

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
AGENDA**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of allegiance to the flag
4. Proclamations/presentations/recognitions
5. Public Comment –

**SECTION I        CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items will be adopted on a single motion without discussion unless a council member requests separate consideration:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2020 council minutes
- B. Fund Warrant List

**SECTION II:       UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.**

**SECTION III:     NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration**

- A. RESOLUTION 2020-43 Resolution Confirming Appointment of Members of the Farmer City Public Library Board
- B. RESOLUTION 2020-44 A Resolution Initiating a Public Question for Submission to the Qualified Electors of the City of Farmer City of Whether the City of Farmer City Should be Authorized to Levy Non-Home Rule Municipal Occupation Taxes.

**SECTION IV:     EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

5 ILCS 120/2(c)5: The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

**SECTION V:       OTHER ITEMS**

1. City manager report
2. 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.

**MINUTES OF THE FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
APRIL 20, 2020 6 p.m.**

**Roll call**

Present: In person, councilmember Shelley Friedrich, Willard McKinley, Ben Burden and Mayor Scott Testory. By video conference, councilmember Scott Kelley.  
Also, in attendance: City Manager Sue McLaughlin, City Clerk Angie Wanserski, City Attorney Joe Chamley.

**Pledge of allegiance to the flag**

**Proclamations/presentations**

**Public Comment**

**Public Hearing**

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget  
Public Hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m. by a motion from McKinley.  
Seconded by Burden.  
Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m. by a motion by McKinley.  
Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried

**SECTION I:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the April 06, 2020 council meeting
- B. Fund Warrant List

**MOTION** by McKinley to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Burden.  
Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**SECTION II:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled

**SECTION III:**

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

1. Ordinance 2020-1048 An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for the City of Farmer City for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

City manager Sue McLaughlin stated that she would be making a small change in revenue seeing as the city's income is already down by 10% at the end of March. She asked employees to be mindful of overtime, do not buy unnecessary items and hold off, when possible, on approved budget items until the 2<sup>nd</sup> budget quarter to see where we stand moneywise. We will still be accomplishing things this coming fiscal year from the city's strategic goals list.

**MOTION** by McKinley to approve Ordinance 2020-1048 An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for the City of Farmer City for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

**SECTION IV:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** –

**SECTION V:**

**OTHER ITEMS**

**1. City manager report**

City manager McLaughlin stated that federal grants and loans for small businesses have run out of money. She states that another source, [www.savesmallbusiness.com](http://www.savesmallbusiness.com), is still providing help and she has put the information on Facebook. The current work schedule for city employees will stay in place until May 1<sup>st</sup> for now.

**2. Non-agenda items and other business.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by McKinley to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Burden. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	
<b>100</b>		
MIDWEST CREDIT & COLLECTI	199.98	105512
FRONTIER	22.50	ADM CALL FORWARD REMOTE
City of Farmer City	287.33	ADM
Mediacom	113.55	ADMIN SERVICES
WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC	223.95	ADM COPIER
U.S. BANK	58.86	ADM SUPPLIES
U.S. BANK	44.95	ADM SUPPLIES
SMITHAMUNDSEN	3,950.00	POL GEN LABOR REP.
City of Farmer City	31.78	POLICE
SIMPLIFIED COMPUTERS	22.50	POLICE IT
Evergreen FS Inc	2,299.99	POLICE FUEL
Walker Tire Service	31.00	TIRE REPAIR MOWERS
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	1,160.00	MOWING
City of Farmer City	477.86	STREET
CORNEGLIO AG	514.89	STREET SUPPLIES
Evergreen FS Inc	674.13	STREET FUEL
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	440.00	MOWING
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	1,320.00	SOUTH PARK
City of Farmer City	276.18	PARK
CORNEGLIO AG	28.98	PARKS
City of Farmer City	59.68	POOL
Total 100:	12,238.11	
<b>170</b>		
MAURER-STUTZ	1,970.25	I-74 W/S EXTENSION
Total 170:	1,970.25	
<b>270</b>		
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	520.00	PRAIRIE RIDGE
SARAH REYNOLDS	2,840.09	REIMBURSEMENT
Total 270:	3,360.09	
<b>510</b>		
City of Farmer City	1,883.49	WATER
CORNEGLIO AG	6.09	WATER SUPPLIES
Evergreen FS Inc	277.58	WATER FUEL
Total 510:	2,167.16	
<b>520</b>		
PDC Laboratories Inc.	54.80	SEW-CHEM SUPPLIES
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	120.00	LIFT STATION
City of Farmer City	8,191.66	SEWER
CORNEGLIO AG	81.79	SEWER SUPPLIES
Evergreen FS Inc	356.89	SEWER FUEL
Total 520:	8,805.14	
<b>530</b>		
CORNEGLIO AG	29.42	ELEC SUPPLIES
Evergreen FS Inc	356.89	ELEC FUEL
Total 530:	386.31	

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount
Grand Totals:	<u>28,927.06</u>

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**RESOLUTION 2020-43**

**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 Mary Kay Hammer, Molly Schneman and Marti Brandt provided by 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/4-1.1, subject to the approval of the city council, to three-year terms beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 30, 2023, and

SECOND: that the city confirms the appointment of Mary Kay Hammer, Molly Schneman and Marti Brandt serve as trustees of the Farmer City Public Library Board to serve three-year terms beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 30, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS THIS 4th day of MAY 2020

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Testory, Mayor

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

# Farmer City Public Library

Member Alliance Library System

P.O. Box 201  
Farmer City, Illinois 61842

(309) 928-9532  
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221 Brookview Drive

Farmer City, IL

April 22, 2020

Scott Testory, Mayor

City of Farmer City

Farmer City, IL

Dear Mr. Mayor,

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

Mary Kay Hammer

Molly Schneman

Marti Brandt

The terms of these members will be effective as of June 1, 2020 and expire in 2023,

Sincerely,



Patricia Munsell

President, Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44**

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING A PUBLIC QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY OF WHETHER THE CITY OF FARMER CITY SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL OCCUPATION TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois is authorized by section 8-11-1.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.1) and other statutory authority to submit to the qualified electors of the City the question of whether the City should be authorized to levy a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailer’s Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax at a rate of one (1%) percent for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to submit such question to the voters of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. SUBMISSION OF QUESTION.**

The question in substantially the following form shall be placed upon the ballot and submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Farmer City at the next possible election on November 3, 2020:

<i>“Shall the corporate authorities of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois, be authorized to levy a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers’ Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax each at a rate of one (1%) percent for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief?”</i>	<i>YES</i>	
	<i>NO</i>	

**SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

The City Clerk and City staff are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to place such a question on the ballot including filing a certified copy of this Resolution with the election authority of DeWitt County.



**SECTION 3. REPEALER.**

All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

This Resolution and every provision thereof shall be considered severable. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction may find and declare any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section or part of a phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section of this Resolution is void or unconstitutional, the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and provisions and parts of phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, provisions and sections not ruled void or unconstitutional shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Farmer City, Illinois, this 4th day of May, 2020.

Voting "aye" (names):

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Voting "nay" (names):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Absent (names):

\_\_\_\_\_

Abstained (names):

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Testory, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

SEAL

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

**CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION**

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 4th day of May, 2020, insofar as same relates to the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-44, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION INITIATING A PUBLIC QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMER CITY OF WHETHER THE CITY OF FARMER CITY SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL OCCUPATION TAXES**

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the City of Farmer City, Illinois, this 4th day of May, 2020.

(SEAL)

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk