



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 5, 2017, at 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. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

- Superintendent Eudy (left at 7:45 p.m.)
- City Clerk Halberstadt
- City Manager Murphy
- City Attorney Schultz
- City Treasurer Weber

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

4. DISCUSS SECOND WATER METER

Murphy provided information regarding the installation of separate meters for lawn irrigation and costs associated with them.

Responding to Schneemann, Murphy stated that property owners would need to pay for the meter, installation, and permit.

Schneemann confirmed savings would be realized through cost reduction on sewer rates for properties with the separate meters, but that sewer rates would need to be adjusted for the lost volume of sewage billing.

Weber discussed data provided to Council regarding the potential loss of revenue and required rate increase to hold revenue constant if irrigation meters are allowed. He reviewed the amount of rate increases based on different assumptions.

Discussion followed regarding the cost benefit to the consumers that choose to install the separate meters.

Schneemann noted that for the benefit of a few consumers, the majority of property owners would experience a rate increase.

Responding to Bowman, both Eudy and Weber stated they get 2-4 requests per month for a separate meter.

Discussion followed regarding the amount of water from irrigation that goes back into the sewer system.

Scott expressed concern that separate meters would add to the sewer system. He does not want a resident to sustain an increase because others want a nice lawn.

Schneemann believes only a negligible amount of irrigated water would go back into the sewer system.

Discussion followed regarding the function of footing drain tiles and the retention basin.

Bowman confirmed that a separate meter would increase rates to everyone for the benefit of the few.

Cowley stated the math doesn't work until GWLA changes the way we buy water. He expressed concern that the primary users of separate water meters would be apartment complexes. He does not support separate meters.

Council showed no support for separate water meters.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH CHARITIES' EVENT IN PLYMOUTH, MI

Present: Susan McAdams, Executive Director, Global Health Charities

Susan McAdams explained Global Health Charities is required by the State to secure a Charitable Gaming License Resolution from the Farmington City Council for an event they are holding in the City of Plymouth.

Responding to Bowman, McAdams stated her organization would love to have an event in Farmington and feels that it could be a possibility for next year.

Move to approve a resolution for the State of Michigan's Charitable Gaming License for Global Health Charities of Farmington for a fundraising event they are holding at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth, Michigan on October 6, 2017. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

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

6. COUNCIL COMMENT

No council comment was heard.

7. CLOSED SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY

Move to enter closed session to discuss confidential communication from City Attorney.

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

Council took a 5 minute recess.

Council entered closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 8:15 P.M

8. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: September 18, 2017