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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings
Regular Meeting
September 14, 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 Pro Temp, Tracy Adkisson, called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees answering roll call were Tracy Adkisson, Darla Lungrin and Dan Widick. Ryan Schurr joined the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

The Sheriff's Report was reviewed. Deputy Jackson was available to answer questions. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to approve the Sheriff's Report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

The Farnam Cemetery Board, via Brennon Malcom, presented a deed to the Board to transfer the property of the Farnam Cemetery to the Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board has cared for and in all areas been responsible for maintenance of the Cemetery. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to execute the deed transferring the property to the Farnam Cemetery Board as well as to amend Ordinance 6-328 to remove language referring to the cemetery and to nullify Ordinance 2-107 accordingly. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Lungrin, Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Correspondence from Mr. Gary Hartley and Ms. Anita Powers was shared with the Board regarding the property at 611 Antelope St. Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, will sent a letter to Mr. Hartley and Ms. Powers regarding abatement of this property.

Correspondence from John Gassmann, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, was shared with the Board regarding grant eligibility to reduce the impact of natural disasters.

Mr. Alan Oberg requests that the “Welcome to Farnam” sign that is currently located on his property be removed. The Village holds the permit to the sign, but was not involved in the development or installation of the sign. Permission was given to take down the sign and store it at the Maintenance Building until a suitable place can be found to display it.

The Farnam Library requested an addition six hours in the schedule. The Board would like to discuss this further with the Library Board.

Nuisance abatement officer, Brennon Malcom, presented the following recommendations: Regarding 105 Lincoln St – significant progress has been made; recommendation to revoke Resolution 2021-15. Regarding 321 Frontier St – little progress has been made; recommend to start abatement. Regarding 109 Railroad St – waiting for service on this property; no recommendation at this time. Regarding 401 Lincoln St – little progress has been made; recommend to start abatement. Regarding 321 Lincoln St – little progress has been made; recommend to start abatement. Regarding 421 Carson St – no progress has been made; recommend to start abatement. Regarding the property at the intersection of Crockett St and Highway 23 – little progress has been made; recommend to start abatement. Regarding 504 Main St – no progress has been made; recommend to start abatement. Regarding 321 Buffalo – Significant progress has been made; no recommendation regarding this property. 504 and 516 Lincoln – significant progress has been made; no recommendation regarding this property.

Resolution 2021-20 was presented by Lungrin, second by Widick, to revoke Resolution 2021-15 declaring the property at 105 Lincoln St a nuisance.

League Associate of Risk Management presented a quote for insurance. Insurance will be discussed at the Planning Meeting on September 28, 2021.

Village Utility Superintendent, Rod Klein, reported no issues with water, sewer or streets. Village Fire Chief, Rod Klein, indicated that a new fire engine would be arriving in the next month or two and that a benefit dinner will be held in October to raise funds for recently upgraded equipment. Fire Chief, Rod Klein, advised the Board on the successful grant awards and hard work of the Volunteers to provide the Village of Farnam with a well-equipped fire department.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported one new account opened in August.

CDs 107014, 107015 and 7017 will renew in September of 2021. No action was taken, the CDs will roll over automatically/

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve Resolution 2021-21 to set the property tax request for Fiscal Year 2021-22. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Adkisson, to accept and sign the Standard Agreement for Professional Services drafted by Miller and Associates for the water and sewer projects. Roll vote showed – Yes: Lungrin, Widick, Schurr, Adkisson; four approved, motion carried.

Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, reported that the Hale property has been properly foreclosed on and will be sold at a Sheriff's sale in the next few weeks. Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom, also shared correspondence in regards to allegations made on the recall petitions. Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Schurr, to approve Village Attorney, Brennon Malcom's report. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Widick, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Widick, Schurr, Lungrin; four approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2021 planning meeting of the Board of Trustees. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; Abstain: Adkisson; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021 Budget Hearing. Roll vote showed – Yes: Widick, Adkisson, Lungrin; Abstain: Schurr; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Schurr, second by Lungrin, to approve the August bills. Roll vote showed – Yes: Schurr, Adkisson, Lungrin, Widick; four 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) \$1,910.59, ATC Communication (Utility Service) \$150.24, DPPD (Utility Service) \$1994.57, Dearborn National (Firemen Insurance) \$103.00, Black Hills Energy (Utility Service) \$101.91, Intuit (Payroll Services) \$8.52, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$4.99, Great Plains Tire and Service (Fuel) \$382.68, Malcom, Nelson and Windrum (Legal Fees) \$1,814.00, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$25.23, Payroll \$3,207.65, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$19.50, Nebraska Public Health and Environment (Water Testing) \$437.00, Heartland Testing and Consulting (Asbestos Inspection) \$715.00, Post Office (Water Postage) \$28.85, Nebraska Rural Water Association (Continuing Education) \$125.00, Great Plains Tire and Service (Fuel) \$473.86, Darcy Gurule (Extra workload) \$588.75.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Schurr, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53. Roll vote showed – Yes: Adkisson, Schurr, Lungrin, Widick; four 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.

PENDING APPROVAL