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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2021

Notice of said meeting were given in advance to all members of the Board of Trustees and were also posted in three public places within the Village of Farnam. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public. This is an open meeting of Farnam Village Board. The Village of Farnam abides by the Open Meetings Act in the Conducting of Business. The Village Board may vote to go into Closed Session on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

Village Chairman Ryan Schurr called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees answering roll call were Ryan Schurr, Mike Russman, Darla Lungrin and Dan Widick and Tracy Adkisson arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Russman, to approve the agenda for the Meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Schurr, Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

Dawson County Law Enforcement supplied a report and Deputy Jacobsen was available for questions. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve the Sheriff's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Schurr, Adkisson, Widick, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

Michelle Linnemeyer from the Silver Spurr requested two SDL permits for Founder's Day, June 26, 2021. One will be for a beer garden at the park from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the other for a street dance from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. It was also requested that the streets be blocked off for the street dance. Motion moved by Russman, second by Schurr, to approve both SDL permits and allow streets to be blocked off for the street dance. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Previous building permits from Kent and Cathy Larson were reviewed. It was determined that none of the previous permits were valid. A new permit was requested and sent to Planning Administrator for approval.

Dillon Heath of Dillon Heath Mowing requested a copy of the Yard Waste Dump key for his use in his business. Discussion resulted in allowing a copy of the key to be given to Galen Heath for Dillon's use as Dillon is a minor.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, provided updates on current projects. Mowing assessments were sent. The Village Website will be live this summer there are some entry and formatting things that need to be taken care of first. In June Village Clerk Darcy Gurule will present the Board with recommendations regarding NFIP and FEMA information. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule and Maintenance Superintendent Rod Klein are working through the list of projects set up at the April planning meeting. Discussed the need for a new dedicated flag pole on the north side of the 315 Main Street Building, decided not to replace the pole. Discussed a mail station for postage. Decided to invest in a postage scale and continue buying postage from the post office. The Village is prepared to apply for American Rescue Plan Act funding when it becomes available. A note will be sent with May water bills regarding dog license renewal. The Office will be closed on May 17 and 20 while Village Clerk Darcy Gurule is on vacation. Village Clerk Darcy Gurule reported 35.25 extra hours in May. The Village Board reviewed the liquor license renewal process for Three Brothers Vineyard and determined that owner Gary Wach only needs to pay the state online fees for renewal.

Trustee Dan Widick reported that he was receiving a complaint about semi-trucks with motors running causing noise and air quality issues for neighbors. The Village Board discussed looking into truck parking. No action was taken.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that Economic Development has purchased the tax certificate for the Hale house and he will continue working toward foreclosure on that property. Village Attorney Brennon Malcom also reported that the first round of audits for the nuisance ordinance was completed on May 7, 2021 and of the 125 properties reviewed, 29 will receive courtesy letters regarding nuisance issues on their property. Village Attorney Brennon Malcom also answered questions from residents about the audit process. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the Village Attorney's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Russman, Lungrin, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

Village Maintenance Superintendent Rod Klein was not available to give a report.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve minutes from the April 11, 2021 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Russman, Widick, Schurr, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Lungrin; Abstain: Schurr, Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approved the April bills with inquiries being made to the Dawson Public Power District Bill and the John Deere bill. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson, Russman, Schurr; five approved, motion carried. Bill are as follows:

Dawson County Treasurer (law enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Health Insurance) \$1,375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Waste Collection) \$1,778.96, ATC Communications (Utilities) \$135.73, Dawson Public Power (Utilities) \$1622.31, Dearborn National (Fire and EMT Insurance) \$0.00, Black Hills Energy (Utilities) \$314.26, Intuit (Payroll) \$6.39, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$6.92, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$391.77, Malcom, Nelson and Windrum (Legal Services) \$468, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$415.89, Payroll \$3,207.63, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$19.50, Post Office (Postage) \$79.50, Walmart (Paint and Supplies) \$78.75, Country Partners (TIF) \$875.07, Paulsen's (Gravel) \$1,130.91, Staples (Office Supplies) \$91.04, Titan Machinery (Tractor Repair) \$871.50, Mead Lumber (Man Hole Repair) \$439.32, John Deere Financial (Tractor Repair) \$1016.69, Farnam Insurance Agency (Annual Policy Renewal) \$16,962.00, Mario Felix (Man Hole Repair) \$1,580.00, Darcy Gurule (Extra Hours) \$528.75.

The Village Board discussed zoning and use options for the south east block of the Village. No action was taken.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to adjourn at 10:22 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Russman, Schurr; absent – Lungrin, Widick; three approved, motion carried.