

Village of Farnam
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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings
Regular Meeting
July 13, 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, Tracy Adkisson, Mike Russman, Darla Lungrin and Dan Widick.

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

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

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Russman, to approve the Additional Dog Licenses from Mrs. Betty Penton. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Schurr, Russman, Widick, Lungrin; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the Additional Dog Licenses from Ms. Connie Snow. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the Workmen's Comp Insurance Premium was reduced and a refund had been received. CD 3691 matures on July 20, 2021. A further review of the streets project and the signs for the public buildings will be held in a special meeting on July 27, 2021. The Village has received \$14,601.49 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The use of this fund will be discussed at a special meeting on July 27, 2021. The Village will renew its membership in the Nebraska Rural Water Association.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to have the first reading of the Floodplain Ordinance read by title only. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson, Russman; five approved, motion carried. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, read the ordinance by title.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reviewed proposed changes to Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Ordinance book. All changes will be finalized in the acceptance of the Ordinance Book when all Chapters have been reviewed.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the insurance company is requesting more information about ownership of the tree that caused the sewer backup at 504 Crockett St.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, requested that the Village apply for a credit or purchasing card in order to be compliant with current statute regarding electronic purchases.

Nuisance Officer, Brennon Malcom, reviewed 13 properties for nuisance violations. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Schurr, to adopt resolution 2021-02 declaring the property at 321 Buffalo St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to adopt resolution 2021-03 declaring the property at 421 Carson St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

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

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

Motion moved by Russman, second by Adkisson, to adopt resolution 2021-06 declaring the property at 611 Antelope St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to adopt resolution 2021-07 declaring the property at the northwest corner of Highway 23 and Crockett St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to adopt resolution 2021-08 declaring the property at 504 Main St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to adopt resolution 2021-09 declaring the property at 504 and 516 Lincoln St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to adopt resolution 2021-10 declaring the property at 321 Lincoln St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to adopt resolution 2021-11 declaring the property at 422 Lincoln St St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to adopt resolution 2021-12 declaring the property at 321 Frontier St a nuisance according to Ordinance 4-2021-02. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Schurr, Russman, Adkisson; five approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reports that things are moving more quickly than expected on the foreclosure of the Hale House on Dawson Street. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, 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, updated the Village Board of Trustees on the sewer backup on June 25th at 504 Crockett St. The sewer plant also needed attention on June 25th. Motion moved by Schurr, second by Adkisson, to approve the report given by Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Adkisson, Widick, Schurr, Russman; five approved, motion carried.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that one new account has been started in the Village. Also, a building permit from Ms. Theresa Rawding is pending review by Alan Oberg of the Planning Commission.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: Russman, Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson; Abstain – Schurr; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second, by Widick, to approve minutes from the special meeting held June 22, 2021. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Russman, Adkisson; Abstain – Schurr; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve minutes from the emergency meeting held July 1, 2021. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Russman, Adkisson; Abstain – Widick, Schurr; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to approve the June 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) \$2,062.31, ATC Communication (Utility Service) \$138.47, DPPD (Utility Service) \$1, 801.38, Dearborn National (Firemen Insurance) \$154.80, Black Hills Energy (Utility Service) \$72.27, Intuit (Payroll Services) \$6.39, One Call Concepts (Digger’s Hotline) \$13.86, Great Plains Tire and Service (Fuel) \$391.77, Malcom, Nelson and Windrum (Legal Fees) \$1,194.04, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$89.38, Payroll \$3,211.80, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$19.50, Darla Lungrin (Painting) \$700.00, Post Office (Postage) \$179.15, Staples (Office Supplies) \$172.58, Mike’s Motorcycle and ATV (Lawnmower) \$5,100.00, NE Public Health Lab (Water Testing) \$432.00, Country Partners (Chemicals) \$317.48, NE Rural Water Association (Annual Membership) \$100.00, US Treasury (Federal Unemployment) \$38.53, US Treasury (Federal Withholding) \$1884.32, Norton 360 (Anti-virus software) \$479.99, NE Dept of Revenue (Sales Tax) \$2,043.93, NE Dept of Revenue (State Withholding) \$152.31, NE U.C. Fund (State Unemployment) \$55.77, Taylor Maden (Utility Deposit Refund) \$143.44, Country Partners (TIF) \$13,479.88

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Russman, to enter into closed session as is necessary for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Russman, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; five approved, motion carried. The Village Board was in closed session from 9:41 p.m. to 10:13 p.m.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Schurr, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13. 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 July 27, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be on August 10th at 7:00 p.m.