

Village of Farnam  
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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings  
Regular Meeting  
August 10, 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 7:01 p.m. Board of Trustees answering roll call were Ryan Schurr, Tracy Adkisson, Mike Russman, Darla Lungrin and Dan Widick.

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

The Sheriff's Report was reviewed. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Russman, to approve the Sheriff's Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Widick, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Correspondence from Mrs. Rebecca Tobin, Resident, was shared and discussed. Motion moved by Russman, second by Schurr to adopt Resolution 2021-13 to find the letter of a call to action as baseless and without merit. The Village of Farnam Board of Trustees supports Dan Widick as a member of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Russman, Lungrin, Schurr; Abstain: Widick; four approved, motion carried.

Correspondence from Mr. Doug Hanson, LARM Board Chair was shared and discussed. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will request a quote and policy information from the League Association of Risk Management.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve the purchase of an Epson EcoTank ET-3760 All-in-One Printer, if necessary, after Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, inspects a printer offered as a donation to the Village of Farnam from Dr. Kent Pieper, DVM. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Schurr, Russman, Widick, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Widick, to apply for a Visa Credit Card from Amazon Prime for Village purchases as recommended by the Nebraska State Auditor's Office. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to purchase one 3'x6' sign for the Village of Farnam Public Library and Village Offices from Tri-City Sign Company. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the Nebraska State Auditor's Office will require every elected official and every appointed individual carry a bond. Bonds will be added to the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve Resolution 2021-14 for the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for Highway Allocation funds. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carries.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to order an Asbestos Study for the building at 315 Main St. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Russman, Widick, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to waive the second reading of the Floodplain Management Ordinance. The third reading of the Floodplain Management Ordinance was read by title only and the Ordinance was adopted. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Russman, Schurr, Adkisson, Widick; five approved, motion carries.

The sidewalk at 222 Lincoln St has been removed due to the condition of the concrete. Village of Farnam Board of Trustees requested that the property owners replace the sidewalk as they refinish the anticipated parking area south of the residence.

Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, reviewed 14 properties for nuisance violations.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Schurr, to adopt resolution 2021-15 declaring the property at 105 Lincoln St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

The certified mail receipt for the property at 321 Frontier St has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-12 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to adopt Resolution 2021-16 declaring the property at 109 Railroad St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

The certified mail receipt for the property at 321 Lincoln St has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-10 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Schurr to adopt Resolution 2021-17 declaring the property at 401 Lincoln St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson Lungrin, Russman, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

The certified mail receipt for the property at 422 Lincoln St has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-11 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

The certified mail receipt for the property at 421 Carson St has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-03 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

Motion moved by Lungrin to adopt a resolution declaring the property at 404 Carson a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Motion dies for lack of a second. Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will review this property in one week looking for improved compliance with the Ordinance.

The certified mail receipt for the property at 611 Antelope St has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-06 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. This property may be in the process of being purchased. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will reach out to the prospective purchaser to advise him/her of the need for compliance on this property. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to adopt Resolution 2021-18 revoking Resolution 2021-04 which declared the property at 322 Dawson St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

The certified mail receipt for the property legally described as Lots 1 through 6, Block 8, First Addition to the Village of Farnam has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-07 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

The certified mail receipt for the properties at 506 and 516 Lincoln St has not received a copy of Resolution 2012-12 declaring the property a nuisance, had not been received by the office of Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom. If service is not achieved via certified mail, Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will serve notice to the property owner via publication as allowed by Nuisance Ordinance 4-2021-02. This property may be in the process of being purchased. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will reach out to the prospective purchaser to advise him/her of the need for compliance on this property. If no hearing is requested within 5 days of publication, abatement procedures can begin on the property.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to adopt Resolution 2021-19 to revoke Resolution 2021-05 which declared the property at 321 Caribou St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Adkisson, Widick, Russman, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

A hearing was held at the request of the property owner, Logan Behnk, of 321 Buffalo St. Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, will review the property again in August to verify compliance with Ordinance 4-2021-02.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reports that a hearing has been set for August 19, 2021 on the foreclosure of the Hale House on Dawson Street. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, also requested documents and contact information from insurance carrier EMC in order to review the current policy. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to approve the report given by Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin, Russman, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

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

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that one new account has been started in the Village. Also, a building permit from Ms. Theresa Rawding was denied for lack of information. A building permit from Mrs. Michelle Linnemeyer is pending review by Planning Commission

Administrator, Alan Oberg. A building permit from Mr. Gerald Hannon has been approved by Planning Commission Administrator, Alan Oberg.

Motion moved by Russman, second by Schurr, to approve minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson, Schurr; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve minutes from the special meeting held July 27, 2021. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman, Schurr; Abstain – Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to approve the July 2021 bills. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried. Bills are as follows: Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Rod Klein (Insurance) \$1,375.00, Rod Klein (Cell Phone) \$35.00, Schaben Sanitation (Garbage Collection) \$2,023.50, ATC Communication (Utility Service) \$136.90, DPPD (Utility Service) \$1, 814.14, Dearborn National (Firemen Insurance) \$172.00, Black Hills Energy (Utility Service) \$94.10, Intuit (Payroll Services) \$6.39, One Call Concepts (Digger’s Hotline) \$4.99, Great Plains Tire and Service (Fuel) \$391.77, Malcom, Nelson and Windrum (Legal Fees) \$1,385.95, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$180.19, Payroll \$3,170.23, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$19.50, Walmart (Office Supplies) \$9.89, Post Office (Postage) \$110.75, Post Office (Water Postage) \$90.20, Suez (Standpipe Cleaning) \$5,359.49, Miller & Assoc. (Street Superintendent) \$600.00, Municipal Clerk Assoc. (Membership Dues) \$20.00, Aupperle Plumbing and Heating (Jet and Camera Main) \$1,205.00, Colt and Murphy Strick (Deposit Refund) \$149.59.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Schurr, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Russman, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; five approved, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be a special meeting on August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be on September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.