 **City Council Meeting**

**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**23600 Liberty Street**

**Farmington, MI 48335**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 18, 2025, at 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Mayor LaRussa.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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| **Attendee Name** | **Title** | **Status** | **Arrived** |
| Johnna Balk | Mayor Pro-Tem | Present |  |
| Joe LaRussa | Mayor | Present |  |
| Kevin Parkins | Councilmember | Present |  |
| Steve Schneemann | Councilmember | Present |  |
| Maria Taylor | Councilmember | Present |  |

**City Administration Present:**

Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber

City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman

DPW Superintendent, Chuck Eudy

City Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman

City Attorney, Tom Schultz

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

A. City of Farmington Minutes

B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report

C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report

D. Board and Commission Reappointments

E. Pathways Committee Resignation

F. DDA ByLaws update

G. Beautification Committee Appointment: Faye Schuette

H. Special Events:

1. Library

2. Crop Walk

3. South Farmington Baseball Parade

Resolved, move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Sweeney of the Emergency Preparedness Committee presented the tip of the month: How to prepare pets for winter.

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Events 360: Founders Festival – Julie Law and Jenna Smith-Susewitz presented Council with an update for the 2025 Founders Festival. The festival will be held on July 17-19, 2025 in Downtown Farmington. Discussion was held regarding the latest updates and events that will take place during the festival. It was noted the festival Special Event Application will be presented to Council for approval at the March 17th meeting, by Mayor Pro-Tem Balk. Some of the discussions included hosting a Bingo event, Warner Masion Porch Party, South Farmington Baseball Fundraiser, Color Run, the Mayor inquired about Bicentennial Activities, Kids Zone, a talent show, and other items. A discussion was had regarding Events 360 communicating better with the city and the community members interested in event participation.

1. RRRASOC Update - Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, General Manager Mike Csapo presented an update on Farmington’s 2024 progress. Some of the metrics included:

* 740 tons of material recycled
  + Farmington had a higher residential recycling rate than the Michigan average. Recycling rate in Farmington was 51.3%; rate in Michigan was 23%
* 1,208 tons of yard waste composted
* 3,824 tons of solid waste

**7A. NEW BUSINESS - Purchase of replacement van for water & sewer**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to authorize the purchase of a 2025 Ram 2500 ProMaster C/V HR 136 wb from

LaFontaine CDJR-Lansing in the amount of $49,699.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**7B. NEW BUSINESS - Salt storage structure deposit**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the deposit to Clear Heights Construction LLC in the amount of $187,315.45 for the reconstruction of the Salt Storage Structure, located at 33720 W. 9 Mile Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was heard.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public spoke.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mayor LaRussa thanked Assistant City Manager Weber for stepping in for the meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk