

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
105 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY JULY 21, 2025
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Pledge of allegiance to the flag
- Proclamations/presentations/recognitions -
- Public Comment –

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2025 council minutes
- Fund Warrant List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. Discussion regarding Stensel ponds.
- B. Resolution 2025-131 A Resolution of City of Farmer City adopting the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan
- C. Resolution 2025-132 Heritage Days donation of \$_____ from the Hotel/Motel account.
- D. Approval of the bid for the Washington Street sewer lining project to Visu-Sewer of Missouri LLC for \$88,015.00.
- E. Resolution 2025-133 A Resolution of Protest Against Construction and Operation of an Approximately 2 MW Community Solar Project Withing 1.5 Miles of the Corporate Limits of the City of Farmer City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER ITEMS

- A. City manager report
- B. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This section is intended for public statement and is not a period of time for debate. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes per Ordinance 943 passed 10/6/2014.

MINUTES OF THE FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2025 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmembers David Walsh, Willard McKinley, Chad Jacobs, Kurtis Bozarth and Mayor Scott Testory.

Also, in attendance: City Manager Taylor Baxter, City Clerk Angie Wanserski and City Attorney Joe Chamley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT Mary Jean Reynolds was in attendance regarding concerns she sees around town. She was questioning what the city could do to improve overgrown, weedy yards in town and refuse up against houses. She would like to see people take more pride in their properties. Also of concern are feral cats. It was stated that DeWitt County animal control could trap them, take to Clinton to get spayed or neutered, but would bring back to release. Ms. Reynolds also wanted council to be aware that she was starting to see an increase in mosquitoes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2025 council meeting.
- B. Fund Warrant List

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the consent agenda. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS n/a

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of solar agreement

There is a proposed installation of a solar farm north of Farmer City off route 150 on land owned by Kyle Kopp. Rick Noble and Mo & Natalie Winstead were in attendance to speak to council regarding the negative impact it could have on their properties. Mr. Noble runs a firearms training business from his residence and his customers support many local businesses in town. Having a solar farm behind his range could possibly hinder the business and there is no guarantee that stray shots wouldn't escape the delegated area and strike panels. Mr. Winstead also has a shooting area at his residence and has a similar concern. Mr. Winstead's property would be surrounded on 3 sides by the proposed solar farm. Attorney Joe Chamley gave council options on how to proceed. They could have him draft an ordinance in protest of the solar farm, do nothing, or draft an ordinance in support of the solar farm; he will take his direction from the council. Council was in agreement that Mr. Chamley should proceed with drafting an ordinance in protest of the solar farm as the majority do not want to see good farmland covered with solar panels and the solar farm has little to no benefit for the City of Farmer City.

- B. Approval of payment to Champaign Ford City in the amount of \$70,298.96 for a bucket truck chassis.
No discussion

- MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve a payment to Champaign Ford City in the amount of \$70,298.96 for a bucket truck chassis. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- C. Ordinance 1142 an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain real estate.
135 Clinton Ave owned by Sandra Pettenger has fallen to disrepair. She has asked for the city to take over the property and have it demolished.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Ordinance 1142 an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain real estate. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- D. Discussion regarding use of South Park by Farmer City Haunted Forest.
The Farmer City Haunted Forest Committee has asked to use South Park for 5 weekends this fall. They are also asking for additional setup and tear down time. Council is good with all of their requests.
- E. Resolution 2025-127 resolution confirming the appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board.
The library is seeking to appoint 3 trustees for a 3-year term to their board: Kelly Buchanan-Ford, Janis Maxwell, and Pat Munsell.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2025-127 resolution confirming the appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- F. Resolution 2025-128 resolution appointment of Angie Testory to the Farmer City Public Library Board (replacing David Harris).
Mayor Testory removed himself from the room for this agenda item. The library is seeking to replace trustee David Harris with Angie Testory.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2025-128 resolution appointment of Angie Testory to the Farmer City Public Library Board (replacing David Harris).
Voting yes: McKinley, Jacobs, Bozarth, and Walsh. Motion carried.
- G. Resolution 2025-129 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for fireworks.
The Farmer City Fair Association set off fireworks on July 4th and is asking for partial reimbursement of the cost. Council has agreed to reimburse \$4000.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2025-129 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for fireworks. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- H. Resolution 2025-130 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.
The Farmer City Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$1000 from council to go towards the sponsorship of the Christmas parade.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2025-130 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- I. Approval of adding street recognition signs to the city's entrances (Blue Ridge FFA).
Blue Ridge FFA has 2 major accomplishments this year and would like the city to add street signs coming into the city. Kaydance Wooton was selected as the State FFA Treasurer for 2025-2026 and the Blue Ridge FFA Chapter has been named the 2025 Illinois FFA Premier Chapter. Blue Ridge was chosen out of 389 FFA Chapters in the state.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve adding street recognition signs to the city's entrances (Blue Ridge FFA). Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council has chosen to forego executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 6 The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Baxter informed council that the city had significant storm damage on High St. Rantoul was able to send mutual aid in order to assist the crew. A bid opening was held on July 3rd for the Washington St sewer lining and the request for approval will be brought to the next council meeting. He has been talking to the engineers regarding the Route 54 sidewalk project. The city will do state letting in late February in order to have more access to contractors. He is awaiting plans and specs for the I74 utility extension. Chief Guest continues to work on ordinance violations. As a reminder to residents, there is no open burning during the months of July and August.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS n/a

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
100			
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	250.00	150 PLUM ROW	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	35.00	ADMIN ISSUE	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	200.00	150 PLUM ROW	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	1,140.00	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	800.00	DEMO- PETTENDER	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	920.00	S. DEMOLITION	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	160.00	SOLAR	DSB
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.	200.00	POSTAGE	DSB
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC.	488.04	MAILING MACHINE RENTAL	DSB
CLINTON JOURNAL	145.00	LEGAL NOTICE- SEWER PROJ.	DSB
NICOR GAS	62.02	NICOR GAS	DSB
NICOR GAS	102.11	NICOR GAS	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	400.00	CITY COUNCIL MEETING	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	600.00	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	DSB
AMUNDSEN DAVIS LLC	109.50	LABOR REPRESENTATION	DSB
VERIZON	186.30	MONTHLY TELEPHONE	DSB
HORIZON CONNECTIONS	1,057.00	HARD DRIVES- POLICE	DSB
MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	1,493.00	CAMERAS- STREETS	DSB
McKINLEY WATER CONDITIONI	7.00	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
McKINLEY WATER CONDITIONI	14.00	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
McKINLEY WATER CONDITIONI	10.00	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
PEARL TRUCKING LLC	511.68	CA-16 & CA-6	DSB
HEIDELBERG MATERIALS	818.32	CA-6 & CM-160	DSB
CENTRAL ILLINOIS AG	35.44	PARKS REPAIR SUPPLIES	DSB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES	632.12	PARKS TRUCK REPAIR	DSB
MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN	75.50	PARKS SUPPLIES	DSB
KIEFER AQUATICS	34.00	SWIM WEAR	DSB
MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	209.99	POOL INTERNET SETUP	DSB
McKINLEY WATER CONDITIONI	54.51	POOL SUPPLIES	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	13,104.57	POOL CHEMICALS	DSB
SYSCO CENTRAL ILLINOIS INC.	42.74	POOL CONCESSIONS	DSB
SYSCO CENTRAL ILLINOIS INC.	565.08	POOL CONCESSIONS	DSB
Total 100:	24,462.92		
270			
TRIMBLE PLUMBING INC.	190.00	MONTHLY RENTAL- JULY	DSB
KEMPLIN, LESLIE	1,950.00	DEMOLITION- 718 N MAIN	DSB
DIEHL, SHERRI	1,266.67	SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT	DSB
Total 270:	3,406.67		
510			
FRONTIER	186.58	MONTHLY TELEPHONE	DSB
FEHR GRAHAM	750.00	I74 EXTENTIONS	DSB
Total 510:	936.58		
520			
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	2,360.65	SEWER CHEMICALS	DSB
HACH COMPANY	96.30	SEWER SUPPLIES	DSB
G.A. RICH & SONS	7,898.00	SEWER REPAIRS-BUTTERFLY VALVES	DSB
G.A. RICH & SONS	13,150.00	SEWER-REMOVE SLUDGE & MEDIA	DSB
FEHR GRAHAM	750.00	I74 EXTENTIONS	DSB
Total 520:	24,254.95		

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
530			
NAPA AUTO PARTS	14.26	ELECTRIC REPAIR SUPPLES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	24.43	ELECTRIC REPAIR SUPPLES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	93.36	ELECTRIC REPAIR SUPPLES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	51.73	ELECTRIC REPAIR SUPPLES	DSB
ILLINOIS STANDARD PARTS IN	172.78	HOSE & FITTING- ELECTRIC	DSB
VILLAGE OF RANTOUL	1,783.74	ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE	DSB
BHMG ENGINEERS	5,000.00	CAAP RENEWAL 2025	DSB
IL-STATE FIRE MARSHAL	70.75	BOILER TESTING	DSB
NORTHWEST LINEMAN COLLEGE	702.00	TRAINING COURSE- AT	DSB
NICOR GAS	54.31	NICOR GAS	DSB
NICOR GAS	1,014.63	NICOR GAS	DSB
NICOR GAS	153.20	NICOR GAS	DSB
MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN	6.46	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	DSB
ANIXTER INC	312.50	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	DSB
CHAMPAIGN FORD CITY	70,298.96	BUCKET TRUCK CAB DEPOSIT	DSB
Total 530:	79,753.11		
Grand Totals:	132,814.23		



CITY OF FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS

105 South Main Street
Farmer City, Illinois 61842-0049
Telephone: (309) 928-2842

MEMO

Date: 7/18/2025
To: Mayor Testory and City Council
From: Taylor Baxter, City Manager
RE: Stensel Park Discussion

Mayor and Council,

As I have mentioned in my previous reports, the Lease Agreement with the Farmer City/DeWitt County Fair Association is set to expire on August 3rd. As a refresher, the reason the City entered into this lease was to settle a large water bill that the Fair Association had when they experienced a very large water leak. To offset the costs, the city and the Association decided to enter into a 10 year agreement for the city to lease the pond area from the Association. This would allow public access to the ponds for walking and fishing.

The purpose of this memo is to be a starting point for discussions on how you all would like to proceed. The city spends thousands of dollars each year on labor, equipment maintenance, and liability insurance to lease this property. From what has been told to me by a member of the Association, the ponds are utilized by a very select few individuals in Farmer City. The Association is fine with whatever decision the city decides but stated they will have to close the gates to the public if the city does not decide to continue the lease agreement. They do not want to add the liability to their insurance for public access.

From an operations standpoint, not renewing this agreement would allow us to be able to focus our time and efforts on more utilized areas of town. Additionally, it would save the city thousands of dollars in labor, equipment maintenance, and insurance costs. It really is a decision of whether or not public access is worth thousands of dollars to maintain the property. Or, has the original purpose of the lease agreement been met due to the large water bill?

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Taylor Baxter
City Manager

Date: 7/16/2025

To:

City Council Members
City of Farmer City
Farmer City, IL

Subject: Request for Increased Support and Partnership for Farmer City Heritage Days 2026

Dear City Council Members,

On behalf of the Farmer City Heritage Days Committee, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of our annual celebration. Thanks to your generosity and partnership, the 2025 Heritage Days was one of our most successful events to date.

Moving the event to the Farmer City Fairgrounds proved to be an outstanding decision, creating an open and accessible space that significantly enhanced the experience for our attendees, vendors, and performers. The addition of the rodeo was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback and contributed greatly to the overall excitement and appeal of the weekend. We are proud to report that we achieved record-breaking attendance, with over 10,000 people joining us throughout the event — a true testament to the growth and impact of Farmer City Heritage Days on our community.

In light of this success and the increasing costs associated with planning and expanding the event, we respectfully request the City consider increasing its annual donation to \$15,000 for the 2026 Heritage Days. This additional funding would allow us to build upon the momentum from this year and continue offering high-quality entertainment, family activities, and experiences that highlight the best of Farmer City.

Additionally, we kindly ask that the City forgive the cost of electricity used at the Fairgrounds during our 2026 event as you did this year. This gesture would help alleviate a significant logistical expense and allow us to invest more directly in community programming, safety, and entertainment for the festival.

Farmer City Heritage Days is more than just a festival—it is a celebration of our city's heritage, a driver of local economic activity, and a unifying event that brings families, neighbors, and visitors together. With your continued support, we are confident that 2026 can be our most successful year yet.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to working together to make next year's event another incredible milestone for Farmer City.

Warm regards,

Felicia Hughes & Chris Risler
President & Vice President
Farmer City Heritage Days Committee

2026 Budget

EXPENSES				INCOME		
Music/Main Stage	Estimated	Actual		SPONSORS	Estimated	Actual
Friday Night				City of FC	15000	
Saturday Night				Clark Foundation	15000	
Entertainment	75,000			Small Sponsors	28000	
Rodeo	15,000			T-shirts Sponsors	3000	
Overall				Specialty Sponsors	25000	
Total	90,000	0		Fundraising/Grants	15000	
				Total Sponsors	101000	0
				EVENT INCOME	Estimated	Actual
Individual Events	Estimate	Actual		Vendors	2000	
				Trucks/Trailers		
5K/ Fun Run	1500			Electric Outlet		
Car Show	1200			Car Show	600	
Community Night	500			Bags		
Bags	350			Carnival	2500	
Scavenger Hunt	300			Beer Garden (sales)	10000	
				Armbands	3000	
Total	3850	0		water/Pop	1500	
				ice	250	
				5K/Fun Run		
				VIP	4000	

	Estimate	Actual		Huggies	
Kids Zone					
General	500			T-shirt Sales	200
tractor pulls	500			Total Event Income	24050
Kiddie	300				0
Free pony rides	1100				
petting zoo	1200				
Bubbles	300				
Facepainting	750				
dunk tank	150				
Sensory Museum	2300				
Twisted Balloons	300				
Total	7400	0		TOTAL HD EVENT Income	125050
					0
Supporting Expenses		Actual			
Trash	1500				
Toilets	4000				
Printing	1000				
Event ts	700				
Banners	1000				
Bar staff pay	2000				
Event Staff Ts (pink)	250				
General security Ts	600				
Green Room	1200				
Huggies	1500				
Beer & Truck Expenses	7000				
Radio	600				
Misc. Beer garden expenses					
group for doing ice	500				
onsite photographer	250				

tito Booth	150	
VIP ticket fees		
Ice	1000	
generator -stage/sound	1000	
tickets & armbands	300	
Security	4500	
Ambulance on site	1800	
Total	30850	0
Insurance	Estimate	Actual
General	5600	
Liability		
Rain Out		
dram & bond		
Total	5600	0
Advertising	Estimate	Actual
General	1000	
	3500	
Total	4500	0
Misc.	Estimate	Actual
General	1,000	
State liq	25	
City Liquour	150	
Rental Fee	5,000	
Generator Fuel		
Fuel rented Veh.		
Total	6,175	0

Total Expenses		148,375	0

RESOLUTION 2025-132

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM
HOTEL/MOTEL ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, the purpose of expenditures from the municipal hotel/motel tax, levied and collected by the City of Farmer City under Ordinance 771, is “to promote tourism and conventions within the city, and otherwise attract nonresident, overnight visitors to the City and;

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City had received a request from the Heritage Days committee for a grant to help defray the costs of the event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City recommends that the city council approves a grant of \$_____ for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

FIRST: that the City of Farmer City award a grant of \$_____ from the proceeds of the municipal hotel-motel tax to the Farmer City Heritage Days Committee to help defray the costs of putting on the annual Farmer City Heritage Days and

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, COUNTY OF DEWITT, ILLINOIS THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY 2025.

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) evaluates damage to life and property from natural hazards that have impacted the County and participating jurisdictions and identifies projects and activities to reduce these damages before an event occurs. The HMP fulfills federal planning requirements of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Disaster Recovery and Reform Act.

The main benefit of updating the HMP is that the participating jurisdictions can become eligible to apply for and receive federal hazard mitigation funds to implement the mitigation actions identified in the Plan. In order to access certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, jurisdictions must be a participant of a current, FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan.

The final step in the update process is having each of the participating jurisdictions adopt the Plan by formal resolution. This is a FEMA requirement to access hazard mitigation funds. These funds, made available through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant program, can help provide local government entities with the opportunity to complete mitigation projects that would not otherwise be financially possible.

Once the adoption resolutions from the participants are received, they will be submitted to FEMA who will issue the final Approval Letter, which begins the five-year approval period and sets the expiration date for the HMP. HMPs must be reviewed, revised, and resubmitted to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) and FEMA at least once every five years to remain current and effective.

Any jurisdiction that chooses not to adopt the Plan will not be eligible to apply for mitigation assistance funding; however, the decision not to adopt the HMP will not affect the eligibility of those who do.

The heart of the HMP is the ***mitigation strategy, which contains a list of the projects and activities developed by each participating jurisdiction to reduce the potential loss of life and property damage*** that results from the hazards identified in the risk assessment section of the Plan. ***Adoption of the Plan does not obligate your jurisdiction to fund or complete the projects and activities identified for your jurisdiction in the HMP.*** This is a wish list of what your jurisdiction would like to see accomplished if funding becomes available.

In short there is no downside to adopting the HMP. It ensures your jurisdiction is eligible to apply for mitigation project funding through IEMA-OHS/FEMA in the future, but does not obligate your jurisdiction to fund or complete the projects and activities listed if funding isn't available.

City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois

Resolution No. 2025-131

A Resolution of City of Farmer City adopting the
2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS the City of Farmer City recognizes the threat that natural and man-made hazards, including severe thunderstorms, severe winter storms, floods, and tornadoes among others, pose to people and property within City of Farmer City; and

WHEREAS the City of Farmer City has prepared an all hazards mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in City of Farmer City from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the City of Farmer City demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlines in the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

The City of Farmer City adopts the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan and agrees to participate in the annual maintenance and evaluation of the Plan.

ADOPTED by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ against, and ___ abstaining, this 21st day of July, 2025.

CERTIFIED by _____
Scott Testory, Mayor

ATTESTED by _____
Angie Wanserski, City Clerk



July 7, 2025

City of Farmer City
Taylor Baxter, City Manager
105 S. Main Street
Farmer City, IL 61842

RE: Washington Street Sewer Lining Project (Water Street to just north of IL Route 54/W.
Clinton Street)
Bid Analysis and Recommendation Letter

Dear Taylor,

The Washington Street Sewer Lining Project bid opening was held at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at City Hall. Besides myself and Jack Ziemba from Maurer-Stutz, you and Chad Yeadon were present to represent the City. The City received sealed bids from four (4) contractors: National Power Rodding, Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC, J.C. Dillon, Inc., and Hoerr Construction.


We have reviewed the bid packages submitted by each bidder and assembled the attached summary and itemized bid tabulation sheet detailing the bids submitted by all four bidders. Maurer-Stutz has worked with all four contractors in the past and is not aware of any past situations where work was not performed satisfactorily for the City.

It is our recommendation to award the project to Visu-Sewer of Missouri LLC. from East St. Louis, Illinois, who is the lowest responsible bidder. The bid amount is \$88,015.00. Our opinion of probable construction cost is \$98,948.00.

Attached to this letter is a Notice of Award for your review and Mayor signature upon approval of bids and award of project. Please email me a signed copy of the Notice of Award so we may forward on to the contractor and request bonds, insurance and a signed agreement.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
MAURER-STUTZ, INC.


Keith J. Plavec, P.E.
Project Manager

Enclosures

City of Farmer City, Illinois

Washington Street Sewer Lining Project

Bid Opening: Thursday, July 3, 2025; 10:00 am at City Hall

Bid Tab

Item	National Power Rodding 2500 W Arthington Street Chicago, IL, 60612	Visu-Sewer of Missouri 7895 St. Clair Avenue, E. St. Louis, IL, 62203	J.C. Dillon 1515 W Luthy Drive, Peoria, IL, 61615	Hoerr Construction P.O. Box 65, 1416 County Rd. 200 N, Goodfield, IL, 61742
Bid Bond (10%)	X	X	X	X
Signed Agreement	X	X	X	X
Bid Price (As Read)	\$135,630.00	\$88,015.00	\$106,686.00	\$91,084.00

Engineer's Estimate = \$98,948.00

NOTICE OF AWARD

Dated _____

TO: _____ Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC _____
(BIDDER)

ADDRESS: _____ 7895 St Clair Avenue _____
_____ East St. Louis, IL 62203 _____

Contract: _____ Farmer City – Washington Street Sewer Lining _____
(Insert name of Contract as it appears in the Bidding Documents)

Project: _____ Farmer City – Washington Street Sewer Lining _____

OWNER's Contract No. _____

You are notified that your Bid dated July 3, 2025 for the above Contract has been considered. You are the apparent Successful Bidder and have been awarded a Contract for cleaning and pre-lining TV inspection of approximately 1,000 LF of sanitary sewers ranging from 10" to 15"; trimming protruding sewer taps; point repairs prior to installation of cured-in-place lining pipe; sewer low control; rehabilitation of 236 LF of 10" sanitary sewer, 350 LF of 12" sanitary sewer, and 350 LF of 15" sanitary sewer with cured-in-place liner; re-establish sewer service connections; post TV-inspection of lined sewers.

The Contract Price of your Contract is Eighty-Eight Thousand Fifteen Dollars and No Cents Dollars (\$ 88,015.00).

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within fifteen days of the date of this Notice of Award that is by _____.

1. Deliver to the OWNER three (3) fully executed counterparts of the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor
2. Deliver with the executed Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor the Contract Security (Bonds) as specified in the Instructions to Bidders (Article 20), and General Conditions (paragraph 5.01) and Supplementary Conditions (paragraph SC-5.01).

3. (List other conditions precedent).

Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Farmer City and Maurer-Stutz, Inc. as additional insureds.

Failure to comply with these conditions within the time specified will entitle OWNER to consider your Bid in default, to annul this Notice of Award and to declare your Bid security forfeited.

Within ten days after you comply with the above conditions, OWNER will return to you one fully executed counterpart of the Contract Documents.

City of Farmer City
(OWNER)

By: _____
(AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)

Mayor
(TITLE)

Copy to ENGINEER
(Use Certified Mail,
Return Receipt Requested)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-133

A RESOLUTION OF PROTEST AGAINST CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 2 MW COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT WITHIN 1.5 MILES OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois, a municipal corporation, has adopted and administers a Zoning Ordinance and a Subdivision Ordinance, which Subdivision Ordinance is also applicable in the 1.5 mile Extraterritorial Territorial Jurisdiction beyond the City corporate limits, all as provided by State law;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator of the County of DeWitt has referred the matter of Santa Anna Twp LLC (the “Developer”) constructing and operating an approximately 2 MW community solar project within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois, which site is to the north of Farmer City and which encompasses approximately thirty (30) acres (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Farmer City, have determined that the proposed Project would be injurious to the citizens of the City.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Council finds and determines that the facts contained in the above recitations are true.

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council hereby resolves that the City of Farmer City should and does hereby protest the matter of Santa Anna Twp LLC (the “Developer”) constructing and operating an approximately 2 MW community solar project within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois, which site is to the north of Farmer City and which encompasses approximately thirty (30) acres (the “Project”)

Section 2. That the Mayor, or his designee, for and on behalf of the City Council, is authorized and directed to file this Resolution of Protest with the County Clerk of the County of DeWitt and mail copies of this Resolution of Protest as required by law.

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Upon motion by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, passed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois this 21st day of July, 2025, by roll call vote, as follows:

Voting "aye" (names): _____

Voting "nay" (names) _____

Absent (names) _____

APPROVED this 21st day of July, A.D. 2025.

Mayor

(SEAL)
Attest:

City Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF DEWITT) SS
CITY OF FARMER CITY)

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly selected, qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois (the “**Municipality**”), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Municipality and of the Mayor and City Council (the “**Corporate Authorities**”).

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete excerpt from the proceedings of the meeting of the Corporate Authorities held on the 21st day of July, 2025, insofar as same relates to the adoption of Resolution No. **2025-133**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF PROTEST AGAINST CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 2 MW COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT WITHIN 1.5 MILES OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY

a true, correct and complete copy of which Resolution (the “**Resolution**”) as adopted at such meeting appears in the proceedings of the minutes of such meeting and is hereto attached. The Resolution was adopted and approved by the vote and on the date therein set forth.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Corporate Authorities on the adoption of such Resolution were taken openly, that the vote on the adoption of such Resolution was taken openly and was preceded by a public recital of the nature of the matter being considered and such other information as would inform the public of the business being conducted, that such meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of such meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that the agenda for the meeting was duly posted at the City Hall and so that each page of the agenda was continuously visible for public review and inspection in a City Hall window 24/7 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, that such meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the open meetings laws of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, and that the Corporate Authorities have complied with all of the applicable provisions of such open meeting laws and such Code and their procedural rules in the adoption of such Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the City of Farmer City, Illinois, this 21st day of July, 2025.

(SEAL)

City Clerk