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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting August 9, 2022

Notice of said meeting was 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 7:01 p.m.

Board of Trustees answering roll call were Ryan Schurr, Darla Lungrin, and Dan Widick. Mike Russman arrived at 7:10 p.m. Tracy Adkisson arrived at 7:55 p.m. and was excused at 9:38 p.m.

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

Officer Smith was on hand to answer questions as they relate to the Dawson County Sheriff's report. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Widick, to approve the Sheriff's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Schurr, Widick; three approved, motion carried.

David Blau of Miller and Associates presented the bids received for the water meter and sewer generator project. Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, move forward with the water meter replacement project as outlined in the SRF documents, adopting the bid from Meyer's Construction, Inc. contingent upon SRF approval. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman; three approved, motion carried.

Dr. Cory Heath was approved to address the Board for Public Comment. Dr. Heath relayed concerns regarding the proposed dog ordinance. Specifically, she questioned 6-102 Definitions; Abandon and how the definition laid out could be misinterpreted. She also referred to 6-102, Definitions; Run at Large (b) indicating that many people use retractable leashes that extend greater than six feet, which violates the section. Dr. Heath stated that not only did she feel that the insurance provisions in 6-103, section 1 were beyond the necessary requirements, but could also cause more people to refuse the licensing requirements in the Ordinance. Her final comment on the matter was to indicate that 6-106 was not only out dated, but also ignored advancements in veterinary medicine that includes vaccinations rendering the possibility of a rabies outbreak null. Dr. Heath concluded her comments with the desire to foster a sense of community and togetherness rather than creating situations that increase conflict in the Village. Conversation was held between the Board, Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule and other residents in attendance. Village of Farnam 310 Main St PO Box 7 Farnam, NE 69029 (308) 569-2355 www.farnamne.com



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Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the Personnel Handbook was completed and ready for review. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom will review the Handbook before it is adopted by the Village. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the swings discussed at the June Regular meeting have been ordered and should arrive soon. There is a tree in the park that needs to be removed. Maintenance Supervisor, Rod Klein, indicated that he has a plan to remove the tree this winter. Discussion was had regarding the memorial flag pole that was outside of the old Village Office building. The memorial flag will be moved to the park.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Lungrin, to postpone the 3rd reading of the proposed dog ordinance until the Regular meeting to be held on September 13, 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Widick, Adkisson, Russman, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

At the Planning meeting on July 26, 2022, it was properly moved and seconded to approve a loan from the Farnam First State Bank to fund the street project. Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to specify Chairman Ryan Schurr and Chairman Pro Tempore Tracy Adkisson as signatories for the loan. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Russman, Lungrin; No: Schurr; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, advised that he was contacted by the property owner at 321 Lincoln St regarding nuisance abatement. He is working with Country Partners regarding deeds, and is moving forward with annexation requirements in regard to the Country Partners Bin Project annexation. Mr. Malcom was been informed that the deed to 504 Main St. has been signed releasing the property to the Village. He has not received the deed at this time. He advises that the Village enter into a settlement agreement allowing the property owner to remove her property from the house until the matter comes before the Board at the meeting to be held on September 13, 2022. Finally, Mr. Malcom has been contacted by the attorney handling the Garold Messersmith estate regarding the mowing and assessments on Mr. Messersmith's property. He advises the Board to continue maintaining the property as necessary and billing the owner identified on the tax certificate. Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to approve Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Russman, Adkisson, Lungrin, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, was not available to give a report.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that Stock-Aid Clinic is willing to hold impounded animals and provided a fee list for such services. The Board was asked to advise on an advertisement to be published on Facebook for independent contractors to help with Nuisance Abatement. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that insurance on the fence at the ball field would cost approximately \$190.00 per year. She also indicated that each light pole will have to be insured separately at a value of not less than \$30,000 per pole. A bill for the repair work done to alleys and streets from improperly moving a storage trailer has been started. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will reach out to S&S Striping to see if the asphalt needs to be repaired as well. All items for the Drinking Water Security Grant have been purchased and are ready to be installed. The equipment must be installed and inspected prior to the Village being awarded the grant funds. The radar speed signs have been received and are ready to install. No bids have been received to lower the bell and siren at the 315 Main St lot. Discussion was had regarding the future of this lot.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve Resolution 2022-8, the NBCS Annual Certification of Compliance to continue receiving Highway Allocation funds from the State. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Lungrin, Schurr, Widick, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.



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The Trustees CD will mature on 7/20/22. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to cash out this CD and move the funds to the checking account, to be allocated for general funds. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

An approved building permit was filed for Mike Downey at 508 Carson St.

A letter of action was sent to 321 Frontier St advising the property owner to have a dangerous tree removed.

Two new utility accounts were opened in the Village. One account was closed and the deposit will be refunded.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the bills for June 2022. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr; No: Adkisson; Abstain: Russman; three approved, motion carried. Bills are as follows: Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Insurance) \$1375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste Collection) \$2,282.50, One Call Concepts (Digger’s Hotline), Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$501.17, Malcom, Nelson & Windrum (Legal) \$513.84, Camas Publishing (Newspaper) \$157.13, American Ag Lab (Water Test) \$19.50, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$142.58, Intuit (Payroll Processing) \$8.52, DPPD (Electricity) \$2,050.85, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$2,283.51, Payroll \$3,681.20, FYR-TEK (Hoses and Clamps) \$462.64, LARM (Annual Insurance Premium) \$12,600.74, Radarsign (Speed Signs) \$7,643.00, Miller and Associates (1&6 Year Planning, SRF Project) \$17,605.00, Country Partners (Herbicides) \$397.62, Utility Service Co (Standpipe cleaning) \$6,699.36, Tim Aanenson (Nuisance Abatement) \$1,300.00, Russman Welding (Standpipe Parts) \$670.14.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Russman, to approve the July 11, 2022 minutes. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; four approved, motion carried.

Russman advised that the interest rate is incorrect on the July 26, 2022 minutes. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve the minutes as amended. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman; Abstain: Schurr; three approve, motion carried.

The next Planning Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The 1- & 6-Year Planning Hearing will be held on September 13, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

The Budget Hearing will be held on September 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; four approved, motion carried.