

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
105 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 July 20, 2026 council meeting
- Fund Warrant List

OLD BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. Resolution 2026-157 Farmer City Chamber of Commerce request of \$1500 for the Christmas parade.
- B. Ordinance 1159 Ordinance declaring surplus specified personal property owned by the City of Farmer City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER ITEMS

- A. City manager report
- B. Non-agenda items and other business

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the city clerk's office at (309) 928-2842, 48 hours before the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

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

MINUTES OF THE FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2026 6 p.m.

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

Also, in attendance: City Manager Halley Roberson, City Clerk Angie Wanserski and City Attorney Joe Chamley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

PRESENTATION

PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT Peter McAuliffe of 6GM addressed the council and residents regarding the proposed Santa Anna Township LLC solar farm project. He acknowledged that Farmer City has submitted a letter of opposition to DeWitt County but stated that he believes the project would provide benefits to the community. McAuliffe explained that the project has been reduced from 25 acres to 12 acres and would generate approximately 2 megawatts of electricity. Construction is expected to take three to six months. He stated that crops and additional screening would help conceal the solar field from view and that a decommissioning plan, along with bonding and other protections, is in place to ensure the site can be restored at the end of the project's life.

McAuliffe noted that previous discussions included a proposal for an annual \$12,000 contribution to Farmer City for use at the city's discretion and stated that construction hiring would be done locally when possible. He also explained that the project could serve up to 1,000 subscribers; however, because Farmer City operates its own municipal electric system, the subscription program would only be available to Ameren customers. Electricity generated by the facility would be fed into the Ameren grid under an intergovernmental agreement with Ameren.

Shelley Friedrich asked about the composition of the solar panels and whether they posed any environmental concerns. McAuliffe responded that the panels are made of silicon and are constructed with glass and steel. Fire Chief Pat Pearl asked about potential fire risks associated with the project. McAuliffe stated that the primary fire risk would be the transformer and that the solar panels themselves should not present a fire hazard.

Rick Noble expressed concerns that the proximity of the solar farm to his gun training facility would create liability issues that could potentially force his business to close.

Residents Rick Noble and Moe Winstead had initially signed up to speak in public comments but had their questions answered during Mr. McAuliffe's discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the July 6, 2026 council meeting.
- B. Fund Warrant List

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

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve payout #1 to Cross Construction Inc for the Washington St project in the amount of \$203,726.70. This payment is for the sewer manhole replacement.
MOTION by Walsh, seconded by Jacobs, to approve payout #1 to Cross Construction Inc for the Washington St project in the amount of \$203,726.70. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.
- B. Approve payout #2 to Cross Construction Inc for the Washington St project in the amount of \$78,927.30. This payment is for the water main replacement.
MOTION by Walsh, seconded by Jacobs, to approve payout #2 to Cross Construction Inc for the Washington St project in the amount of \$78,927.30. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.
- C. Resolution 2026-155 Resolution confirming appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board – Hammer, Ward, Brandt.
The appointed members will be Mary Kay Hammer, Melissa Ward and Marti Brandt.
MOTION by Walsh, seconded by Jacobs, to approve Resolution 2026-155 Resolution confirming appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Walsh, seconded by Jacobs, to enter into executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)21 Meetings to review closed session minutes, including the semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to Section 2.06 of OMA. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.

Executive session held. Later, Council comes out of executive session and Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and Bozarth are present. Meeting resumes in open session.

NEW BUSINESS cont'd

- D. Resolution 2026-156 a resolution determining whether the need for confidentiality still exists or is no longer required as to all or part of minutes of all confidential closed meetings.
MOTION by Walsh, seconded by Jacobs, to approve Resolution 2026-156 a resolution determining whether the need for confidentiality still exists or is no longer required as to all or part of minutes of all confidential closed meetings. Voting yes: Testory, Walsh, Jacobs and Bozarth. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT CM Roberson informed council that the electric department has been cleaning out the cooling towers. Also, the engines have been ran twice. The Budge Hotel sent the City \$300 to use towards the 4th of July celebration. The police department has a vehicle that is in disrepair; there is a repair estimate of \$4500, and it has 90k miles on it. The City will be selling this vehicle at auction once it is declared surplus at the next meeting. The Plum St preconstruction meeting has taken place and construction is beginning this week. Completion needs to be done by September 1. And last, the City is advertising for lifeguards for the 2027 season. They want to make sure students know they can get certified at any time of the year and be ready to begin at the start of next summer.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS Mayor Testory told council that a church in town might be willing to sell a portion of their property for development.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description
100		
ILLINOIS TAX INCREMENT ASSOCIATION	550.00	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2026
WRIGHT, JERRY AND BETTY	1,520.18	PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT
SWINDERMAN INC.	148.50	CITY COUNCIL CAMERA
SPEAR AQUATICS LLC	722.22	POOL SUPPLIES
SPEAR AQUATICS LLC	16,068.52	POOL CHEMICALS
Total 100:	19,009.42	
270		
TRIMBLE PLUMBING INC.	190.00	JUNE RENTAL
Total 270:	190.00	
490		
GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	13,018.14	MONTHLY SERVICE
Total 490:	13,018.14	
510		
SWINDERMAN INC.	1,153.65	WATER DEPT CAMERA
USA BLUEBOOK	707.95	WATER SUPPLIES
FUTURA	320.67	ENVELOPES
MAURER-STUTZ	1,812.50	WASHINGTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
CROSS CONSTRUCTION INC.	203,726.70	WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CROSS CONSTRUCTION INC.	78,927.30	WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Total 510:	286,648.77	
520		
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE SALES & SERVICE	1,559.12	SEWER VEHICLE REPAIRS- PARTS
SWINDERMAN INC.	1,857.61	SEWER DEPT CAMERAS
MAURER-STUTZ	492.50	WASHINGTON STREET SEWER LINING
MAURER-STUTZ	398.75	WASHINGTON STREET SEWER LINING
G.A. RICH & SONS	4,413.63	LIFT STATION REPAIRS
Total 520:	8,721.61	
530		
MAURER-STUTZ	1,022.50	GIS- STARTUP
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	767.69	MONTHLY BILLS
SWINDERMAN INC.	6,492.72	ELECTRIC DEPT CAMERAS
Total 530:	8,282.91	
Grand Totals:	335,870.85	

ORDINANCE 1159

**ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS SPECIFIED PERSONAL
PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF FARMER CITY**

WHEREAS, the city of Farmer City has ownership of many pieces of personal property; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the corporate authorities of the city of Farmer City, it is no longer necessary or useful, or for the best interests of the city of Farmer City to retain ownership of the personal property hereinafter described; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the city council of Farmer City as follows:

SECTION ONE: That the personal property is described as follows:

- **4 lifeguard floatation rescue tubes**
- **8 office chairs**
- **4 computer monitors**
- **8 American flags**
- **2017 Dodge Charger**
- **Christmas decorations**
- **Square drawer and stand**

now owned by the city of Farmer City is no longer useful and should be declared surplus property.

SECTION TWO: That the city manager will market the surplus equipment for sale. If the City receives no offers, the city manager will affect their disposal or scrap.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall take effect after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY,
COUNTY OF DEWITT, ILLINOIS THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST 2026

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

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk



Monday, July 27th, 2026

To the Members of the Farmer City City Council,

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 totaling nearly \$5000 to parade participants. Included in this list are many high school marching bands and organizations, Tin Lizzie's, Shriners Club, and the ANSAR ATV's.

The City of Farmer City has given a much appreciated and important annual donation. We are requesting monetary involvement again this year from the City of Farmer City to defray the cost of the parade. The amount of the funding request is \$1500 to help support the Christmas Parade. We feel that the parade is a great way to get people to Farmer City and to celebrate our wonderful town.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

Josh Hawn
President

Farmer City Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION 2026-157

**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 Farmer City Chamber of Commerce to provide a grant to help defray the costs of the Christmas parade; 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 Chamber of Commerce to help defray the costs of putting on the annual Farmer City Christmas parade.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, COUNTY OF DEWITT, ILLINOIS THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

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

Scott Testory, Mayor

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk