

**City of Farmington
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2024**

The City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Farmington City Hall, 430 Third Street, Farmington, Minnesota.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoyt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Joshua Hoyt
Councilmembers Katie Bernhjelm, Holly Bernatz,
Nick Lien, and Steve Wilson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leah Koch, City Attorney
Deanna Kuennen, Community & Economic Development Director
Matt Price, Fire Chief
Kellee Omlid, Parks & Recreation Director
Gary Rutherford, Police Chief
John Powell, Public Works Director

Also Present: Jake Steen of Larkin Hoffman Representing Tract
Kristin Dean, Senior Director-Entitlements at Tract

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernatz and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the agenda, moving Item 12 to precede Item 10.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENDATIONS

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS / RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

The following citizens addressed the Council:

- David Pritzlaff, 20255 Akin Road, Farmington
- Jeff Schottler, 22420 Calico Court, Farmington
- Nate Ryan, 22390 Cambrian Way, Farmington
- Kathy Johnson, 22280 Berring Avenue, Castle Rock Township

- Steve Tschetter, 19750 Excel Ct, Farmington
- Terrie Pearson, 2475 225th Street West, Castle Rock Township
- Gary Johnson, 22280 Berring Avenue, Castle Rock Township
- Mohammad Feshami, 2528 220th Street West, Castle Rock Township
- Nancy Aarestad, 22165 Beamont Avenue, Castle Rock Township
- Randy Laroche, 215th Street, Farmington
- David Pritzlaff, 20255 Akin Road, Farmington
- Nate Ryan, 22390 Cambrian Way, Farmington

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 Approve Non-Waiver of Statutory Tort Liability Limits
- 7.2 Partial Waiver of Special Assessment Associated with the Yellow Tree Multifamily Housing Development
- 7.3 FY2023 Community Project Funding Grant
- 7.4 Declaring Items as Surplus and Authorizing Disposal; Resolution 2024-107
- 7.5 Resolution Supporting the Adoption of the Dakota County 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program; Resolution 2024-106
- 7.6 Payment of Claims
- 7.7 Staffing Amendment for ALF's Professional Service Agreement
- 7.8 Staff Recommendations, including the appointment of:
 - Bobby Cammack as Seasonal Warming House Attendant
 - Trystan McEntee as Seasonal Warming House Attendant

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernhjelm and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8.1 Petition to Vacate a Drainage and Utility Easement over PID: 14-82500-00-040 (Outlot D, Vermillion Grove) – CONTINUE TO DECEMBER

Mayor Hoyt opened the public hearing at 8:14 pm.

Planning Manager Wippler requested that this public hearing be continued to the December 16, 2024 Regular City Council meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Bernhjelm to continue the public hearing to the December 16, 2024 Regular City Council meeting.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT

10. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Final Plat and Final Planned Unit Development – Farmington Technology Park

Planning Manager Wippler presented and answered questions for Council. Jake Steen of Larkin Hoffman and Kristin Dean of Tract were also present for questions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernhjelm to adopt Resolution 2024-109 Approving and Authorizing the Signing of Final Plat Farmington Technology Park.

Councilmember Bernhjelm withdrew the motion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wilson that Council tables this item and directs Staff to work with Council and the Planning Commission to further discuss this project and define the standards that we are going to work with.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernhjelm and seconded by Councilmember Lien to adopt Resolution 2024-109 Approving and Authorizing the Signing of Final Plat Farmington Technology Park, contingent on the following:

A Development Contract between the developer and the City of Farmington shall be executed and security and fees paid. Submission of all other documents required under the Development Contract shall be required.

Motion carried: 4 ayes / 1 nay – Councilmember Wilson voted against.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernhjelm and seconded by Councilmember Bernatz to pass Ordinance 2024-12 Amending Title 10, Chapter 5, Section 19, of the Farmington City Code, Adding PUD-1 – Farmington Technology Park to the Zoning Code and Establishing Development Standards.

Motion carried: 4 ayes / 1 nay – Councilmember Wilson voted against.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Accept Bids and Award a Contract for the Rambling River Center Project

Director Omlid presented for Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernhjelm and seconded by Councilmember Bernatz to accept the bids and award a contract for the Rambling River Center Project to CM Construction Company, Inc. of Burnsville in the

amount of \$2,021,126.00 and adopt Resolution 2024-108 Authorizing Contracts for the Rambling River Center Project.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

13. CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Director Omlid:

Open Door Pantry is tomorrow from 3 – 4:30 pm at Faith Methodist United Church. With the Rambling River Center closed, it will be located there until we reopen. Faith Church is located at 710 Eighth Street in Farmington and can be entered either on Seventh Street or Eighth Street.

Director Kuennen:

There is a groundbreaking ceremony for The Rye Apartments that will take place tomorrow afternoon.

On Wednesday, there will be a ribbon cutting at the new gym, Revelation Fitness.

Mayor Hoyt:

We have had a long two hours on top of numerous other meetings and Planning Commission meetings. Whether people want to believe it or accept it or not, these decisions are not easy, and they're not taken lightly. Believe it or not. The hardest part about sitting in these seats is the question gets often asked, "What if it was in your back yard?" "What if it was next to you?" Part of the commitment that you make to this seat is that, even if it is in your back yard, you have to make a decision with the majority of the community. And I have listened to the community for six years. I have listened to residents for six years. We have needs in this community that have to be met.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Bernatz and seconded by Councilmember Lien to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley R Buecksler
City Clerk