council
Meeting Minutes - April 17, 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 April 17, 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 to roll call: Rask, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose and Crusen. Adm. Bohanan, Atty. Connor, Public Works Supervisor Ehlers and K-9 Police Sgt. Steck were also present. Mayor Stufflebeam congratulated new council member Alex Gilles, he will take his seat mid meeting at the next City Council meeting. We will say goodbye to Charles Rask, thank you for your service on the City Council. Congratulations to all. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the minutes of April 03, 2023. Ald. Rask seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Stufflebeam read a resignation letter from Anne Stufflebeam. She stated she was unable to continue her position as City Farmington Treasurer. Ald. Rask moved to accept the resignation of Anne Stufflebeam as City Treasurer. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Mayor Stufflebeam thanked Anne for her service.

TIF REPORT:

Mayor Stufflebeam commented the beginning balance was \$867,318.33. Interest payment was added of \$460.92. A TIF payment to Batterton Properties of \$3,407.84. Leaving an ending balance of \$864,371.41.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Public Works Supervisor Ehlers commented on the Public Works Report. The bids are in for the 2023 Seal Coat Project. The Floor Covering Project for Jacobs Park bathrooms is scheduled for July 15, 2023. Clean up after the Easter Egg Hunt at Jacobs Park went very well. Mowing season has started at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Kevin Schultz has resigned with the Public Works Dept. to pursue a career in an Electrical Apprenticeship Program. His last day was April 14, 2023, Supervisor Ehlers wished him well. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Public Works Report as presented. Ald. Rask seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

CEMETERY REPORT:

Mr. Herb Stufflebeam commented on the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board of Managers. An email was received from the Butterfield Family. They inquired about two family members dating back from 1862. Their total funds in the Financial report is \$244,452,36. They are in contact with Balagna House Movers to relocate the granite pillars at the front entrance of the cemetery. The fencing was discussed at their meeting on the north boundary from Lozier Oil Co. Due to low funding there will be no fencing at this time next to the (Old Harris School) Keefer Apartments. Ald. Smith asked about the property lines. Robert Thompson has resigned as a board member. The next meeting with the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board will be held May 09, 2023 room 104. Ald. Rask moved to approve the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board as presented. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ald. Boggs moved for the City donation of \$250 for the K- 9 Koala Easter Egg Hunt at Jacobs Park, April 15, 2023. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

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. Boggs moved 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. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. The City Council left the Council Chamber at 7:09 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (CON'T):

The following Aldermen answered present to roll call: Rask, Smith, Boggs, Fleming, Rose, and Crusen. Regular session resumed at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Stufflebeam asked for a motion resulting from the Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) to Establish Consent Agenda for Staff Compensations Proposals: Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Mayor's proposal resulting from the Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 (C)(1), Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam would like the City Council to consider a motion to accept Compensations for all Employees as presented by the Mayor to begin with the New Fiscal Year,

May 01, 2023. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the Mayor's proposal resulting from the Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 (C)(1). Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam thanked everyone for their patience while the City Council was in Executive Session.

Mayor Stufflebeam read a resignation from Mike Cecil from the Farmington Planning Commission. Mike stated in his letter that he does not want to release his information in his retirement and brokerage accounts that are now required in the annual Economic Statement. Ald. Rose motioned to accept Mike Cecil's resignation from Mike Cecil from the Farmington Planning Commission. Ald. Rask seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Stufflebeam read a resignation letter from Robert Thompson from the Cemetery Board of Managers. Ald. Rose moved to accept Robert Thompson's resignation from the Cemetery Board of Manager. Ald. Boggs seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Stufflebeam read a resignation letter from Brandy Putrich from the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals. Ald. Boggs moved to accept Brandy Putrich resignation from the Farmington Zoning Board Appeals. Ald. Rose seconded the motion carried with all ayes. Mayor Stufflebeam will be contacting our legislators about The Economic Statement becoming more personal. Several people have resigned from their positions, due to the private information that the Economic Statement now requires.

Mayor Stufflebeam would like to appoint Mr. Herb Stufflebeam as a full voting member of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board of Managers. Ald. Rask motioned to approve the mayoral appointment of Mr. Herb Stufflebeam as a full voting member of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Board of Managers. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion carried with all ayes.

Mayor Stufflebeam commented that our City's attorney associates have approved that our City can use the Cares Act Fund, from the Covid relief, for use of Public Safety. The Police Department would like a portable SA-SO Radar Speed Sign Trailer with the purchase price of \$8,678.95. Ald. Boggs moved to approve the purchase of SA-SO Radar Speed Sign Trailer, \$8,678.95. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam would also like to purchase Ballistic Shields with 4 lights for the Police Department with a purchase price of \$5,191.90. Ald. Boggs moved to purchase 3 Ballistic Shields with 4 lights, \$5,191.90. Ald. Rask seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam would like to purchase PBT-Portable Breath Test for the Police Department with the purchase price of \$1,036. Ald. Boggs moved to purchase PBT-Portable Breath Test, \$1,036. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam would like stop signs at E. Central St. and Idelwhile Drive to slow down traffic. A motion to read Ordinance 2023-07: South Apple St. Stop Signs by title only.

Ald. Boggs moved to read Ordinance 2023-07 by title only. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Mayor Stufflebeam read Ordinance 2023-07 by title only. Ald. Boggs moved to waive the second reading. Ald. Crusen seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes. Ald. Boggs moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-07: South Apple St. Stop Signs. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Boggs, yes; Ald. Fleming, yes; Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; and Ald. Smith, yes.

Supervisor Elhers read the two bids received on the MFT 2023 Street Program. R.A. Cullinan and Son. came in the lowest at \$163,153.89. Ald. Rose moved to approve R.A. Cullinan and Son bid \$163,153.89 for the MFT 2023 Street Program. Ald. Fleming seconded the motion with a roll call vote: Ald. Rose, yes; Ald. Crusen, yes; Ald. Rask, yes; Ald. Smith, yes; Ald. Boggs, yes; and Ald. Boggs, yes.

Mayor Stufflebeam read the Declaration of the State of Emergency. The nature of the nationwide pandemic of Covid-19 virus exists as of September 19, 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 REPORT:

Finances: Ald. Rose had nothing to report.

Public Safety: Ald. Boggs had nothing to report.

Sewer: Ald. Smith had nothing to report.

Streets/Sidewalks/Garbage: Ald. Fleming mentioned a reminder that the Spring City wide garbage pick up will be curbside the week of May 14, 2023.

Parks & Recreations: Ald. Crusen mentioned that she met with Amanda Carr who will be running the concession stand this summer. She also gave her Ald. Rose phone number, who has run the concession stand in the past, for any questions she may have later.

Public Grounds & Buildings: Ald. Rask mentioned that Massey Roofing Inc. came to look at the roof of the YMCA gym.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Chuck Foste complained about the number of loose dogs running in his neighborhood. He also is concerned about one of his neighbors whose young children are unsupervised. Mr. Foste was advised to call DCFS or the non-emergency police number. He is also unhappy with the curbing and potholes in the neighborhood. He also mentioned non permitted solicitors. Mr. Schreiner asked about the arrival of the new police vehicle. Sgt. Steck and Mayor Stufflebeam said it could possibly arrive in June. Mr. Giagnoni asked about the SA-SO Speed Sign. Ald. Boggs made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Rose seconded the motion with all ayes. The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

