



**Special City Council Meeting
6:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014
Conference Room A
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335**

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 9, 2014, in Conference Room A, Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Pastue

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, adding Approval of Permit for Fireworks at Shiawassee Park on Friday and Saturday nights during Founders Festival as Item No. 7.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF LEAF VACUUM TRAILER

A. Consideration to Authorize Purchase of Leaf Vacuum Trailer

Pastue reviewed a request for authorization to purchase a leaf vacuum trailer.

Motion to authorize the purchase of a leaf vacuum trailer from Bell Equipment Company in the amount of \$47, 083.85.

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

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

5. APPROVE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SEATING

A. Consideration to Approve Temporary Outdoor Seating for Pages Restaurant During the Founders Festival

Pastue reviewed a request for temporary outdoor seating at Pages Restaurant.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Pastue advised the LCC no longer requires fencing around outdoor seating.

Discussion followed regarding the impact of the outdoor seating on navigability by pedestrians, those physically impaired, etc., given the trees and gravel located near the seating.

Pastue confirmed the Planning Commission had approved the outdoor seating.

Scott questioned whether other establishments will be taking down their fences since it is no longer required.

Pastue responded there should be further discussion regarding the fences. The City may want to keep them as part of a design requirement.

McShane expressed concern regarding physically impaired people maneuvering around the seating, trees, gravel, etc. She suggested restricting the seating to two chairs per table.

Pastue responded two chairs seems reasonable for that area.

McShane expressed her support for outdoor seating and supporting businesses in that regard. However, she asked what the City can do to give them the right to have outdoor seating while keeping pedestrians safe.

Pastue pointed out this is only a temporary permit during Founders Festival and there will be no traffic in that area.

Galvin asked that Council's concerns regarding this outdoor seating be communicated to the Planning Commission.

Motion to approve temporary outdoor seating at Pages Restaurant during the Founders Festival.

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

6. APPROVE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE AND CHANGE ORDER

A. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate No. 9 and Change Order No. 6 for the 2013 Streetscape & Utilities Improvements

Pastue reviewed Construction Estimate No. 9 and Change Order No. 6 for the 2013 Streetscape & Utilities Improvements.

Pastue further discussed the reasons for the change order costs.

Schneemann questioned why the City should pay for sidewalk drains that were necessary because of improper design.

Discussion followed regarding the improper design and what could have been done differently.

Pastue advised the items included in Change Order No. 6 were previously backed out thereby reducing the contract amount, however, the contractor realized that reduction was done in error. Pastue pointed out these items were part of the original contract.

McShane expressed concern regarding this change and asked out it can be verified.

Pastue responded the city engineers, OHM, verified the quantities.

Discussion followed regarding Council's concerns regarding the changeorder, confirmation that the changes do not increase the overall contract amount and the need for clarification from OHM.

Council concurred to delay payment of the retainage and change order until a meeting with OHM can be arranged.

Motion to approve Construction Estimate No. 9 in the amount of \$74,297.49, no release of \$25,000 in retainage and no action taken on Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$52,986.32, until further clarification of project costs can be provided by OHM at a special study session.

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

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

7. APPROVE PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS AT SHIAWASSEE PARK ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DURING FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

1. Motion to approve Fireworks at Shiawassee Park Friday and Saturday nights during Founders Festival

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

Pastue reviewed a request for approval of a permit for fireworks display in Shiawassee Park on Friday and Saturday night of the Founders Festival.

Discussion followed regarding safety and security surrounding the event; parking provisions; removal of fireworks debris; and notification of surrounding neighbors.

Pastue confirmed insurance coverage will be provided by the vendor.

Galvin requested the City inform Our Lady of Sorrows about the event. He noted it is likely spectators will want to use the church parking lot.

Galvin questioned if there would be enough public safety officers on hand, especially given there could be a couple thousand people attending the event.

Pastue expressed his belief enough officers will be available for the event.

Motion to approve fireworks display at Shiawassee Park on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19, 2014, contingent on Council being notified of a parking plan; provisions for cleanup; and security and safety measures provided by Public Safety.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

9. COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane noted there are trees and shrubs on Grove Street that need to be replaced.

Pastue confirmed the trees and shrubs are under warranty. He stated Grissim Metz will identify needed replacements.

McShane noted a food truck was recently parked at the Rustic Pub.

Scott spoke about interesting conversations he had at the American Institute of Architects convention. He referred to discussions he had regarding city planning issues that he will bring forward in the future.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Pastue stated if conditions are not right for fireworks the DPS will shut them down.

10. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 21, 2014