

CITY OF FARMINGTON

Public Hearing Minutes

July 28, 2014

6:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Farmington met on July 28, 2014, in Long Memorial Hall. The hearing was called to order by Mayor Landrum.

Councilmen present were: Dennis Smith, John Robinson, Larry Forsythe, Lynn Crites, Darrel Holdman, Mark Kellogg, and Garrett Boatright.

Councilman David Holman was absent.

City Counselor, Scott Reid, was present.

Officials present were: Michelle Daniel, Floyd Massey, Larry Lacy, Todd Mecey, Karen Roman, and Paula Cartee.

Mayor Landrum stated that a Public Hearing is being held to gain input regarding:

The City of Farmington's current policy of adding fluoride to its drinking water.

Andrew Hammil, 402 Overton, addressed the Council in favor of removing fluoride from the City's water to save money.

Zach Lacy, 402 Perrine, addressed the Council in favor of removing the fluoride from the City's water supply. He cited a study showing an increase in bone cancer in young men who drank fluoridated water during their childhood.

Don Brown, 46 Veterans Drive, addressed the Council in favor of removing fluoride from the City's water supply. He indicated that he is not in favor of being medicated against his will.

Thomas LaMartina, a local dentist in Farmington since 1996, addressed the Council recommending that the City continue to add fluoride into our water system. He indicated he believes there are benefits from adding fluoride and we will see negative results if we remove the fluoride. He indicated he has observed children with stronger teeth and no cases of children with over-fluoridation of their teeth.

Sherry Cawley, Director of Upward Smiles, addressed the Council in favor of keeping the fluoride in the City's water supply. She explained they see children with a 50 percent rate of decay. She explained that recent dental screenings showed children in the northern part of the county with a higher rate of tooth decay.

Chris Landrum, 701 Grand Canyon, addressed the Council and said she was interested in knowing the truth about the fluoride. She thanked the Council for taking a look at the effects of fluoride.

Adam Overcast, 645 Sumpter Drive, addressed the Council in favor of removing fluoride from the water. He explained that research has shown that fluoride is a non-essential nutrient meaning that no human disease, including tooth decay, will result in a deficiency from fluoride.

Debbie Hoehn, Director, St. Francois County Health Department, addressed the Council in favor of keeping the fluoride in the City's water supply. She explained that St. Francois County currently has a higher rate of Emergency Room visits for dental complaints than the state average at 30.2 per 1,000 population while the Missouri rate is 10.3 per 1,000 population.

Debbie Hoehn stated that she was speaking on behalf of the St. Francois County Community Partnership and Director Al Sullivan in favor of continuing fluoride in the water supply.

Larry Lacy, Public Works Director, addressed the Council outlining the risk to City employees that have to handle fluoride. He also informed the Council that the City is currently spending \$42,000 annually to add fluoride to the water supply.

The hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Paula Cartee
Paula Cartee, City Clerk

August 14, 2014
Date Approved by Council

DAK
Mayor

August 14, 2014
Date