

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
105 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY JULY 7, 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 June 2, 2025 council minutes
- Fund Warrant List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. Discussion of solar agreement
- B. Approval of payment to Champaign Ford City in the amount of \$70,298.96 for a bucket truck chassis.
- C. Ordinance 1142 an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain real estate.
- D. Discussion regarding use of South Park by Farmer City Haunted Forest.
- E. Resolution 2025-127 resolution confirming the appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board.
- F. Resolution 2025-128 resolution appointment of Angie Testory to the Farmer City Public Library Board (replacing David Harris).
- G. Resolution 2025-129 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for fireworks.
- H. Resolution 2025-130 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.
- I. Approval of adding street recognition signs to the city's entrances (Blue Ridge FFA).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5 ILCS 120/2(c) 6 The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

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**

JUNE 2, 2025 6 p.m.

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

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 Rachel Cox spoke to council about her dissatisfaction with comments made at the last council meeting in regards to business owners not applying for TIF. She is advocating for a historic district in order to apply for state and federal grant funding which would be more lucrative.

Rene Dunnam with BMX also spoke to council. There have been various improvements to the BMX track and she is requesting a donation from the city to complete a couple of items. She encouraged council to go out and see all the improvements.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 6:10pm by a motion by Mayor Testory. This public hearing sets the legal limits for spending. There was no discussion. The public hearing was closed at 6:15pm by a motion from McKinley, seconded by Jacobs. Voting yes: Jacobs, McKinley, Testory and Walsh. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2025 council meeting.
- B. Fund Warrant List

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the consent agenda. Voted yes: McKinley, Testory, Walsh, and Jacobs. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS n/a

NEW BUSINESS

- D. Approval of a funding request from Farmer City BMX in the amount of \$2000.

Rene Dunnam was in attendance requesting funding for track renovations and miscellaneous expenses.

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve a funding request from Farmer City BMX in the amount of \$2000. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and McKinley. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

A. Ordinance 1141 Ordinance making annual appropriations for the City of Farmer City for FY 2025-2026.

No discussion

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Ordinance 1141 Ordinance making annual appropriations for the City of Farmer City for FY 2025-2026. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and McKinley. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

B. Approval of a 3-month agreement between Donohue & Associates and the City of Farmer City to provide a Class II operator for sewer operations.

The city currently does not have someone who holds a class II waste operator license which we must have for operations. This agreement allows us to extend the original contract. A majority of the original contract hours were consumed due to an EPA audit.

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve a 3-month agreement between Donohue & Associates and the City of Farmer City to provide a Class II operator for sewer operations. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and McKinley. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

C. Approval of an engineering services agreement between Donohue & Associates and the City of Farmer City for a wastewater treatment plant facility plan.

This agreement would be for a formal plan involving the wastewater treatment plant. Donohue & Assoc would come in and “deep dive” into the plant to discern weaknesses and needed improvements. Having a formal facility plan is needed in order to apply for loan forgiveness from the IEPA.

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve an engineering services agreement between Donohue & Associates and the City of Farmer City for a wastewater treatment plant facility plan. Voting yes: Jacobs, McKinley, Testory and Walsh. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2025-126 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of 1/3 the cost of sidewalks in accordance with the public sidewalk installation and replacement program for 315 W Green St.

Sherri Diehl submitted an estimate from Tim Brandt Construction for a new sidewalk installation. The quote is for \$3800 so the city’s 1/3 would not exceed \$1266.67.

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2025-126 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of 1/3 the cost of sidewalks in accordance with the public sidewalk installation and replacement program for 315 W Green St. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and McKinley. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION n/ a

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Baxter deferred to Mayor Testory to speak on Heritage Days. Mayor Testory stated that Heritage Days seemed very successful. The pool opened this weekend and operations are going well. Farmer City has been awarded the ITEP grant in the amount of \$488k for the Rte 54 sidewalk installation. 174 improvements continue to go forward. We are currently in talks with engineers regarding the size of utilities. Tabeing Development will be constructing the road onto the property this summer.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS n/a

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs, McKinley. Absent: Bozarth. Motion carried.

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
100			
MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN	227.64	GATES AND ADMIN SUPPLIES	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	400.00	150 PLUM ROW	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	830.00	DEMO- PETTENDER	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	1,000.00	S. DEMOLITION	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	240.00	SOLAR	DSB
BUGOUT	70.04	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
FUTURA	89.84	UTILITY FORMS	DSB
MAURER-STUTZ	1,492.50	ZONING	DSB
WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC	302.36	MONTHLY COPIER FEES	DSB
COOPER, BILLIE	300.00	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
T-MOBILE	33.83	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
ADAMS, BRIAN	250.00	HOME INSPECTION	DSB
U.S. BANK	10.10	U.S. BANK	DSB
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.	433.84	POSTAGE	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	209.20	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
U.S. BANK	40.55	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	100.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	316.05	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	900.73	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
NICOR GAS	88.06	NICOR GAS	DSB
NICOR GAS	216.90	NICOR GAS	DSB
FIRST RESULT MEDIA	570.00	WEB DEVELOPMENT- QRTLTY	DSB
MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	922.00	MONTHLY IT SERVICES	DSB
MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	935.00	MONTHLY IT SERVICES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	34.76	CITY HALL SUPPLIES	DSB
MIDWEST MAILING & SHIPPING	212.84	RED INK CARTRIDGE	DSB
U.S. BANK	163.11	U.S. BANK	DSB
HINCKLEY SPRINGS	45.89	WATER SERVICE	DSB
HINCKLEY SPRINGS	77.45	ADMIN WATER	DSB
DEWITT COUNTY COLLECTOR	22.46	RE TAX 05-33-126-002	DSB
WRIGHT, JERRY AND BETTY	1,454.74	PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT	DSB
U.S. BANK	14.66	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	26.02	U.S. BANK	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	80.00	CITY COUNCIL	DSB
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CH	960.00	ORDINANCE ISSUES	DSB
VERIZON	186.30	MONTHLY TELEPHONE	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	183.53	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
U.S. BANK	49.64	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	198.08	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	124.84	U.S. BANK	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	37.82	POLICE SUPPLIES	DSB
EVERGREEN FS INC	723.65	POLICE FUEL	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	25.36	STREETS PARTS	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	84.95	STREETS PARTS	DSB
MAURER-STUTZ	682.50	RESURFACING	DSB
MID-WEST TRUCKERS ASSOCI	214.00	PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING	DSB
T-MOBILE	33.82	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
AQUATERRE INVASIVE MANAG	114.00	DITCH & BRUSH CONTROL	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	82.75	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	270.83	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	14.48	U.S. BANK	DSB
SWINDERMAN INC.	3,464.48	STREETS BLDG CAMERAS	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	174.79	SEWER VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST	9.00	TIRE REPAIRS	DSB
WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST	28.00	TIRE DISPOSAL FEE	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	53.98	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	49.88	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
NAPA AUTO PARTS	8.28	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	17.49	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
McKINLEY WATER CONDITIONI	17.00	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWAR	16.48	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
PROGRESSIVE CHEMICAL & LI	229.56	STREETS ITEMS	DSB
EVERGREEN FS INC	291.57	STREETS FUEL	DSB
U.S. BANK	545.82	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	74.20	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	145.12	U.S. BANK	DSB
T-MOBILE	33.83	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	608.06	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	118.67	U.S. BANK	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	36.14	PARKS- SUPPLIES	DSB
EVERGREEN FS INC	370.61	PARKS FUEL	DSB
U.S. BANK	248.10	U.S. BANK	DSB
KIEFER AQUATICS	249.00	SWIM WEAR	DSB
KIEFER AQUATICS	32.00	SWIM WEAR	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	1,950.80	POOL SERVICES	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	1,002.00	POOL SERVICES	DSB
U.S. BANK	89.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CLINTON COMMUNITY YMCA	250.00	CPR 6-6-25	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	37.84	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
SWINDERMAN INC.	941.80	POOL CAMERAS	DSB
U.S. BANK	103.78	U.S. BANK	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	715.00	POOL SUPPLIES	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	28.72	POOL SUPPLIES	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	49.32	POOL SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	165.76	U.S. BANK	DSB
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES IN	30.13	POOL SUPPLIES	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	58.76	POOL CHEMICALS	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	552.40	POOL CHEMICALS	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	4,764.14	POOL CHEMICALS	DSB
U.S. BANK	275.54	U.S. BANK	DSB
SYSCO CENTRAL ILLINOIS INC.	623.19	POOL CONCESSIONS	DSB
U.S. BANK	32.16	U.S. BANK	DSB
Total 100:	34,589.52		
120			
CITY OF FARMER CITY	68.51	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
Total 120:	68.51		
240			
AQUATERRE INVASIVE MANAG	494.80	DITCH & BRUSH CONTROL	DSB
Total 240:	494.80		
270			
MAURER-STUTZ	5,721.25	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	DSB
AQUATERRE INVASIVE MANAG	1,449.20	DITCH & BRUSH CONTROL	DSB
TRIMBLE PLUMBING SEPTIC P	190.00	PORTABLE TOILET RENTAL	DSB
Total 270:	7,360.45		
290			
FARMER CITY BMX	2,000.00	BMX Funding	DSB

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
Total 290:	2,000.00		
490			
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	12,823.73	MONTHLY SERVICES	DSB
Total 490:	12,823.73		
510			
CENTRAL ILLINOIS AG	72.95	VEHICLE PARTS	DSB
ITRON INC	1,011.26	METER SERVICES 2025-26	DSB
T-MOBILE	33.82	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
U.S. BANK	1.77	U.S. BANK	DSB
FRONTIER	105.57	WATER PHONE	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	37.84	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
ILLINOIS RURAL WATER ASSO	577.50	ANNUAL DUES IRWA	DSB
U.S. BANK	40.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	1,374.25	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	238.15	WATER CHEM SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	48.82	WATER SUPPLIES	DSB
WATER PRODUCTS CO.	198.72	WATERMAIN REPAIR PARTS	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	24.30	WATER SUPPLIES	DSB
EVERGREEN FS INC	107.14	WATER FUEL	DSB
CORE & MAIN LP	3,000.00	METERS	DSB
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHIC	237.50	BOND FEES 6-1-25	DSB
U.S. BANK	24.83	U.S. BANK	DSB
Total 510:	7,134.42		
520			
CENTRAL ILLINOIS AG	280.43	SEWER EQUIP MAINT	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	18.99	SEWER VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	12.98	SEWER REPAIR PARTS	DSB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES	95.00	SIERRA TRACKER REPAIR	DSB
HACH COMPANY	941.00	SEWER INSTRUMENT SVC	DSB
ITRON INC	1,011.26	METER SERVICES 2025-26	DSB
IEPA DIVISION OF WATER POLL	3,500.75	ANNUAL NPDES FEE 2025	DSB
T-MOBILE	33.83	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES INC.	2,160.00	SEWER SERVICES	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	80.82	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	7,781.30	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWAR	65.99	SEWER PARTS	DSB
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	10,986.40	SEWER CHEMICALS	DSB
HEARTLAND AG INC	52.50	SEWER SUPPLIES	DSB
EVERGREEN FS INC	80.80	SEWER FUEL	DSB
G.A. RICH & SONS	6,014.00	SEWER REPAIR AERATION UNITS	DSB
G.A. RICH & SONS	1,879.00	SEWER REPAIRS- AERATION MOTOR	DSB
G.A. RICH & SONS	2,725.84	SEWER REPAIRS- MOTORS	DSB
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHIC	239.25	BOND FEES 6-1-25	DSB
U.S. BANK	24.83	U.S. BANK	DSB
Total 520:	37,984.97		
530			
ALTORFER INC.	1,710.00	MAINT SERVICE LEVEL 1	DSB
BIRKEY'S	762.57	BACKHOE REPAIRS	DSB
BHMG ENGINEERS	38.29	EPA ANNUAL REPORTING	DSB
ITRON INC	1,011.26	METER SERVICES 2025-26	DSB



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Deal # 533703
 Gary Longfellow
 Contact Sales: (888) 227 - 7062
 contactus@champaignfordcity.net

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City Of Farmer City
 1 MAIN ST, FARMER CITY, IL 61842

Cash

\$0.00
 Customer Cash **\$70,298.96**

Payment Detail

Selling Price	\$69,522.96
Discount	\$6,252.04
Fees	\$776.00
Unpaid Cash Balance	\$70,298.96

Adam Turpen
 X *Adam Turpen* 4/21/25
 Customer Signature & Date

X
 Levi Miller | Manager Signature & Date

Payments offered here are all subject to final credit approval from the lending institution. Vehicle Price does not include accessories and is before Taxes and/or applicable fees. Leases in some cases require additional cash for Security Deposit, and at Lease's End, Lessee is responsible for \$0.25 per Mile over 15000 Miles per year and a Disposition Fee of \$495.00. Wear and tear guidelines apply. All prices, specifications, and availability subject to change without notice.

AGREEMENT FOR DEED IN LIEU OF DEMOLITION

This Agreement For Deed In Lieu Of Demolition (“Agreement”) is entered into effective the _____ day of _____, 2025 by and between CITY OF FARMER CITY, DeWitt County, Illinois, an Illinois Municipal Corporation (“CITY”), and SANDRA JANE PETTENDER (“OWNER”).

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, OWNER is the sole owner of real estate commonly known as 135 W. CLINTON AVENUE, FARMER CITY, IL 61842 and legally described as:

Beginning at a point 84 ½ feet East of a stone in the Southeast corner of Lot 24 in the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 28, in Township 21 North, Range 5 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, thence 97 ½ feet East to a stone, thence North 393 feet, to the South line of Clinton Avenue, in the City of Farmer City, Illinois, thence South 60 degrees West on the South line of Clinton Avenue aforesaid, to a point due North of said place of beginning, thence South to said place of beginning, subject to all zoning ordinances, easements, and restrictions of record situated in DeWitt County, Illinois,

EXCEPT:

A parcel of land being part of Lot 27 in William McKinley’s Subdivision of part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 21 North, Range 5 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian in DeWitt County, Illinois described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South line of said Lot 27 being 84.5 feet East of the Southeast corner of Lot 24 in said William McKinley’s Subdivision; thence East 97.5 feet; thence North 393 feet; thence Southwesterly along the South line of Clinton Avenue to a point due North of said place of beginning; thence South to the place of beginning.

The said parcel is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly right of way line of Clinton Avenue (F.A. Route 71) being the intersection with the East line of the above described property; thence South for 2.17 feet along said East line; thence deflect 62 degrees 10 minutes 57 seconds to the right, Southwesterly for 111.58 feet along a line lying 25 feet Southeasterly of and parallel with the centerline of Clinton Avenue (F.A. Route 71); thence deflect 117 degrees 08 minutes 21 seconds to the right, North, for 1.37 feet along the West line of the above described property; thence deflect 62 degrees 30 minutes 13 seconds to the right, Northeasterly, for 111.96 feet along the Southeasterly right of way line of Clinton Avenue to the place of beginning, situated in DeWitt County, Illinois.

PIN No: 05-28-377-008

Commonly known as: 135 Clinton Ave., Farmer City, IL 61842 (“Real Estate”), and

WHEREAS, the improvements on the Real Estate are in serious disrepair and CITY intends to file a Complaint in the Circuit Court seeking a declaration of abandonment and demolition; and

WHEREAS, OWNER desires to resolve the litigation by deeding the Real Estate to CITY; and

WHEREAS, OWNER represents and warrants to CITY that it has no existing contracts for sale of the Real Estate; no existing “rent to own” contracts for the Real Estate and no existing unexpired leases and no tenants for the Real Estate; and no similar type contracts or arrangements;

WHEREAS, OWNER has been encouraged to seek legal counsel and OWNER is taking this action as their free and voluntary act and they were not acting under any duress, undue influence misapprehension or misrepresentation; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned acknowledge that a transfer of the property to CITY is of direct and substantial benefit to the undersigned, and constitute fair and adequate consideration for the undersigned’s entry into this transaction. CITY acknowledges that transfer of the property to it including all rights of equitable and statutory redemption, without the necessity of litigation, is of direct and substantial benefit to it, and is fair and adequate consideration for CITY’s entry into this transaction.

THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of TEN AND 00/100 Dollars, and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Acknowledgment of Truth of Recitals.** CITY and OWNER hereby agree that the recitals contained above are true and a contractual part of this Agreement and are incorporated by reference.
2. **Deed.** OWNER shall execute and deliver, and CITY is willing to accept a Deed (in the form of a Warranty Deed) from OWNER for the Real Estate and as a transfer absolute and not merely as collateral. OWNER grant CITY authority to market and sell the subject property retaining unto OWNER no right to approve or review the terms of sale. CITY’s sales decisions shall not be subject to review and the undersigned shall make no claims for inadequate sales prices or unreasonable sales expenses. It is agreed that OWNER shall have no right to share in any proceeds from the eventual sale or disposition of the subject real estate or any personal property on or in said real estate, regardless of eventual sales price.
3. **Transfer of Personal Property.** Without the necessity of additional documentation, OWNER shall transfer to CITY (through its nominee) any and all rights it may have to any and all personal property located on the Property (“Personal Property”). Included in Personal Property (which OWNER shall tender to CITY through its nominee) are all existing appliances, furnaces, air conditioner units, plans, permits,

drawings, surveys, schematics, plats, keys, access codes, information concerning utilities, leases, etc. If they exist as of the time of recording of the Quit Claim Deed, all deposits, earnest money, rents or other monies shall be turned over to CITY (through its nominee). After recording of the Deed, CITY shall be entitled to all deposits, earnest money, rents or other monies paid, regardless of the time period said monies may represent and OWNER shall immediately remit to CITY any monies of such nature that OWNER may receive in the future. Any future receipts from the property shall be applied to the debt.

4. **Vacation of Property.** Upon recording the Deed, OWNER shall vacate the Real Estate and shall surrender all Personal Property, leaving the Real Estate and all Personal Property in the same condition as when CITY inspected the property. Prior to CITY recording the deed and taking possession, OWNER shall not permit the Real Estate or Personal Property to be further damaged in any way. OWNER shall cooperate with CITY or its nominee with respect to the existing tenants, if any, and OWNER shall send a written notice to tenants directing them to remit all rent to CITY's nominee.
5. **Release of Liability.** Upon OWNER's payment in full of the unpaid 2024 pay in 2025 and all prior years taxes and recording of the Deed, CITY shall take no action to collect monies from OWNER with respect to said Real Estate. CITY may commence litigation in order to clear title.
6. **Leases, Damage Deposits.** OWNER shall transfer to CITY all leases and damage deposits pertaining to the above described real estate, if any. OWNER shall provide a full accounting to CITY for all damage deposits and rent and provide an updated rent roll. OWNER shall execute all appropriate assignments and notices and cooperate with CITY. OWNER shall transfer all keys, garage door openers and any appliances that may be located on the real estate.
7. **Release/Hold Harmless in favor of CITY.** OWNER agrees to hold CITY, and all of its elected officials, appointed officers, attorneys, agents, successors and assigns harmless for any and all claims OWNER may have against CITY, or any of CITY's elected officials, appointed officers, attorneys, agents, successors and assigns.

OWNER and all of their respective agents, attorneys, heirs, successors and assigns, hereby fully and forever release, acquit and discharge CITY and each and all of its elected officials, appointed officers, attorneys, agents, successors and assigns from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands of whatsoever kind or nature, including, but not limited to, tort, fraud, marshaling, equitable subordination, equitable subrogation, breach of contract, breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing or other claims, on account of any and all known and unknown injuries, losses and damages sustained by OWNER and all of their respective agents, attorneys, heirs, successors and assigns; said claims arising out of the transactions involving the undersigned, except for the obligations and provisions of this Agreement.

8. **Warranties.** OWNER warrants and represents to CITY, upon which warranties and representations CITY has relied and will continue to rely, that:
- (1) OWNER has the power, capacity, and authority to execute and deliver the required documents to CITY, and have done so freely and voluntarily, with full knowledge and without duress;
 - (2) OWNER has not transferred, by sale, assignment or otherwise, to any person, partnership, corporation or other entity, all or any portion of any right, title or interest which they may have in and to the Real Estate;
 - (3) Subject to the provisions above, all personal property owned by OWNER and used in connection with the operation of the Property and all improvements thereon, is hereby conveyed to CITY as of the date hereof, including any leases and damage deposits pertaining to the Property;
 - (4) There are no outstanding contracts for deed, land contracts or other executory agreements whatsoever for the sale or transfer of any portion(s) of the Property other than those disclosed herein;
 - (5) There are no management, service, maintenance, employment or brokerage contracts or agreements or obligations, commitments or arrangements, written or oral, with respect to the Property;
 - (6) OWNER has received no notice with respect to, and to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, there are not any violations of, past or present governmental regulations, zoning or other ordinances, statutes, codes or orders of any type formal or informal, with respect to the Real Estate which may affect the operation, development or use of the Real Estate, including without limitation all federal, state and local statutes, regulations, codes or orders regarding environmental, health and safety matters;
 - (7) No materials have been delivered to the Real Estate, and no labor has been performed upon the Real Estate for One Hundred Thirty (130) days prior to the date hereof, and no materialman or laborer or any other person has the right to place or maintain, or has placed or maintained, a lien against the Real Estate and there are no choate or inchoate liens outstanding against the Real Estate. OWNER agrees to execute any affidavits, waivers or sworn statements that may be required by CITY or by the title insurance company insuring CITY's title to the Real Estate, to evidence OWNERS' representations and warranties as contained in this subparagraph (7).
9. **Attorney's Fees.** OWNER and CITY shall be responsible for their own attorneys fees.
10. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original agreement, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile signature is effective until the original is delivered.
11. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance

with the laws of the State of Illinois.

- 12. **Entirety of Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and NO ORAL REPRESENTATION, warranty or covenant exists other than herein set forth. References to plural parties shall apply to singular parties as well. References to specific number of days shall mean calendar days.
- 13. **Time of the Essence.** The time for performance of the obligations of the parties is of the essence of this Contract.
- 14. **JURY WAIVER. EACH PARTY HERETO WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM, OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT, AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT.**

SANDRA JANE PETTENDER

State of _____)
County of _____)

I, _____ a Notary Public in and for said County and State, certify that SANDRA JANE PETTENDER, personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed and delivered this instrument as her free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Dated: _____

Notary Public

(seal)

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Details

Parcel Number
05-28-377-008

Owner
PETTENDER SANDRA JANE

Owner Address
135 CLINTON AVENUE~FARMER CITY, IL 61842

Site Address
135 CLINTON AVE~FARMER CITY, IL 61842

Acreage
0.76

Legal Description
S28 T21 R5~MCKINLEY ADD, PT LT 27; BEG 84.5 E OF SE COR LT 24, E 97.5, N 393,~SW 333.96, S 337.78 TO POB (EX PT FOR RD IN 244-292)~

Tax Code
8903

Use Code
40

Subdivision Name
SA - SECTION 28 - CITY

Township Name
SANTA-ANNA

Zoning Code
B-3

Parcel Number (Unformatted)
0528377008



Layers Parcel: 0528377008



Scale 1: 1,128 Go

ORDINANCE NO. 1142

**AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE
(135 Clinton Ave., Farmer City, IL 61842)**

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois (the “City”) has the power under and pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et seq.) to acquire any real estate, including any interest therein, for municipal purposes, by an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and the City Council (the “Corporate Authorities”) of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City have determined that it is advantageous and desirable for municipal purposes and the public welfare of its residents for the City to acquire certain real estate in order to promote and protect the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to and there is now before the meeting of the Corporate Authorities at which this Ordinance is adopted the form of a certain Agreement for Deed In Lieu of Demolition (the “Contract”) by and between SANDRA JANE PETTENGER, as Seller (the “Seller”), and the City, as Buyer, whereby the Seller agrees to sell and the City agrees to purchase the real estate commonly known as 135 Clinton Ave., Farmer City, IL 61842, together with related improvements and appurtenances located thereon (as more particularly described in the Contract, the “Premises”), for the purchase price of \$10.00.

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

Section 1. That the acquisition of the Premises by the City from the Seller for the purposes as set forth in the preambles and recitals of this Ordinance and under such terms and conditions as set forth in the Contract be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. That for and on behalf of the City, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Contract, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same, if necessary, with such insertions, changes or revisions in the form of such Contract as may be approved by such City Manager, such execution or acceptance thereof, as the case may be, to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval of any and all such changes or revisions therein from the form of the Contract as authorized and approved by this Ordinance.

Section 3. That all actions of the officers, employees and agents of the City heretofore taken in connection with the Contract and the acquisition of the Premises are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 4. That from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the proper officers, employees and agents of the City are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to prepare, execute, deliver, acknowledge and file all such supplemental deeds, documents, agreements, leases, certificates, forms, receipts and other instruments as may be necessary

to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance and the consummation of the conveyance of the Premises to the City in accordance with the respective terms, conditions and undertakings of the Contract.

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

Voting "aye" (names): _____
Voting "nay" (names): _____
Abstained (names): _____
Absent (names): _____

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Scott Testory, Mayor

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

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

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 _____, 2025, insofar as same relates to the adoption of Ordinance No. _____, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE
(135 Clinton Ave., Farmer City, IL 61842)

a true, correct and complete copy of which ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) as adopted at such meeting appears in the proceedings of the minutes of such meeting and is hereto attached. The Ordinance 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 Ordinance were taken openly, that the vote on the adoption of such Ordinance 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 Ordinance.

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

(SEAL)

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

June 6, 2025

City of Farmer City

To Honorable Council Members,

I'm writing on behalf of the Farmer City Haunted Forest. We are requesting to use South Park, including the campgrounds, for the Farmer City Haunted Forest event. We are requesting the use of the park for five weekends. October 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 24 & 25, and 31st and November 1st. The days and times for each weekend are listed below. Set up for the event would need to begin September 1st. The trail would not be obstructed during the set up and campsites will still be available. Clean up would be completed no later than November 16th, weather permitting. We are requesting a walk through with a Haunted Forest committee member and a council member upon the completion of the clean up in order to assure that both the city and the committee are satisfied with the clean up.

As in the past, the campgrounds and other areas of South Park will be decorated in Halloween themes. The Farmer City Haunted Forest event will offer a walk through only event the first and last weekends and the traditional hayrack ride through the haunted forest the following three weekends. Food vendors will be on site during the event. A Kids Matinee will be hosted on Saturday, October 11th and 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with barrel train rides, face painting, and kids games/activities.

Hours:

2025 Hours:

Friday, October 3rd 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – walk through only event

Saturday, October 4th 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – walk through only event

Friday, October 10th and 17th 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m.- hayrack ride only event

Saturday, October 11th and 18th 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. hayrack ride only event (matinee from 3-7)

Friday, October 24th 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - hayrack ride only event

Saturday, October 25th 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - hayrack ride only event
(concession stand only)

Friday, October 31st - 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – walk through only event

Saturday, November 1st - 7:00p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – walk through only event

Safety Plan:

Walkers:

*A volunteer will lead each walking group through the forest. A volunteer will be at the end of the walking group line throughout the walk.

*We will limit the number going through in each group at one time.

Walker and Riders:

*A safety brief of rules will take place with each group before going through the forest.

*Monitors will be placed within the forest to ensure that all event goers are abiding by the safety rules.

**Our current safety plan is being evaluated and may change due to some changes in the layout and design of the forest this year.

Our insurance will cover a hayrack option and a walk through option. We can provide a certificate of insurance upon request.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Farmer City Haunted Forest Committee

Angela Testory

fchauntedforest@gmail.com

217-714-3669

Farmer City Public Library

P.O. Box 201
Farmer City, Illinois 61842

(309) 928-9532
Fax (309) 928-2540

Member Alliance Library System

221 Brookview Drive
Farmer City, IL 61842
June 10, 2025

Scott Testory, Mayor
City of Farmer City
Farmer City, IL

Dear Mr. Mayor,

The trustees of the Farmer City Public Library are recommending the following persons to be appointed to the board of trustees for three year terms:

Kelly Buchanan Ford
Janis Maxwell
Pat Munsell

The terms of these members will be effective as of June 15, 2025 and expire in 2028.

Please appoint Angie Testory as our newest board member replacing David Harris who resigned from the board.

Sincerely,


Patricia Munsell

President, Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 2025-127

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE FARMER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

WHEREAS, the city of Farmer City has established a public library under the Illinois Local Library Act;

WHEREAS, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a library board of nine trustees all of whom shall be city residents, for three-year terms on or before July 1 of each year to replace the retiring trustees; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois:

FIRST: that the mayor has appointed three persons Pat Munsell, Janis Maxwell and Kelly Buchanan-Ford provided by 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/4-1.1, subject to the approval of the city council, to three-year terms beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, and

SECOND: that the city confirms the appointment of Pat Munsell, Janis Maxwell and Kelly Buchanan-Ford serve as trustees of the Farmer City Public Library Board to serve three-year terms beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2025

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

ATTESTED:

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-128

RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF ANGIE TESTORY TO THE FARMER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD (REPLACING DAVID HARRIS)

WHEREAS, the city of Farmer City has established a public library under the Illinois Local Library Act;

WHEREAS, the mayor, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint a library board of nine trustees all of whom shall be city residents, for three-year terms on or before July 1 of each year to replace the retiring trustees; and

WHEREAS, existing board member David Harris is resigning from the board, which creates a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is recommending Angie Testory to fill that seat until June 30, 2027 when the term has expired;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois:

FIRST: that the mayor has appointed Angie Testory provided by 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/4-1.1, subject to the approval of the city council, to the remainder of David Harris's three-year term beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, and

SECOND: that the city confirms the appointment of Angie Testory to serve as trustee of the Farmer City Public Library Board for the remainder of David Harris's three-year term beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS THIS 7th day of JULY 2025.

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

ATTESTED:

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk



Farmer City Fair Association

PO Box 17

Farmer City Illinois 61842

City of Farmer City,

The City of Farmer City has been a long-time supporter of the fireworks display contributing approximately one-half of the cost of the community display. The Fair Association is requesting a contribution of \$4000-\$4500 for the 2025 display. The costs have now approached nearly \$9000.

Thank you for your consideration of support for a long-standing community tradition. Without the support of the City of Farmer City, this tradition could not continue.

Respectfully,

Farmer City Fair Association

Please make checks payable to the Farmer City Fair Association PO Box 17 Farmer City, IL 61842

RESOLUTION 2025-129

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR
FIREWORKS**

WHEREAS, the Farmer City Raceway had regularly scheduled events for the evening of Friday, July 4, 2025 which includes fireworks; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the City of Farmer City were guests to the Farmer City Raceway after dark; 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 approves the partial reimbursement for fireworks costs up to \$_____ from Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Approved Budget

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, COUNTY OF DEWITT, ILLINOIS THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2025

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

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk



Monday, June 30th, 2025

To the Members of the Farmer City Council,

As you know, the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce has proudly sponsored the Christmas Parade for many, many years. Thousands of people line up on Main Street from the fairgrounds to downtown to view the parade. The parade has grown to over 125 entries each year. With increased participation there are increased expenses.

Last year the Chamber of Commerce issued checks to parade participants in an amount nearing \$5000. Included in this list would be several high school marching bands, Tin Lizzie's, Shriners Club, and the ANSAR ATV's.

We would like to request assistance from the City of Farmer City to defray the cost of the parade. The amount of the funding request is \$1000. We would be grateful for any amount available to help support the Christmas Parade. We feel that the parade is a great way to get people to Farmer City for the afternoon.

Thank you for your consideration. Please advise me of your decision at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

April Trenkle
President

Farmer City Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION 2025-130

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE MUNICIPAL HOTEL-MOTEL TAX PROCEEDS FOR TOURISM GRANT

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 nonresidents, overnight visitors to the City” and

WHEREAS; the Farmer City Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a Christmas parade through Main Street for many years to promote the Christmas season and the sparkle in the eyes for young and old;

The City will donate ____ to the annual Farmer City Christmas parade to help defray the costs of the city sponsored event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by city council of the City Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois that:

FIRST: The City of Farmer City to award a grant of \$_____ from the proceeds of the municipal hotel-motel account to help defray the costs involved for this event

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS THIS 7th DAY OF JULY 2025

AYES: _____ NAY: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

City of Farmer City Manager

From: Jacalyn Meisner <jmeisner@blueridge18.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:17 PM
To: City of Farmer City Manager
Subject: Blue Ridge FFA

Hello!

I am so sorry this took much longer than I expected to get to you. I've been all over Illinois it seems since we last spoke.

Blue Ridge FFA had a lot to celebrate at the 97th State FFA Convention, I attached the press release below to the full recognitions.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WkCuqyzoD5z4UqFpZiQWMz7ttwRYw-7v/edit?usp=drivesdk&oid=101055491624782024949&rtpof=true&sd=true>

There are 2 major highlights however that we want to showcase with signs coming into Farmer City are:

This year the Blue Ridge FFA Chapter was named the 2025 Illinois FFA Premier Chapter out of the 389 FFA Chapters in the state. This is based on the chapter's commitment to Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Career Success. Our FFA members create and provide opportunities for our members grow and find ways to fill needs within the community. This is a huge honor and was a surprise to us as we didn't win any of the individual areas that make up the award, however our total score was large enough to take the top honors. The equivalent to this recognition would be winning the state football game where teams are not divided by IHSA classes. Our Facebook page has the video posted of us being announced and was shared on WAND News as a convention highlight.

The second major honor is one of our own - Kaydance Wooton- was selected to serve IL FFA as the 2025-2026 State FFA Treasurer. She is our 4th member (and first girl!) to be named to a State Office in the history of our chapter. To gain this recognition Kaydance had to go through a selection committee where she had to complete a 75 question test in 30 min about IL FFA and Ag Education, create and memorize and present a 7 minute speech, complete a writing prompt, and go through 4 different rooms: interview, impromptu, facilitation, and group activity. Each of these components were scored and the top 10 were selected to go on to elections at the Convention. During the convention Kaydance gave speeches for each office and was elected in as Treasurer from the over 500 delegates. She will defer her freshman year of college to work out of the IL FFA Center in Springfield, IL and travel across IL (and even the United States) serving the over 42,000 IL FFA members.

Below I attached a news article about the new state officer team. Kaydance is part of the first ever IL six member team.

<https://www.agrinews-pubs.com/features/2025/06/15/election-of-six-member-team-makes-history-at-ffa-convention/>

Let me know if there's any other info I can help provide! Thank you!