

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
105 S MAIN ST  
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023  
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 –

**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 March 6, 2023 council minutes
- B. Fund Warrant List

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

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

- A. Discussion workshop with ABM to review their findings on water/sewer system.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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

MARCH 6, 2023 6pm

**Roll call** Present: Councilmembers Willard McKinley, David Walsh, Jason Strough and Shelley Friedrich. Absent: Mayor Scott Testory

Also, in attendance: City Manager Sue McLaughlin, City Clerk Angie Wanserski and City Attorney Joe Chamley.

#### **Pledge of allegiance to the flag**

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Proclamations/presentations**

**MOTION** by Walsh to appoint Willard McKinley as mayor pro tem for the March 6, 2023 council meeting. Seconded by Strough. Voting yes: Friedrich, Walsh, Strough. Voting present: McKinley. Absent: Testory. Motion carried.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2023 council meeting.
- B. Fund Warrant List

**MOTION** by Walsh to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Strough. Voting yes: Friedrich, McKinley, Strough and Walsh. Absent: Testory. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion regarding sunflowers on the square.  
The 4H Cloverbuds were in attendance asking council permission for use of an empty city lot to plant sunflowers on the square. Instead of planting seedlings, they would like to till the area to sow seeds and plant smaller flowers in between the sunflowers. Council is in full agreement.
- B. Discussion regarding Trailside Builder's request for further monies.  
Dick Zindars approached council asking for 2 more payments from December 2018 (tax year 2017) and December 2019 (tax year 2018) totaling over \$222,000. McLaughlin had informed Mr. Zindars that his signed redevelopment agreement with the city caps the payout at \$1,337,620 and he had been paid \$8,614 shy of that amount. Mr. Zindars is arguing that he received no guidance from past administrations the previous 24 years and he does not recognize the initial contract as being valid. Attorney Chamley reminded council that further payments to Mr. Zindars would violate fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers and the contract expired 2 years ago. Mr. Zindars was advised that he would be sent a letter as to the Council's decision.
- C. Approval of Mauer-Stutz' design and to solicit bids for the construction of a new street garage.

The final street garage design has been completed and the city is ready to solicit bids for construction. The completion date is being extended to January 15, 2024 in case builders run into supply chain issues.

**MOTION** by Friedrich to approve Mauer-Stutz' design and to solicit bids for the construction of a new street garage. Seconded by Strough. Voting yes: Friedrich, McKinley, Strough and Walsh. Absent: Testory. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **City Manager report**

City manager McLaughlin met with congresswoman Mary Miller regarding supply chain issues in power materials. Construction of the new parking lot and sidewalk for the Prairie Ridge playground will start in mid-March/beginning of April. A porta potty and dogs on leash sign have also been ordered for the playground. Interviews for street laborer are set for next week. The city still needs a pool manager for the season.

### **Non-agenda items and other business**

McKinley mentioned that new Parks employee Misti Melgosa is doing a fantastic job on the parks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Strough to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Friedrich. Voting yes: Friedrich, McKinley, Strough and Walsh. Absent: Testory. Motion carried.

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Angie Wanserski, City Clerk