

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of allegiance to the flag
4. Proclamations/presentations/recognitions
5. Public Comment –

SECTION I CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be adopted on a single motion without discussion unless a council member requests separate consideration:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the June 1, 2020 council minutes
- B. Fund Warrant List

SECTION II: UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. RESOLUTION 2020-49 Appropriating Water Funds for a Watermain Replacement Project Along High Street and Market Street as part of the Rebuild Illinois Grant Program

SECTION IV: EXECUTIVE SESSION

SECTION V: OTHER ITEMS

1. City manager report
2. Non-agenda items and other business

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the city clerk's office at (309) 928-2842, 48 hours before the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

**MINUTES OF THE FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 01, 2020 6 p.m.**

Roll call

Present: Councilmembers Shelley Friedrich, Willard McKinley, Ben Burden, and Mayor Scott Testory. Absent: Councilman Scott Kelley. Also, in attendance: City Manager Sue McLaughlin, City Clerk Angie Wanserski, City Attorney Joe Chamley.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Proclamations/presentations

Public Comment

Public Hearing

Annual Appropriations for fiscal year 2020-2021
Public Hearing was opened at 6:01 p.m. by a motion from Mayor Testory. There were no public comments.
Public Hearing closed at 6:02p.m. by a motion by McKinley. Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried

Public Hearing

City's commitment of funds towards Rebuild Illinois grant
Public Hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. by a motion from Mayor Testory. City Manager Sue McLaughlin is applying for a grant to replace watermain lines in numerous areas in town. This grant is part of the Rebuild Illinois grant for \$25,000,000 across the state. We are applying for a grant of \$841,835.43 for a project that will cost a total estimate of \$1,052,294.29. Our current watermain has 39 leaks that have been repaired in the last 5 years and lead joints every 14 feet. McLaughlin is applying for approximately 1 million dollars in funds and is asking the city to commit to covering 20% of costs, which is estimated at \$210,458.86. This project is above and beyond our needs, which include the following: energy efficient blowers at the sewer plant, clarifiers and activated sludge tanks at the sewer plant resurfaced with new epoxy paint and reinforced steel (corrosion has started to set in heavily on tanks), lining of sewer mains and manholes, separation of storm water from sanitary sewer, 4 list stations that need pumps and rails and checking valves replaced, replace softeners at the water plant, provide new valves, provide corrosion control, replace media and rehab 2 out of 4 filters. We also need affordable housing, senior housing, assisted living housing as well as multiple streets resurfaced and downtown revitalized. It should not displace any residents as the work will be conducted within the City ROW. More than 4800 feet of new water main and service line will be installed along the route. There will be 13 new hydrants installed and sidewalk and road repair from the work. Since this is the oldest water main in town, it should significantly reduce or eliminate the instances of discolored water in town because this pipe has about 1" of rust inside of it all along the main. It will help the businesses downtown as well because the water quality will improve, water leaks will be addressed and it will eliminate the need to continually dig up the road on Main St. The 20% contribution from the City will come from the water fund and should affect rates since we do about \$100-150,000 worth of capital projects each year anyway.

Public Hearing closed at 6:08p.m. by a motion by McKinley.
Seconded by Friedrich. Voted unanimously. Motion carried

SECTION I: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the May 04, 2020 council meeting
- B. Fund Warrant List

MOTION by McKinley to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Friedrich. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

SECTION II: UNFINISHED BUSINESS Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS – Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- 1. Ordinance 1049 Ordinance Making Annual Appropriations for the City of Farmer City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

MOTION by McKinley to approve Ordinance 1049 Ordinance Making Annual Appropriations for the City of Farmer City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- 2. Resolution 2020-45 Fair Housing Resolution

This resolution is a requirement that must be submitted as part of a grant application. It states that there will be no discrimination regarding housing controls in the city of Farmer City. CM McLaughlin said she wasn't sure if the City had already passed one, so she is recommending they adopt it now, just in case.

MOTION by Burden to approve Resolution 2020-45 Fair Housing Resolution. Seconded by McKinley. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- 3. Resolution 2020-46 Appropriating Water Funds for a Watermain Replacement Project Along High Street and Market Street as part of the Rebuild Illinois Grant Program.

This resolution is guaranteeing the appropriation of city funds for the sum of \$210,458.86. This will pay the city's share of construction costs for the water main replacement on Market Street, Main Street, James Street, High Street and West Streets as part of the Rebuild Illinois grant program.

MOTION by McKinley to approve Resolution 2020-46 Appropriating Water Funds for a Watermain Replacement Project Along High Street and Market Street as part of the Rebuild Illinois Grant Program. Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- 4. Resolution 2020-48 A Resolution Adopting the City of Farmer City Helps Small Business Stabilization Grant Program.

Consultant Keith Moran has suggested this resolution as a way to use Business District money to help businesses recover from the shut down during COVID. This resolution would allow the city to use either general fund or Business District monies and set guidelines with capped limits for businesses. Adopting this program gives the city manager and mayor the authority to review applications and disburse monies according to the parameters.

MOTION by McKinley to approve Resolution 2020-48 A Resolution Adopting the City of Farmer City Helps Small Business Stabilization Grant Program. Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

5. Discussion regarding fireworks plan.
Lance Spieker was in attendance on behalf of the Farmer City Raceway. He is asking the city for a donation of \$3000 to go towards a firework display on Friday, July 3rd. He has stated that the raceway should be in stage 4 of the Governor's reopening process and this will possibly be the first race of the season barring any complications. The council majority was in favor of the fireworks and McLaughlin assured Spieker that he could count on the city's donation. Councilman McKinley also questioned Mr. Spieker about the fishing ponds being closed. Spieker verified that he was informed the fairgrounds were non-essential by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and was instructed to shut the grounds down.
6. Discussion regarding downtown parking.
Chad Osterbur from Fehr Graham was in attendance to talk to council about downtown parking. McLaughlin had sent a downtown parking survey out to residents and received more than 200 responses back. 99% of residents want to leave the parking as is but modify the angle and lose spaces on the corners to improve visibility. The council was in favor of modifying the angle to 30 degrees, which would decrease the number of parking spaces, in order to widen the route.

SECTION IV: EXECUTIVE SESSION –

SECTION V: OTHER ITEMS

1. City manager report

City manager McLaughlin stated that the governor has extended his utility shut off moratorium and we will not be shutting off utilities in June. She is encouraging residents to continue to pay their bill and reach out to LIHEAP if needed as they have eased their requirements for assistance. Bulk waste pickup is June 13th. Work on the pool started June 1st. McLaughlin also stated that as of the end of April, the general fund revenues were down 3%. She stated the general fund was fine for now but anticipates a continued decline for the first quarter of FY 21 due to the affects of COVID. McLaughlin also said the water and sewer fund ended the year balanced, but electric revenues were down more than 17%.

2. Non-agenda items and other business.

Councilwoman Friedrich inquired about Good Spirit's beer garden. She wants to know if it will be legal to keep after the pandemic. The governor has temporarily given bar owners an okay for outside seating during the pandemic. Mayor Testory stated he has told the owner to get with the council and try to get it approved for the future. McKinley voiced concerns about keeping the beer garden. McLaughlin expressed that a beer garden ordinance would be beneficial in that it would provide the rules that would need to be followed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by McKinley to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Friedrich. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	
100		
CORNEGLIO AG	1.99	ADM SUPPLIES
Z MOWING YEAR WORK & MOR	140.00	LANDSCAPING
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH AND	157.50	LEGAL ADM
PRESTO X PEST CONTROL	43.00	ADM - PEST CONTROL
WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC	205.87	COPIER
SPRINT	23.62	ADM - TELEPHONE
FRONTIER	98.45	ADM
FRONTIER	215.45	ADM
FRONTIER	98.11	ADM
CLINTON JOURNAL	60.80	LEGAL HEARING WATER MAIN
SIMPLY SENNETT	87.50	WEB DEVELOPMENT
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH AND	122.50	LEGAL
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH AND	70.00	LEGAL -POLICE
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH AND	437.50	LEGAL
SPRINT	174.43	POL TELEPHONE
FRONTIER	255.22	POL PHONE
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	870.00	CEMETARY
SPRINT	109.64	ST - TELEPHONE
Walker Tire Service	96.00	MOWER TIRE REPAIR
CORNEGLIO AG	9.92	STREET SUPPLIES
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	330.00	WEEDMAN PARK
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	660.00	SOUTH PARK
FRONTIER	130.61	POOL
Total 100:	4,398.11	
150		
YEAGLES FORESTRY MULCHIN	565.00	EAST MARKET EMERGENCY CALL
Total 150:	565.00	
170		
PRAIRIE ENGINEERS	9,435.00	WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
Total 170:	9,435.00	
270		
MAURER-STUTZ	498.75	MAPLE ST WESTERN ENGINEERING
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH AND	227.50	TIF 2
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	260.00	PRAIRIE RIDGE
DESIGN PERSPECTIVES, INC.	2,800.00	ON-SITE DESIGN WORKSHOP
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHIC	475.00	BOND
Total 270:	4,261.25	
280		
HUNDEN STRATEGIC PARTNER	12,250.00	PHASE II KICKOFF
MEGDI ALIV	2,000.00	COVID BUSINESS GRANT
Breakers III	2,000.00	COVID BUSINESS GRANT
Total 280:	16,250.00	
490		
AREA DISPOSAL	11,987.60	MONTHLY GARBAGE SERVICE
Total 490:	11,987.60	

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	
510		
IRWA	440.50	WATER DUES MEMBERSHIPS
NICOR ADVANCED ENERGY	245.45	JOHN ST
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHIC	475.00	BOND
Total 510:	1,160.95	
520		
Yeagle Electric	58.75	SERVICE CALL
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	90.00	LIFT STATION
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGI	7,792.80	ODOPHOS
CORNEGLIO AG	28.93	SEWER SUPPLIES
Total 520:	7,970.48	
530		
Office Machine Repair	10.00	ELE - COPY MACHINE RENTAL
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.	124.00	POSTAGE
SPRINT	96.77	ELE - TELEPHONE
FRONTIER	173.75	ELEC PHONE
NICOR ADVANCED ENERGY	169.83	300 N WEST ST
NICOR ADVANCED ENERGY	1,655.03	NS ALLEN 1W CENTER
NICOR ADVANCED ENERGY	316.66	401 E ALLEN ST
Total 530:	2,546.04	
Grand Totals:	58,574.43	

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	
280		
MIKE NECESSARY EXCAVATIN	4,700.00	Demo at 102 S Main
Total 280:	<u>4,700.00</u>	
Grand Totals:	<u><u>4,700.00</u></u>	

**RESOLUTION 2020-49
APPROPRIATING WATER FUNDS
FOR A WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT ALONG MARKET STREET, MAIN STREET,
JAMES STREET, HIGH STREET AND WEST STREETS AS PART OF THE REBUILD ILLINOIS
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Farmer City has had plans prepared for the replacement of water main along Market Street, Main Street, James Street, High Street and West Streets, a net length of 5,669 feet; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvement will involve new watermain, fire hydrants and services as well as the pavement replacement where needed; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the proposed improvement is \$1,170,093.15 (\$1,054,224.15 for construction and \$115,819 for construction engineering); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City proposes to use its allotment of Rebuild Illinois funds to pay for 80% of the participating funds for construction and construction engineering in the amount of \$936,034.52.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Farmer City , Illinois that there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$ 234,008.63 from its Water Fund to pay its share of the construction costs for the water main replacement on Market Street, Main Street, James Street, High Street and West Streets as part of the Rebuild Illinois grant program ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of the resolution to the district office of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of Farmer City, Illinois, this 15th day of June 2020.

PASSED and APPROVED, this 15th day of June 2020.

I, Angie Wanserski, City Clerk in and for City of Farmer City, Illinois, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the forgoing to be a true, perfect and complete original of the resolution adopted by the City Council for the City of Farmer City, Illinois at a meeting held on June 15, 2020.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of June 2020.

City Clerk

Date

Illinois Department of Commerce and
Economic Opportunity

Date