

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
105 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026
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 for the March 2, 2026 council meeting
- Fund Warrant List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. Approve sewer manhole replacement bid to Cross Construction in the amount of \$54,999.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss the purchase or lease of property for the public body's use and the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body as permitted by the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (c)(6)

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
MARCH 2, 2026 6 p.m.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Invoice payment approval list
- B. Approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2026 council meeting.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the consent agenda. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs, Bozarth. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2026-142 A Resolution of the City of Farmer City in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.
July 4, 2026, is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Mayor Testory read a document honoring this event.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve Resolution 2026-142 A Resolution of the City of Farmer City in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs, Bozarth. Motion carried.
- B. Resolution 2026-143 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from hotel/motel account – Robert McIlvain with FC Merchants’ Organization requesting reimbursement for brochure costs. Robert McIlvain approached council to ask for funds for the printing of brochures to help market Farmer City businesses. At the last printing 2 years ago, businesses were charged \$100 per square. The city’s contribution would help lesson this amount. McIlvain has already received a printing quote of \$1400 for five thousand brochures. The city is offering to contribute \$700 towards this effort with the check being made out to UpClose Printing.
MOTION by Jacobs, seconded by McKinley, to amend Resolution 2026-143 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from hotel/motel account to reflect a dollar amount of \$700. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs, Bozarth. Motion carried.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Bozarth, to approved amended Resolution 2026-143 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from hotel/motel account – Robert McIlvain with FC Merchants’ Organization requesting reimbursement for brochure costs reflecting an amount of \$700. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs, and Bozarth. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion regarding use of South Park by the Farmer City Haunted Forest.
Rachel Cox from the FC Haunted Forest was in attendance but did not speak to council. A letter was provided which outlines the dates the organization would like to use South Park. FCHF would like to utilize the park every weekend in October with set-up beginning August 29 and tear down completed

- by November 22. Council has agreed to let the FC Haunted Forest use the park in 2026.
- D. Approval of change order increasing the electrical completion date from 12/31/2026 to 6/30/2027. Fehr Graham has presented a change order request extending the completion dates of the electrical components for the I74 project by 6 months. Fehr Graham has stated that the electrical vendors are needing more lead time to obtain critical equipment. All other work will move forward as previously stated. In the meantime, FG will also work on sourcing other vendors who may be able to provide this equipment sooner.
- MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve change order increasing the electrical completion date from 12/31/2026 to 6/30/2027. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs, and Bozarth. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of engineering services agreement between the City of Farmer City and Maurer-Stutz for sidewalk improvements.
- The city is hiring Maurer-Stutz at a cost of \$39,500 to complete the Phase I Bridge Condition Report and Preliminary Bridge Design and Hydraulic Report satisfying IDOT's requirements for the Safe Routes to School project.
- MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve engineering services agreement between the City of Farmer City and Maurer-Stutz for sidewalk improvements. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs, and Bozarth. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to enter into executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) Personnel to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline and/or performance of specific employee (s) pursuant to Section 2 (C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.

Executive Session held. Later, Council comes out of Executive Session and all are present. Meeting resumes in open session.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Willard McKinley, Chad Jacobs, and Kurtis Bozarth and Mayor Scott Testory.

- F. Resolution 2026-144 Resolution 2026-144 Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Employment Agreement with City Manager.
- Council has entered into an agreement with CM Taylor Baxter that will run for the remaining term of the mayor (ending Spring 2027). Baxter's income will increase by 4% bringing the base salary to \$112,464. Baxter will also be eligible to receive the COLA adjustment on May 1st (estimated at 4%), keeping consistent with other city employees.
- MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Jacobs, to approve Resolution 2026-144 Resolution 2026-144 Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Employment Agreement with City Manager. Voting yes: Testory, McKinley, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Baxter informed council that the sewer lining project on Washington St is paused due to concrete in the manhole. The City has bid the project out and Cross Construction has won the bid. Approval for this will be brought to council at the April meeting. CM Baxter is in negotiations with the FOP about the new police collective bargaining agreement. A draft budget is coming to council members soon. And he has been approached regarding new housing opportunities and hopes to have more on this at a later date.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

| Vendor Name | Net Invoice Amount | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 100 | | |
| BUGOUT | 73.04 | CITY HALL SERVICES |
| WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC | 314.46 | MONTHLY COPIER FEES |
| COOPER, BILLIE | 290.00 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| T-MOBILE | 46.25 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| CLEARGOV INC | 5,250.00 | INITIAL SET-UP & USE |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 211.80 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 598.15 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| NICOR GAS | 133.41 | MONTHLY GAS |
| NICOR GAS | 264.89 | MONTHLY GAS |
| MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC. | 1,037.50 | MONTHLY IT SERVICES |
| U.S. BANK | 18.85 | U.S. BANK |
| U.S. BANK | 141.25 | U.S. BANK |
| BUGOUT | 75.00 | GUN RANGE SERVICE |
| COOPER, BILLIE | 30.00 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| DEWITT COUNTY CENCOM | 22,315.25 | 911 SERVICE JULY TO DEC 2025 |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 185.80 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| U.S. BANK | 552.82 | U.S. BANK |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 527.79 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| U.S. BANK | 49.87 | U.S. BANK |
| RAY O'HERRON | 1,533.07 | BALLISTIC VEST, JACKET AND ID |
| EVERGREEN FS INC | 1,719.85 | POLICE FUEL |
| T-MOBILE | 46.26 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 83.33 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| U.S. BANK | 252.00 | U.S. BANK |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 442.65 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN | 80.48 | STREETS- SUPPLIES |
| PROGRESSIVE CHEMICAL & LIGHTING INC. | 104.50 | PARKING SIGN |
| EVERGREEN FS INC | 75.45 | STREETS FUEL |
| CENTRAL ILLINOIS AG | 82.94 | PARKS REPAIR SUPPLIES |
| LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE | 55.98 | PARKS SUPPLIES |
| T-MOBILE | 46.26 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 707.01 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| U.S. BANK | 23.60 | U.S. BANK |
| EVERGREEN FS INC | 86.55 | PARKS FUEL |
| EVERGREEN FS INC | 186.41 | WATER FUEL |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 38.31 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 99.77 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| Total 100: | 37,780.55 | |
| 120 | | |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 145.01 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| Total 120: | 145.01 | |
| 150 | | |
| MAURER-STUTZ | 1,060.45 | PLUM ST IMPROVEMENTS |
| MAURER-STUTZ | 2,004.53 | PLUM ST IMPROVEMENTS |
| Total 150: | 3,064.98 | |
| 510 | | |
| T-MOBILE | 46.26 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 38.31 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 2,733.73 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| CORNEGLIO AG | 37.48 | WATER SUPPLIES |
| MAURER-STUTZ | 420.00 | WASHINGTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT |

| Vendor Name | Net Invoice Amount | Description |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| YEAGLE ELECTRIC INC | 117.50 | LUCK WELL SERVICE |
| LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY | 27,464.00 | LUCK WELL REPAIRS |
| Total 510: | 30,857.28 | |
| 520 | | |
| GASVODA & ASSOCIATES | 2,708.80 | CENTER ST LIFT STATION SERVICE |
| T-MOBILE | 46.26 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES INC. | 2,220.00 | SERVICE AGREEMENT |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 81.82 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 9,847.65 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS | 4.99 | SEWER SUPPLIES |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS | 199.00 | SEWER SUPPLIES |
| USA BLUEBOOK | 595.98 | SEWER SUPPLIES |
| EVERGREEN FS INC | 110.96 | SEWER FUEL |
| G.A. RICH & SONS | 2,827.00 | SEWER REPAIRS |
| MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN | 119.38 | SEWER EQUIPMENT |
| MAURER-STUTZ | 1,506.25 | WASHINGTON STREET SEWER LINING |
| DONOHUE & ASSOCIATES INC. | 3,680.00 | SEWER PROJECT |
| PROGRESSIVE CHEMICAL & LIGHTING INC. | 412.25 | SEWER MAINT SUPPLIES |
| Total 520: | 24,360.34 | |
| 530 | | |
| JM TEST SYSTEMS LLC | 2,450.00 | TRUCK TESTING |
| U.S. BANK | 337.83 | U.S. BANK |
| ALTORFER INC. | 3,013.00 | MAINT SERVICE LEVEL 2 |
| ALTORFER INC. | 3,013.00 | MAINT SERVICE LEVEL 2 |
| U.S. BANK | 73.27 | U.S. BANK |
| T-MOBILE | 46.26 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| U.S. BANK | 23.74 | U.S. BANK |
| PAVLOV MEDIA | 180.33 | MONTHLY SERVICE |
| ASSN OF ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | 1,400.00 | TRAINING- ELECTRIC |
| U.S. BANK | 724.40 | U.S. BANK |
| U.S. BANK | 192.48 | U.S. BANK |
| CITY OF FARMER CITY | 2,562.72 | MONTHLY UTILITIES |
| NICOR GAS | 608.03 | MONTHLY GAS |
| NICOR GAS | 1,898.68 | MONTHLY GAS |
| NICOR GAS | 566.80 | MONTHLY GAS |
| U.S. BANK | 193.72 | U.S. BANK |
| GRAINGER | 53.03 | ELECTRIC SUPPLIES |
| GRAINGER | 6.18 | ELECTRIC SUPPLIES |
| CORNEGLIO AG | 74.31 | ELECTRIC SUPPLIES |
| ANIXTER INC | 1,020.00 | ELECTRIC SUPPLIES |
| ANIXTER INC | 128.00 | CREDIT ON SUPPLIES |
| EVERGREEN FS INC | 39.95 | ELECTRIC FUEL |
| Total 530: | 18,349.73 | |
| Grand Totals: | 114,557.89 | |

City of Farmer City, Illinois

Washington Street Sewer Manhole Replacement Project

Bid Opening: Friday, February 27, 2026; 10:00 am at City Hall

Bid Tab

| Item | Opperman Construction Co. | Hoerr Construction, Inc. | Cross Construction, Inc. | G.A. Rich and Sons |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bid Bond (10%) | X | X | X | X |
| Signed Agreement | X | X | X | X |
| Bid Price (As Read) | \$93,205.00 | \$85,450.00 | \$54,999.00 | \$61,000.00 |

NOTICE OF AWARD

Dated March 3, 2026

TO: Cross Construction, Inc.

(BIDDER)

ADDRESS: 3615 N. Countryview Road
Urbana, IL 61802

Contract: City of Farmer City – Washington Street Sewer Manhole Replacement

Project: City of Farmer City – Washington Street Sewer Manhole Replacement

OWNER's Contract No. N/A

You are notified that your Bid dated February 27, 2026 for the above Contract has been considered. You are the apparent Successful Bidder and have been awarded a Contract for sanitary manhole removal and replacement, pipe removal and replacement, complete.

The Contract Price of your Contract is Fifty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$54,999.00).

You must comply with the following conditions precedent within fifteen days of the date of this Notice of Award that is by March 18, 2026.

1. Deliver to the OWNER one (1) fully executed counterparts of the Contract Documents.
2. Deliver with the executed Contract Documents 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. Certificate of Insurance meeting the requirements of the General and Supplementary Conditions listing 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)

(TITLE)

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