

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
105 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 July 10, 2023 council minutes
- B. Fund Warrant List

UNFINISHED BUSINESS--Ordinances or resolutions previously tabled.

NEW BUSINESS--Ordinances and resolutions for initial consideration

- A. Approval of the extraterritorial review for Blue Iris solar farm.
- B. Discussion regarding use of South Park by Farmer City Haunted Forest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

OTHER ITEMS

1. City manager report
2. Non-agenda items and other business

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JULY 10, 2023 6 p.m.

Roll call Present: Councilmembers Shelley Friedrich, Jason Strough, David Walsh, Willard McKinley, and 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

Proclamations/presentations:

Public comment:

Public Hearing:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the June 5, 2023 council meeting.
- B. Fund Warrant List
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve consent agenda. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2023-85 appointment of David Harris to the Farmer City Public Library Board (replacing Sharon Folkerts).
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve resolution 2023-85 appointment of David Harris to the Farmer City Public Library Board (replacing Sharon Folkerts). Voting yes: Friedrich, Walsh, McKinley and Strough. Mayor Testory abstained. Motion carried.
- B. Resolution 2023-86 resolution confirming appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve resolution 2023-86 resolution confirming appointment of members of the Farmer City Public Library Board. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- C. Resolution 2023-87 resolution entering into an intergovernmental agreement between Blue Ridge School District and the City of Farmer City.
The crossing guard fund will be in the red due to the continued increase in minimum wage. The city has reached out to Blue Ridge school district for help in funding. The school has offered to fund 30% of the crossing guard pay. Council is considering whether or not to continue to fund this position in the future. Council is requesting to table this discussion until the city manager contacts the school again to see if they would be willing to absorb more cost.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Strough, to approve resolution 2023-87 resolution entering into an intergovernmental agreement between Blue Ridge School District and the City of Farmer City.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Walsh, to table the discussion to approve Resolution 2023-87 resolution entering into an intergovernmental agreement between Blue Ridge School District and the City of Farmer City. Voting yes: Walsh, McKinley, Strough, and Testory. Councilwoman Friedrich abstained. Motion carried.

- D. Approval to go out for bid on sealcoating South Park Drive.
Sealcoating at South Park will include everything except beyond the BMX area.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve going out for bid on sealcoating South Park Drive. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- E. Approval to go out to bid on the MFT maintenance program for FY24.
This year's MFT budget includes the typical yearly maintenance and the resurfacing of Crabtree Court.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve going out to bid on the MFT maintenance program for FY24. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- F. Approval on going out to bid on HMA resurfacing program for FY24.
The following streets will be receiving grinding and overlay: W Green, S William, Dodge and Ogle. The streets were chosen because they do not have water or sewer underneath.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve going out to bid on HMA resurfacing program for FY24. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- G. Discussion regarding updated nuisance ordinance to address property maintenance issues.
The police department has been executing code enforcement. Adding additional property maintenance language to the city's current code would help them enforce code on buildings in disrepair.
- H. Discussion regarding a proposed ordinance regulating dumpsters and storage devices.
The city currently does not have an ordinance to regulate the length of stay and locations of dumpsters. Staff would like to propose an ordinance that regulates these matters with dumpsters and PODS within city limits. The Council requested a better definition of dumpster be added to the ordinance.
- I. Approval of the bid for the construction of the street garage to Building Systems of Illinois for \$758,900.
Building Systems of Illinois was the winning bid for the street garage at \$758,900. They have extended the deadline to accept this bid until today. The city is still in negotiations with the Building Systems and IMLRMA trying to reduce costs. In order to preserve the bid, council will approve the initial bid and then look to approve future change orders on the project.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve the bid for the construction of the street garage to Building Systems of Illinois for \$758,900. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.
- J. Approve change order #1 to the Building Systems of Illinois street garage construction bid.
This is the 1st change order for the street garage build. The initial amount has been reduced by \$112,836. Another reduction is anticipated to come.
MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich, to approve change order #1 to the Building Systems of Illinois street garage construction bid. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by McKinley, seconded by Friedrich to enter into executive session for 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)
The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Voted unanimously. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

City Manager report

City manager McLaughlin asks residents to please be patient with tree limb pickup. We only have 3 street personnel and limited equipment. She gave a thank you to the town of Mansfield who sent help on Friday. South Park is back open and the electric is fixed. It is still a mess. The shop class at school will be rebuilding dugouts and the soccer shed. The electric department is working on replacing 2 remaining poles. McLaughlin also reminded residents that the city is under a burn ban during July and August.

Non-agenda items and other business

ADJOURNMENT

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

Angie Wanserski, City Clerk

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
100			
COOPER, BILLIE	300.00	CLEANING	MDB
FRONTIER	155.07	ADM	MDB
FRONTIER	249.10	ADM	MDB
HINCKLEY SPRINGS	13.30	ADM	MDB
MEDIACOM	162.63	ADM	MDB
SIMPLIFIED COMPUTERS	440.00	ADM	MDB
SIMPLY SENNETT	25.00	ADM	MDB
EVANS FROELICH BETH AND	227.50	COUNCIL LEGAL	MDB
AMUNDSEN DAVIS LLC	455.00	POLICE	MDB
Verizon	271.05	POLICE PHONE AND AIR CARDS	MDB
FRONTIER	412.30	POLICE PHONE	MDB
POLICE LAW INSTITUTE	380.00	ANNUAL FEE	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	2,949.46	POLICE FUEL	MDB
ABBOTT BROTHERS STRIPING,	3,320.00	RESTRIPE MAIN ST	MDB
HEIDELBERG MATERIALS	875.60	CA6 ROCK	MDB
MAURER-STUTZ	2,940.00	MAINTENANCE BUILDING RECONSTRUCTION	MDB
MAURER-STUTZ	2,896.25	BIDDING ASSISTANCE	MDB
MID-WEST TRUCKERS ASSOCI	77.00	FOLLOW UP TESTING	MDB
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	800.00	CITY CEMETERY	MDB
Illini Contractors Supply	167.40	CONCRETE TOOLS	MDB
CORNGELIO AG	156.53	MISC SUPPLIES	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	241.76	STREET FUEL	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	870.09	STREET FUEL	MDB
Central Illinois Ag	9,400.00	MOWER	MDB
MITCHELL'S TRUCKING	570.63	street	MDB
Mahomet Landscapes Inc	420.00	MULCH DUMP TRUCK	MDB
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	140.00	WEEDMAN PARK	MDB
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	720.00	SOUTH PARK	MDB
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	300.00	SOCCER FIELD	MDB
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	100.00	STENSEL PARK	MDB
LEROY TRUE VALUE	400.00	PARKS	MDB
Menards	71.05	PARKS	MDB
LEROY TRUE VALUE	51.96	PARKS	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	145.06	PARKS	MDB
SF WELDING AND REPAIR	1,700.00	HAND RAIL	MDB
FRONTIER	199.78	POOL	MDB
WARNER, KALYN	300.00	REIMBURSEMENT	MDB
Kiefer Aquatics	141.57	POOL - GUARD SUPPLIES	MDB
McKINLEY WATER	28.00	POOL	MDB
R.P. LUMBER COMPANY INC.	47.98	PARKS	MDB
HEARTLAND COCA-COLA BOTT	249.51	POOL	MDB
CLINTON YMCA	500.00	POOL FEE	MDB
CLINTON YMCA	1,478.00	MANAGEMENT PAYROLL	MDB
NATIONAL OUTDOOR FURNITU	1,864.00	POOL CHAIR	MDB
Total 100:	37,212.58		
110			
STRIGEL KNOBLOCH & COMP	27,500.00	AUDIT	MDB
Total 110:	27,500.00		
150			
MAURER-STUTZ	2,377.50	RESURFACING	MDB
Total 150:	2,377.50		

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
240			
EVANS FROEHLICH BETH AND	402.50	FOR TIF	MDB
Total 240:	402.50		
270			
CAMO'S LAWN AND LANDSCAP	390.00	DETENTION BASIN	MDB
TRIMBLE PLUMBING SEPTIC-P	250.00	HANDICAP POTTI	MDB
Total 270:	640.00		
280			
MITCHELL'S TRUCKING	290.85	BIZ DIST	MDB
Total 280:	290.85		
290			
FARMER CITY CHAMBER OF C	1,000.00	DONATION	MDB
Total 290:	1,000.00		
510			
FRONTIER	162.77	WATER PHONE	MDB
Illini Contractors Supply	244.00	TOOLS	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	580.22	WATER FUEL	MDB
DIAMOND VOGEL	194.30	HYDRANT REPAIR REPLACE	MDB
IMCO UTILITY SUPPLY CO	395.64	CORP AND SADLE	MDB
Total 510:	1,576.93		
520			
Evergreen FS Inc	241.76	SEWER FUEL	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	870.10	SEWER FUEL	MDB
Yeagle Electric	117.50	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	MDB
Total 520:	1,229.36		
530			
ALTORFER INC.	819.23	ENGINE AND GENERATOR TROUBLESHOOT	MDB
Central Illinois Ag	176.72	hoses and fittings	MDB
Walker Tire Service	419.50	TIRE REPLACEMENT TRUCK #8	MDB
T&R Service	9,074.00	DISPOSAL OF 7 TRANSFORMERS	MDB
BHMG ENGINEERS	460.30	EPA ANNUAL REPORTING	MDB
CITY OF PRINCETON	5,559.99	MUTUAL AID VIA IMEA	MDB
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.	488.04	ELEC	MDB
FRONTIER	169.93	ELEC PHONE	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	676.93	ELEC FUEL	MDB
Evergreen FS Inc	870.10	ELEC FUEL	MDB
Total 530:	18,714.74		
Grand Totals:	90,944.46		

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
100			
PRESTO-X	58.42	ADM	DSB
WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC	195.40	ADM COPIER	MDB
US Postmaster	186.00	YEARLY POST OFFICE BOX FEE	MDB
City of Farmer City	392.22	ADM	DSB
T-MOBILE	33.83	ADM	MDB
T-MOBILE	30.56	ADM	MDB
CORNGELIO AG	.84	ADM	DSB
Baum Chevy Buick	116.50	POLICE CAR TOW	MDB
Walker Tire Service	60.00	POLICE	MDB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE	300.81	POLICE	MDB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE	171.31	POLICE	MDB
CLASPILL AUTOMOTIVE	113.13	POLICE	MDB
Z MOWING YARD WORK & MOR	70.00	POLICE	MDB
LEXIPOL	3,642.71	POLICE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	MDB
KI JUNG KWON	442.34	POLICE TRAVEL	MDB
City of Farmer City	213.01	POLICE	DSB
SIMPLIFIED COMPUTERS	55.00	POLICE	MDB
HORIZON CONNECTIONS	2,855.00	POLICE	MDB
Z MOWING YARD WORK & MOR	600.00	STREET	MDB
T-MOBILE	33.83	STREET	MDB
FRONTIER	47.95	STREET	DSB
City of Farmer City	28.17	STREET	DSB
NICHOLS, DAVID	100.00	STREET	MDB
Walker Tire Service	31.00	PARK VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	MDB
MENARDS NORMAL	46.46	PARK GRASS SEED	MDB
T-MOBILE	33.83	PARK	MDB
City of Farmer City	613.02	PARK	DSB
SUMMIT SUPPLY	299.95	PARK SUPPLIES	MDB
CUSTOM INK	46.29	PARKS	MDB
PRESTO-X	55.94	POOL PEST CONTROL	DSB
City of Farmer City	1,278.50	POOL	DSB
Kiefer Aquatics	1,256.50	POOL SUPPLIES	MDB
CORNGELIO AG	94.22	POOL	DSB
Spear Corporation	10,921.59	POOL	MDB
SYSCO CENTRAL ILLINOIS INC.	744.18	POOL	MDB
CLINTON YMCA	8,347.50	POOL	MDB
Total 100:	33,516.01		
120			
City of Farmer City	29.21	SIREN	DSB
Total 120:	29.21		
150			
MAURER-STUTZ	1,604.91	PLUM ST IMPROVEMENTS	MDB
Total 150:	1,604.91		
270			
WINDLE CONCRETE	5,500.00	West Playground	DSB
Total 270:	5,500.00		
280			
WINDLE CONCRETE	9,467.50	Umbrella	DSB
The Holiday Light Store	1,102.28	Business District-Miscellaneous	DSB

Vendor Name	Net Invoice Amount	Description	Created by
Total 280:	10,569.78		
510			
T-MOBILE	33.82	WATER	MDB
City of Farmer City	1,077.72	WATER	DSB
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	1,786.17	WATER CHEM SUPPLIES	MDB
CORNGELIO AG	84.28	WATER - SUPPLIES	DSB
Total 510:	2,981.99		
520			
T-MOBILE	33.82	SEWER	MDB
City of Farmer City	5,655.53	SEWER	DSB
CORNGELIO AG	8.98	Sewer	DSB
CUSTOM INK	159.50	SEWER	MDB
CUSTOM INK	123.44	SEWER	MDB
Total 520:	5,981.27		
530			
ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE STAT	210.00	ELECTRIC BOILER INSPECTION	MDB
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PR	6,993.00	ANNUAL PERMIT FEE	MDB
T-MOBILE	33.82	ELECTRIC	MDB
City of Farmer City	1,831.36	ELECTRIC	DSB
CHEMSEARCH	2,882.13	ELECTRIC WATER TREATMENT	MDB
Progressive Chemical	114.00	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	MDB
CORNGELIO AG	96.80	Saw Chain	DSB
Total 530:	12,161.11		
Grand Totals:	72,344.28		



CITY OF FARMER CITY, ILLINOIS

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MEMO

Date: August 7, 2023

To: City Council

From: Sue McLaughlin, ICMA-CM
City Manager

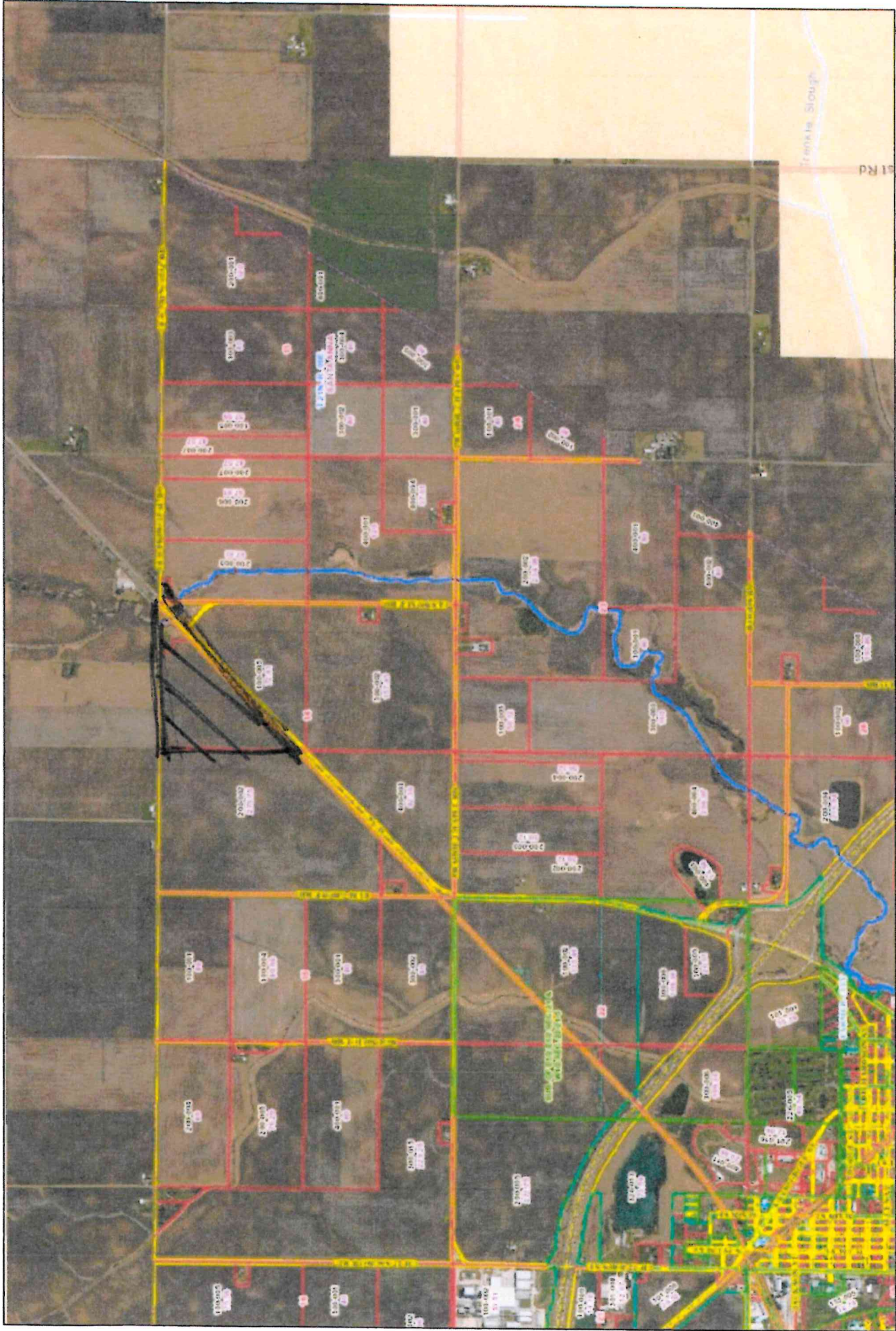
RE: Proposed solar farm – extraterritorial review

Under state statute, the City has what's called extraterritorial jurisdiction over zoning and platting of any property within 1 ½ miles of our city limits. Blue Iris Solar is proposing a solar farm that falls within that 1 ½ miles, northeast of us.

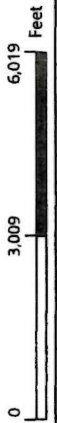
They are looking to utilize 40 acres of land at Old Principal Road and Rt. 54 at the border with McLean County. This facility will service Ameren customers by connecting with an Ameren feeder and substation for distribution.

The current Dewitt County Comprehensive Plan does not contemplate the future land use of this property. For Farmer City, it only extends to Prairie Chapel Rd, which would be slated for Industrial/Commercial. Therefore, I do not see any reason for the City to object to this plan.

This requires formal Council approval, which is why the Resolution is before you. As a former plat officer, I recommend approval.



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Farmer City Haunted Forest

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July 13, 2023

City of Farmer City

To Honorable Council Members,

I'm writing on behalf of the Farmer City Haunted Forest. We are requesting to use South Park, including the campgrounds, for the Farmer City Haunted Forest event. We are requesting the use of the park for two weekends plus a rain date weekend. (October 13th & 14th and 20th & 21st, rain dates - 27th and 28th) The Friday hours would be from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Saturday hours would be from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Set up for the event would need to begin Friday, September 29th. Clean up would be completed no later than November 5th, weather permitting. We are requesting a walk through with a Haunted Forest committee member and a council member upon the completion of the clean up in order to assure that both the city and the committee are satisfied with the clean up.

As in the past, the campgrounds and other areas of South Park will be decorated in Halloween themes. The Farmer City Haunted Forest event will offer a hayrack ride through the haunted forest. The event attendees will ride on a hayrack around the ball diamond and then through the decorated campgrounds. Food vendors will be on site during the event. A Kids Matinee will be hosted each Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with barrel train rides, face painting, and kids games/activities.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Farmer City Haunted Forest Committee

Angela Testory – Committee Chairperson

fchauntedforest@gmail.com

217-714-3669

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support!

Farmer City Haunted Forest

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please contact us if you are interested.