

Council spends so that water may flow

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Water soon will be flowing, city calendars printed and historic carriage-house repairs made as a result of the Farmington City Council's actions during its regular meeting last Monday.

Total price for the above three items: \$10,487.16.

Council voted to authorize payment

of \$11,738.98 (\$7,765.82 of that will come from the Farmington School District) to Michael Cross Excavating Inc. of Southfield, which has completed the installation of the water main on Raphael Street.

The new main will service school and the 47th District Court properties.

"The only remaining item to be finished is some settlement which has occurred in the trench areas," said Farmington City Manager Robert F. Deadman in a communication to council.

"The contractor has agreed to return in the spring of 1985 to rework these areas where necessary."

City engineers have recommended that the city hold back \$1,000 of the payment until the trench areas can be inspected in the spring, Deadman added.

Council also approved the low bidder — Johnston Smith Graphics of Romulus — to print the city's 1985 calendar-annual report for a cost of \$3,364.

The calendar, mailed each year to more than 5,000 city residents, lists

Farmington's Council message along with telephone numbers, official information on taxes, finances and voting matters.

"The low bidder, Johnston Smith Graphics, was not familiar to us, but investigation revealed that they are one of the primary printing contractors to Burroughs World Headquarters," Deadman said. "We spoke to Burroughs on the phone, and they indicated satisfaction with the firm."

The cost of the 1984 calendar-annual report with essentially the same specifications and quantity was \$3,666, Deadman said.

torical Museum.

"The low bidder, Mr. Roberts, indicated that he had done similar work for Greenfield Village," Deadman said. "We spoke to Belinda Glass, assistant to Bob Miller, director of buildings and grounds at the Village. She indicated that Mr. Roberts had done several jobs for them and that he was an excellent craftsman."

"In light of the uncertain nature of what can happen when renovating an old building, we believe that the experience of Mr. Roberts is a strong plus. While it is difficult to establish a market price on the basis of two bids, we believe that the price quoted is fair in view of prevailing wages for carpenters in this area."

All three roll-call votes were unanimous, 4-0. Councilman William S. Hartsock was absent.

Citizen crimefighters honored

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motorcycle from his garage. He pointed out the vehicle, a pickup truck with the motorcycle in the bed.

Palinko followed the truck through city streets until it was stopped near Drake Park. He walked up to the truck, which was occupied by four men, reached in and took the keys from the ignition and advised them to wait.

"I told them I had their license number and that it wasn't any use trying to get away," said Palinko, head waiter at The Vineyards restaurant in Southfield, after the meeting.

He then advised the driver to wait — the other three had bolted — and walked to a nearby house to call the police.

"The quick action you took, and the speed with which you voluntarily became involved in coming to the aid of another citizen, led directly to the arrest of a person responsible," Palinko's citation said.

JOEL AND CRAIG Bartram, ages 12 and 16 respectively and residents of Farmington Hills, told police what they'd heard about a May 17 fire at the Bel-Aire Drug Store on Orchard Lake Road.

Their information led to the "identification" of two juveniles who police believe were responsible for the fire, which caused \$10,000 worth of damage

to the building.

"It was the information provided to the investigators by you that led directly to the identification of those persons responsible for the arson," Joel Bartram's citation read. "Those persons were subsequently charged with the crime. Your truthfulness and concern for the property of others is to be commended."

Joel Bartram also was given a Silent Observer Award — which carried a cash prize — from the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce. Earl Krebs, president of the Oakland Chamber, was at the meeting to present that award.

"I'm very proud of them both," said their mother, Diane Bartram. Craig attends Farmington High School; Joel is a student at East Middle School.

Said City Manager Robert F. Deadman, "The apprehensions which resulted from the involvement of these citizens further point out the importance of community participation in the maintenance of a peaceful community."

"The administration extends its thanks to these individuals for their willingness to involve themselves in securing the safety of the citizens of our community."

Aging population studied at college

Several courses related to the study of America's aging population will be offered at Madonna College, Livonia, beginning Jan. 7.

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