

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
105 S MAIN ST  
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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 May 4 and May 11, 2026 council meetings.
- Fund Warrant List

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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.

**NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration**

- A. Resolution 2026-149 Resolution authorizing execution of an employment agreement with city manager.

**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

MAY 4, 2026 6 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Councilmembers Willard McKinley, David Walsh, 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

**PRESENTATION** n/a

**PROCLAMATION** n/a

**PUBLIC COMMENT** n/a

### CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2026 and April 27, 2026 council meetings.

B. Fund Warrant List

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

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-148 Resolution for Maintenance under the IL Highway Code - \$260,000 for Washington St from Clinton Ave to Water St.

This resolution is needed to earmark MFT funds towards the project and the 2<sup>nd</sup> step needed to allow the City to go out for bid.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2026-148 Resolution for Maintenance under the IL Highway Code - \$260,000 for Washington St from Clinton Ave to Water St. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs for \$259,146.35. Includes \$16,000.00 for material purchases, \$216,285 for contract maintenance on Washington Street, and \$26,861.35 for maintenance engineering (\$12,384.25 for Preliminary Engineering, \$12,977.10 for Engineering Inspection and \$1,500.00 for Material Testing).

This document is also for the Washington St project and is a requirement of IDOT.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs for \$259,146.35. Includes \$16,000.00 for material purchases, \$216,285 for contract maintenance on Washington Street, and \$26,861.35 for maintenance engineering (\$12,384.25 for Preliminary Engineering, \$12,977.10 for Engineering Inspection and \$1,500.00 for Material Testing). Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for percentages estimated as \$26,861.35 on the Estimate of Maintenance Costs. MFT funds will be utilized to pay for the Engineering Services.

Engineering costs will be approximately 10% of overall costs.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a

Consulting Engineer with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for percentages estimated as \$26,861.35 on the Estimate of Maintenance Costs. MFT funds will be utilized to pay for the Engineering Services. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- D. Approval of \$173,810.07 payment to Mid Illinois Mechanical Inc for utility extensions and new sanitary pump station.

This is the City's first payment towards utility extensions to I74. This amount will be paid out of TIF funds. **MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to amend the dollar amount from \$173,810.07 to \$200,346.26 (\$173,810.07+\$26,536.19) to be paid to Mid Illinois Mechanical. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the amended payment of \$200,346.26 to Mid Illinois Mechanical Inc for utility extensions and new sanitary pump station. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- E. Ordinance 1157 an ordinance amending Chapter 51 Sections 51.123 Permit Fees and 51.127 Water Meters of the City of Farmer City Code of Ordinances.

This ordinance removes the current language that states the City's waterworks department would be responsible for furnishing and installing all new connections. It also states that any meters larger than 3/4 inches must be purchased by the property owner, developer or contractor.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve Ordinance 1157 an ordinance amending Chapter 51 Sections 51.123 Permit Fees and 51.127 Water Meters of the City of Farmer City Code of Ordinances. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

- F. Approval of Plum St/Rt 150 project bid to Stark Construction in the amount of \$600,065.00.

The City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$730,000 to support the proposed project. Following the bid opening process, the lowest responsive bid was submitted in the amount of \$600,065.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to approve the Plum St/Rt 150 project bid to Stark Construction in the amount of \$600,065.00. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to enter into executive session to discuss 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. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to enter into executive session to discuss 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

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

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.**

- G. Resolution 2026-147 Resolution entering into a collective bargaining agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police and the City of Farmer City.

**MOTION** by Jacobs, seconded by Walsh, to approve Resolution 2026-147 Resolution entering into a collective bargaining agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police and the City of Farmer City including

an edit to Section 13.1, section a changing 80 hours to 84 hours and section b to reflect accrual up to 84 hours. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT** CM Baxter informed council that all projects are moving forward. The manhole replacement was completed.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS** CM Baxter has advised council that Tina Harrison from the local Outreach center is asking for approximately \$5000 in funds from the City. The problem is that the center serves others outside the county, and he can't find legal justification for contributing monies. Outreach recently received \$5k from the Clark Foundation. Council would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**MAY 11, 2026 6 p.m.**

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

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Angie Wanserski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** n/a

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to enter into executive session to discuss 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. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

Executive sessions held. Later, Council comes out of Executive Session and all are present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description
<b>100</b>		
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CHAMLEY	960.00	FOIA
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CHAMLEY	400.00	WATER ORDINANCE
BUGOUT	73.04	CITY HALL SERVICES
MIDWEST MAILING & SHIPPING SYSTEMS INC.	561.00	RENTAL-FOLDER INSERTER- QTRLY
COOPER, BILLIE	300.00	MONTHLY SERVICE
T-MOBILE	47.35	MONTHLY SERVICE
CASELLE LLC	200.00	CPP- SEMI-ANNUAL MAINT & SUPPORT
CASELLE LLC	1,200.00	CONVERSION FEES- CPP
CLEARGOV INC	11,000.00	ANNUAL BUDGET RENEWAL
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.	444.01	POSTAGE
PAVLOV MEDIA	211.80	MONTHLY SERVICE
CITY OF FARMER CITY	364.88	MONTHLY UTILITIES
NICOR GAS	99.72	NICOR GAS
NICOR GAS	191.73	NICOR GAS
MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	1,037.50	MONTHLY IT SERVICE
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.92	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
PRIMO BRANDS	61.46	SUPPLIES
WILLIAMS, JENNY	225.00	ADMIN LUNCHEON 5-4-26
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CHAMLEY	1,480.00	CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES & SERVICE	119.69	DODGE DURANGO OIL CHANGE
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES & SERVICE	393.87	DURANGO- WATER PUMP REPAIRS- PARTS
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES & SERVICE	380.00	DURANGO WATER PUMP REPAIRS- LABOR
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CHAMLEY	1,060.00	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
AMUNDSEN DAVIS LLC	1,716.00	GENERAL LABOR REP
BUGOUT	75.00	GUN RANGE SERVICE
COOPER, BILLIE	30.00	MONTHLY SERVICE
HEART TECHNOLOGIES INC.	96.00	MONTHLY VPN SERVICE
HEART TECHNOLOGIES INC.	96.00	MONTHLY VPN SERVICE
VERIZON	183.33	MONTHLY TELEPHONE
FRONTIER	215.60	WATER INTERNET
PAVLOV MEDIA	185.80	MONTHLY SERVICE
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ADVISORY COM	510.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
CITY OF FARMER CITY	356.49	MONTHLY UTILITIES
FLOCK GROUP INC	6,000.00	FALCON ANNUAL SERVICE
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.92	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
BIRKEY'S	382.44	VEHICLE REPAIR
WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST	20.00	TIRE REPAIR- STREETS
T-MOBILE	47.34	MONTHLY SERVICE
CENTRAL ILLINOIS SECURITY INC.	540.00	ANNUAL ALARM SERVICE
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	300.00	STUMP GRINDING- 507 E RICHARDSON
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	150.00	STUMP GRINDING- NE CORNER- GROVE & ALLEN
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	350.00	STUMP GRINDING- 415 N PLUM ST
PAVLOV MEDIA	83.33	MONTHLY SERVICE
CITY OF FARMER CITY	335.45	MONTHLY UTILITIES
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.93	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
NAPA AUTO PARTS	3.73	FUSE
CORNEGLIO AG	25.26	STREETS SUPPLIES
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	52.98	STREETS SUPPLIES
LEROY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	11.90	STREETS SUPPLIES
KIMBALL MIDWEST	320.40	STREETS SUPPLIES
WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST	36.00	PARKS TIRE REPAIR
R.P. LUMBER COMPANY INC.	49.96	PARKS LANDSCAPING
T-MOBILE	47.34	MONTHLY SERVICE
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	900.00	STUMP GRINDING- SOUTH PARK
CITY OF FARMER CITY	477.96	MONTHLY UTILITIES
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.92	PAPER TOWEL & KLEENEX
CORNEGLIO AG	84.21	PARKS- SUPPLIES

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description
PAVLOV MEDIA	38.31	MONTHLY SERVICE
CITY OF FARMER CITY	94.29	MONTHLY UTILITIES
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.91	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
<b>Total 100:</b>	<b>35,405.77</b>	
<b>120</b>		
CITY OF FARMER CITY	134.76	MONTHLY UTILITIES
<b>Total 120:</b>	<b>134.76</b>	
<b>150</b>		
WILL JACKSON	4,600.00	TREE WORK- 804 E RICHARDSON
<b>Total 150:</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	
<b>240</b>		
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH & CHAMLEY	300.00	FORWARD TIF
<b>Total 240:</b>	<b>300.00</b>	
<b>270</b>		
MAURER-STUTZ	675.00	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
<b>Total 270:</b>	<b>675.00</b>	
<b>280</b>		
J.C. SCHULTZ ENTERPRISES INC	1,035.12	FLAGS
<b>Total 280:</b>	<b>1,035.12</b>	
<b>510</b>		
LANZ HEATING & COOLING INC	199.00	BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS
T-MOBILE	47.34	MONTHLY SERVICE
PAVLOV MEDIA	38.31	MONTHLY SERVICE
CITY OF FARMER CITY	1,568.87	MONTHLY UTILITIES
IMCO UTILITY SUPPLY CO	114.66	HYDRANT WRENCHES
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.93	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
NAPA AUTO PARTS	6.99	WATER SUPPLIES
CORNEGLIO AG	13.45	WATER SUPPLIES
MTK TECHNOLOGIES INC.	1,385.00	DESKTOP COMPUTER- WATER
MAURER-STUTZ	1,268.75	WASHINGTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY	7,500.00	WELL 9 REPAIR
LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY	19,320.00	WELL 9 REPLACEMENT
FEHR GRAHAM	499.50	UTILITY EXTENTIONS
FEHR GRAHAM	2,823.07	UTILITY EXTENTIONS
MID ILLINOIS MECHANICAL INC.	74,656.62	UTILITY EXTENTIONS- I74
<b>Total 510:</b>	<b>109,597.49</b>	
<b>520</b>		
T-MOBILE	47.34	MONTHLY SERVICE
PAVLOV MEDIA	81.82	MONTHLY SERVICE
CITY OF FARMER CITY	8,547.62	MONTHLY UTILITIES
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.93	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
USA BLUEBOOK	76.55	GGA AMPULES
CORNEGLIO AG	40.67	SEWER SUPPLIES
MAURER-STUTZ	290.00	WASHINGTON STREET SEWER LINING

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description
FEHR GRAHAM	499.50	UTILITY EXTENTIONS
FEHR GRAHAM	2,823.06	UTILITY EXTENTIONS
MID ILLINOIS MECHANICAL INC.	95,592.62	UTILITY EXTENTIONS- I74
<b>Total 520:</b>	<b>108,155.11</b>	
<b>530</b>		
NAPA AUTO PARTS	7.21	ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARTS
BHMG ENGINEERS INC.	4,589.48	ELECTRIC ENGINEERING SERVICES
T-MOBILE	47.34	MONTHLY SERVICE
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	250.00	STUMP GRINDING- 611 E DODGE
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	150.00	STUMP GRINDING- IRON RD
COUNTY TREE & LANDSCAPE INC	250.00	STUMP GRINDING- 217 E WATER ST
PAVLOV MEDIA	180.33	MONTHLY SERVICE
STEPHENS, CLAY	170.25	TRAINING REIMB
STEPHENS, CLAY	161.17	TRAINING MILEAGE- APRIL
CITY OF FARMER CITY	2,985.78	MONTHLY UTILITIES
NICOR GAS	342.42	NICOR GAS
NICOR GAS	1,210.49	NICOR GAS
NICOR GAS	297.63	NICOR GAS
GRAINGER	55.10	ELECTRIC TOOLS
BROWNSTOWN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	445.00	DISCONNECT DEVICE
MENARDS - CHAMPAIGN	414.02	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES
MIDLAND PAPER COMPANY	155.92	PAPER TOWELS & KLEENEX
CORNEGLIO AG	10.47	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES
ANIXTER INC	41.76	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES
DRAKE-SCRUGGS EQUIPMENT INC	143,620.00	BUCKET TRUCK
FEHR GRAHAM	499.50	UTILITY EXTENTIONS
FEHR GRAHAM	2,823.06	UTILITY EXTENTIONS
MID ILLINOIS MECHANICAL INC.	30,097.02	UTILITY EXTENTIONS- I74
<b>Total 530:</b>	<b>188,803.95</b>	
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>448,707.20</b>	

**RESOLUTION NO 2026-149**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH CITY MANAGER**

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City, Illinois has adopted the managerial form of government;

WHEREAS, the employment of a municipal manager is a matter pertaining to the local government and affairs of the City of Farmer City;

WHEREAS, the City of Farmer City has authority pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/5-3-7 et. seq.) to appoint a municipal manager and enter into an employment agreement for a municipal manager;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Halley Roberson to serve as Municipal Manager and entered into an Employment Agreement with her; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Farmer City to enter into said Employment Agreement with Halley Roberson.

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

FIRST: that the mayor be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Farmer City an Employment Agreement.  
A copy of said Employment Agreement, marked Exhibit A, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECOND: that the city clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the mayor on said agreement and retain in the city clerk's office a fully executed original of said agreement for public inspection.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Scott Testory, Mayor

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk