



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 18, 2013, in City Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Schultz
Director Schulz
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Wilkinson, Boardmember of the Farmington YMCA, was present to provide an update on upcoming events and ongoing activities.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

1. **Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Oct 21, 2013 6:00 PM**
2. **Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Oct 21, 2013 7:00 PM**
3. **Minutes of the City Council - Special - Nov 11, 2013 7:00 PM**
4. **Farmington Monthly Payments Report October 2013**
5. **Farmington Financial Report Quarter Ended September 30, 2013**
6. **Farmington Investment Report Quarter Ended September 30, 2013**
7. **47Th District Court Financial Report Quarter Ended September 30, 2013**
8. **Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Administration requested removal of Agenda Item 6-2, Special Event Request - Walk to End Blindness, due to a scheduling conflict on the date requested for the event.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended removing Item 6-2, Special Event Request - Walk to End Blindness.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Masonic Lodge #151 and Ice Rink-Hal Groat and Steven Winters

Hal Groat and Steven winters, representing the Masonic Lodge, presented the City with a \$1000 donation to the Riley Park Ice Rink.

2. Special Event Request for LifeTime Fitness, Inc/Commitment 5K

City Administration reviewed special event request from Lifetime Fitness to host a 5K fun run in downtown Farmington on January 1, 2014.

Jim Jackson of Lifetime Fitness was present to discuss the event and answer

questions.

Motion to approve a special event request from Lifetime Fitness, Inc. to hold a 5K fun run on Grand River in downtown Farmington on January 1, 2014, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; further the City Council holds the State of Michigan Department of Transportation harmless from any liability that may result from the closing of Grand River and authorizes the Public Safety Department to file for the permit with MDOT for the closing of Grand River Avenue.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

3. Public Hearing-2014 Program Year Community Block Grant Application

Pastue reviewed use of funds under the CDBG program.

Mayor Galvin requested a motion to open the public hearing.

4. Motion to open the public hearing to receive comment on the 2014 Program Year Community Block Grant application.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Galvin requested a motion to close the public hearing.

5. Motion to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant Application

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant application. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CMR 11-13-057

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

2. Consideration to Adopt Ordinance #C-774-2013 Amending Regulations Dealing with Animals

Motion to adopt Ordinance C-774-2013 which deletes Chapter 5 of the City Code in its entirety and re-enacts certain provisions in Chapter 20, Offenses. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

The votes were taken in the following order: McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley, Galvin.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate #6 for the 2013 Streetscape & Utilities Improvements

Responding to a question from Cowley, Pastue advised 2-3 payments to the contractor remain that will cover the cost of asphalt and restoration. The final payment will likely be made in the Spring.

Responding to a question from Scott, Pastue stated the project is approximately 70% completed.

Scott questioned if there has been any quality issues.

Pastue responded there were certain things that had to be redone at the contractor's expense. He stated they will continue to monitor the project and will determine if anything needs to be redone in the Spring.

Schneemann asked about costs associated with items such as seeding, sodding, etc. that are in addition to the retainage.

Pastue stated the additional cost of seeding or sodding will be approximately \$2k.

Schneemann questioned the sufficiency of the retainage.

Pastue responded in addition to the retainage, the bond is the backstop for any future repairs. He noted the mast arms will go up later in the week.

Motion to approve construction estimate #6 and issue payment to Warren Contractors in the amount of \$244,212.49 for work completed on the Grove Street and Warner/Oakland projects.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

2. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Approving 2014 City Council Meeting Dates

Pastue recommended moving the March regular meeting from the 17th to the 24th due to the St. Patrick holiday.

McShane advised she would not be able to attend a March 24th meeting.

Motion to adopt a resolution establishing the 2014 City Council meeting dates as amended; moving the March regular meeting date from the 17th to the 24th. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. CMR 11-13-058

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, JoAnne McShane
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
NAYS:	JoAnne McShane

3. Consideration to Adopt Information Systems Policies

Responding to a question from Galvin, Pastue stated employees have not been formally trained in the use of city email, however, in-service training will be done regarding the new policy.

Responding to a question from Scott, Pastue stated Farmington will adopt the Farmington Hills policy by reference with a few modifications.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Pastue advised the City's use of Farmington Hills IT services will not result in savings, however, they will provide more reliable service than experienced in the past.

Motion to adopt by reference the Information Systems Policy established by the City of Farmington Hills dated February 10, 2010. [SEE ATTACHED POLICY].

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

4. Board and Committee Appointments

Administration reviewed Boards and Committee members up for re-appointment in December.

Motion to re-appoint Alton Bennett, Arnold Campbell, and Michael Wiggins to the Charter Review Committee for 1-year terms ending December 31, 2014; Larry Davis to the Board of Review for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2016; and reappoint Joseph Dompierre to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2016.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Treasurer Weber discussed the results of the annual audit and the upcoming winter tax bills.

Director Schulz thanked the SWOCC staff for their assistance in putting together a holiday safety video scheduled to run after Thanksgiving. He discussed the procedure for snow emergencies.

Superintendent Eudy welcomed recently elected Councilmember Scott and offered him a tour of the DPW facilities. He discussed residential plowing; completion of the water replacement program in Floral Park; progress on the Riley Park Ice Rink; ongoing negotiations on the water and sewer contract; status of leaf program; five members of the DPW staff have tested for the licensing of water distribution; and proper use of a snow blower.

Clerk Halberstadt announced upcoming Warner Mansion events including Holiday Tables and annual Christmas Tree lighting.

Pastue provided an update on the status of the Riley Park ice skating rink.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane requested SMART provide an update to Council. She would like to know if they have lived up to the standards they were given by the City. She stated it is important for the new councilmembers to be brought up-to-date regarding SMART.

McShane noted it was reported in the September 23rd Crains issue that Detroit may use hundreds of millions of dollars earmarked for upgrades to the water and sewer system for payment of their debt. She expressed concern regarding future rates if money is not available for upgrades.

Pastue advised he along with the City Attorney and Farmington Hills representatives met with the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner regarding this issue. He stated it is a complicated matter given Detroit's bankruptcy.

Cowley congratulated Mayor Galvin for surviving his first council meeting and Councilmember Scott for his election to Council. He announced the Snow Ball will be held on January 16th at his restaurant.

Galvin spoke about the Ice Rink Committee that has been meeting every week. He thanked the committee members for their service. He stated if others would like to get involved they can contact the DDA.

Galvin discussed two upcoming fundraisers for the ice rink including: holiday cards sold by the committee and the Snow Ball. He recognized the \$1000 donation from the Masonic Lodge and a donation of dasher boards by Total Sports.

11.ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor William Galvin

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____