

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
105 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY AUGUST 4, 2025
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Pledge of allegiance to the flag
- Proclamations/presentations/recognitions - GFL representative to address council
- 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 21, 2025 council minutes
- Fund Warrant List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. Resolution 2025-132 Heritage Days donation of \$_____ from the Hotel/Motel account and monies towards electrical usage.
- B. Approve or deny entering into another lease agreement for Stensel Ponds.

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 21, 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 Rachel Cox was in attendance to discuss nuisance yards. She has spent years cultivating her yard that contains a variety of plants that may be considered nuisance. She is asking council to look at the city's current ordinance #533, dated 4/20/1987 in section 91.30 as the wording is too broad and vague. She suggests they look at Illinois HB4839 and use the term noxious plants over weeds.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the July 7, 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 regarding Stensel ponds
The current contract between the City of Farmer City and the Fairgrounds expires on August 3 after 10 years. Council is being asked if they want to renew an agreement with the Fairgrounds or let it go. Council has requested some hard numbers on what it cost to maintain; i.e. staff, equipment, insurance costs. Council will revisit this issue at the next meeting.
- B. Resolution 2025-131 A Resolution of City of Farmer City adopting the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan
DeWitt County needs Farmer City to adopt this resolution in order to apply for funding in the event of an emergency.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2025-131 A Resolution of City of Farmer City adopting the 2024 DeWitt County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- C. Resolution 2025-132 Heritage Days donation of \$15,000 from the Hotel/Motel account.
Chris Risler spoke on behalf of Heritage Days. They are asking council to donate \$15,000 and electrical costs incurred by the Fairgrounds for the 2026 Heritage Days festival. This is an increase from previous years as Heritage Days has expanded the event. Council has asked for more concrete numbers from the HD committee and has opted to table the discussion until the next council meeting.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve Resolution 2025-132 Heritage Days

donation of \$15,000 from the Hotel/Motel account. No action taken.

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Bozarth, to table Resolution 2025-132 Heritage Days donation of \$15,000 from the Hotel/Motel account. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- D. Approval of the bid for the Washington Street sewer lining project to Visu-Sewer of Missouri LLC for \$88,015.00.

VisuSewer comes with a good reputation from the engineers.

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the bid for the Washington Street sewer lining project to Visu-Sewer of Missouri LLC for \$88,015.00. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- 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.

This item is a statement of no interest and was discussed at the last meeting. The solar people have reached out stating they were willing to pare down the project to less acreage but council is still not interested.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Baxter informed council that the city is also moving forward on the other Washington St project; the watermain replacement. He has talked to a marketing firm and will be putting something together to bring to council. Also, there have been talks regarding a new employee health provider as the current insurance expires on December 31, 2025.

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			
BUGOUT	70.04	CITY HALL SERVICES	DSB
WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC	302.46	MONTHLY COPIER FEES	DSB
U.S. BANK	22.80	U.S. BANK	DSB
COOPER, BILLIE	300.00	MONTHLY SERVICES	DSB
U.S. BANK	18.60	U.S. BANK	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	211.80	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
ILLINOIS TAX INCREMENT ASS	550.00	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	DSB
U.S. BANK	325.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	491.96	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	34.99	CITY HALL SUPPLIES	DSB
HINCKLEY SPRINGS	100.45	MONTHLY WATER	DSB
U.S. BANK	26.02-	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	1,300.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES	86.60	POLICE VEHICLE OIL CHANGE	DSB
U.S. BANK	22.80	U.S. BANK	DSB
DEWITT COUNTY CENCOM	37,415.81	911 SERVICE- JAN TO JUNE 25	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	185.80	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
LEXIPOL LLC	4,112.25	ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL & DAILY TRAINI	DSB
U.S. BANK	40.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	202.92	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	114.34	U.S. BANK	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	4.82	POLICE VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	228.55	U.S. BANK	DSB
WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST	33.00	STREETS TIRE REPAIR	DSB
WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST	75.50	STREETS TIRE REPAIR	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	51.19	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES	190.00	STREET VEHICLE ADD ON	DSB
U.S. BANK	32.80	U.S. BANK	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	83.33	PHONE & INTERNET STREETS	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	290.87	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
CENTRAL ILLINOIS AG	104.18	STREETS SUPPLIES	DSB
CENTRAL ILLINOIS AG	63.44	STREETS VEHICLE PARTS	DSB
U.S. BANK	64.99	U.S. BANK	DSB
PROGRESSIVE CHEMICAL & LI	986.67	SIGNS & POSTS	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	14.68	PARKS- EQUIP MAINT	DSB
U.S. BANK	53.60	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	10.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	673.74	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN	57.03	PARKS SUPPLIES	DSB
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWAR	21.27	PARKS SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	111.80	U.S. BANK	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	38.31	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	1,083.01	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	45.98	POOL SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	41.25	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	5.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	13,110.57	POOL CHEMICALS	DSB
SPEAR CORPORATION	2,415.57	POOL CHEMICALS	DSB
U.S. BANK	96.25	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	23.50	U.S. BANK	DSB
Total 100:	65,893.50		
120			
CITY OF FARMER CITY	33.33	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
Total 120:	33.33		
270			
BETTINGER, DANA	1,266.67	REPLACE SIDEWALK	DSB
DEWITT COUNTY RECORDER	62.00	PROPERTY PURCHASE	DSB
Total 270:	1,328.67		
490			
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	12,823.73	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
Total 490:	12,823.73		
510			
U.S. BANK	5.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	38.31	MONHTLY SERVICE	DSB
U.S. BANK	44.10	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	1,048.03	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	3,137.22	WATER CHEM SUPPLIES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	28.16	WATER SUPPLIES	DSB
CORE & MAIN LP	497.10	WATER REPAIRS	DSB
MAURER-STUTZ	9,368.75	WASHINGTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT	DSB
Total 510:	14,166.67		
520			
U.S. BANK	5.00	U.S. BANK	DSB
DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES INC.	720.00	CONTRACT OPERATIONS	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	81.82	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	6,517.71	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	23.58	SEWER SUPPLIES	DSB
YEAGLE ELECTRIC INC	261.20	SEWER REPAIRS	DSB
MAURER-STUTZ	1,622.50	WASHINGTON STREET SEWER LINING	DSB
DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES INC.	5,780.60	WWTP- IEPA SRF FACILITY PLAN	DSB
Total 520:	15,012.41		
530			
GRAINGER	241.51	ELECTRIC REPAIR SUPPLIES	DSB
GRAINGER	265.63	ELECTRIC REPAIR SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	29.41	U.S. BANK	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	14.28	ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	223.07	ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	23.56	ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	46.31	ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	29.43	ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
NAPA AUTO PARTS	25.47	ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	160.16	U.S. BANK	DSB
U.S. BANK	106.07	U.S. BANK	DSB
ILLINOIS EPA- FISCAL SERVICE	6,993.00	ANNUAL AIR POLLUTION PERMIT- ELECTRIC	DSB
VIPOWER SERVICES	2,429.84	ELECTRIC SERVICES	DSB
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	738.02	MONTHLY BILLS	DSB
U.S. BANK	12.38	U.S. BANK	DSB
PAVLOV MEDIA	180.33	MONTHLY SERVICE	DSB
U.S. BANK	376.20	U.S. BANK	DSB
CITY OF FARMER CITY	1,904.31	MONTHLY UTILITIES	DSB
IMEA	136,656.24	ELEC GENERATION- JUNE 25	DSB

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWAR	6.97	ELECTRIC TOOLS	DSB
SAFETY-KLEEN CORPORATION	401.47	ELEC - SUPPLIES	DSB
CORNEGLIO AG	32.82	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	178.53	U.S. BANK	DSB
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWAR	14.99	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	DSB
U.S. BANK	99.98	U.S. BANK	DSB
Total 530:	151,189.98		
Grand Totals:	260,448.29		

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

2025 Budget

EXPENSES				INCOME	
Music/Main Stage	Estimated	Actual		Estimated	Actual
Friday Night				10000	10000
Saturday Night				10000	7500
Entertainment		53,500		28000	21,875
rodeo		15,000			
Overall	68,000			3000	1715
Total	68,000	68500		25000	39,850
				15000	1200
				91000	82140
Individual Events		Estimate	Actual	Estimated	Actual
				2000	5075
					1280
5K/ Fun Run	1500	0			510
Car Show	1000	1200		500	1200
Community Night	500	500			
Bags	350	0		2500	3780
Scavenger Hunt	300	300		10000	19710
Total	3650	2000		3000	4160
				1500	
				250	180
				4000	8030

onsite photographer	200	250
tito Booth	150	145
VIP ticket fees		
Ice	800	980
generator -stage/sound	1000	1200
tickets & armbands	300	300
Security	3000	
Total	25550	26937
Insurance	Estimate	Actual
General	5600	
Liability		2507
Rain Out		5829
dram & bond		2480
Total	5600	10816
Advertising	Estimate	Actual
General	1000	
	2500	3846
Total	3500	3846
Misc.	Estimate	Actual
General	900	
State liq	25	65
City Liquour	150	150
EMS		800
rental		5000
Generator Fuel		495
Fuel rented Veh.		75

Total		1075	6585
Total Expenses		113,860	123869

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.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, COUNTY OF DEWITT, ILLINOIS THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

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

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk



CITY OF FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS

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MEMO

Date: 8/4/2025
To: Mayor Testory and City Council
From: Taylor Baxter, City Manager
RE: Stensel Park Update

Mayor and Council,

Per our last conversation at the council meeting on July 21st, we discussed the financial impact of maintenance at Stensel Park. Since that discussion, I have gotten a more solid financial understanding of what it actually costs the city to maintain Stensel Park and the numbers are pretty minimal, all things considered.

The Illinois Risk Management Association, who handles our liability insurance for the city, has a breakdown of costs associated. The total cost for all Parks and Recreation property to be insured is \$1,035. The City of Farmer City has 5 parks (including Stensel Park). With that information, the cost to insure the property is roughly \$200 per year.

The amount of time spent at Stensel Park to maintain it varies depending on the weather, therefore I cannot provide an accurate figure. Generally speaking, from the months of April through October, we are there 1 to 2 times per week and typically have 2 staff members working. Taking the hourly rate of \$17/hour x 2 employees x 2 hours/week x 30 weeks (April – October) = \$2,040. This figure is strictly the labor cost. Depreciation of the equipment and gas will also be considered but that number is also very minimal.

As mentioned before, if the council decides to renew the lease, our staff will be prepared to continue to maintain the property just as we have over the previous 10 years. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Taylor Baxter
City Manager