

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, December 11th, 2023, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Ernie Penn. City Clerk Kelly Penn called the roll and the following Council Members answered to their names: Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan and Kara Gardenhire. Also present was City Attorney Jay Moore and Administrative Assistant LeAnn Tolleson. Mayor Penn led the pledge of allegiance.

Steve Clark, President and CEO of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and Wayne Mays, Senior Policy Advisor for the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation to Mayor Penn in appreciation for his 2 years of service as Chairman of the Heartland Advanced Medical Manufacturing Regional Cluster.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS

Phyllis Young, 546 Goose Creek Road – She waited for the November planning commission to be posted online. They did not approve the phase at that meeting. She missed the December City Council meeting, she had it on her calendar for 7:00. She invited the Ward 3 council members to come view her property. The engineer for Jorgensen said he spoke to her and that was a lie. He did not talk to her. If he lies about that, what else is he lying about? The 3-minute time limit expired.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 11th, 2023, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 8-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 11.5%, year to date numbers increased by 7.59%. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 2.3%, year to date numbers increased 6.16%.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO READ ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY.

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title was approved 8-0.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS- NONE.

Fire Chief Hellard introduced the 4 firemen that went thru the Fire Academy. For the second year in a row, a Farmington Firefighter placed first academically in the class.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

There were no written reports submitted.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CITY OF FARMINGTON INVENTORY - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department - Requesting the removal of Decatur Radars Genesis II Radar (G2S-34858, City Tag 064) Sergeant Jimmy Brotherton informed the City Council that they had applied for and received 4 grants totaling approximately \$51,946.00. Those funds were used to purchase boots, police vests and tasers for the police department. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove the following Genesis II Radars from inventory (GENESIS II, SERIAL # G2S-3000, CITY TAG 0064, GENESIS II SERIAL #G2S-24297, CITY TAG 0552, GENESIS SERIAL # G2S-32047, city tag 0607) from police inventory was approved 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1812 AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 141 & 149 WHITE STREET, PARCEL 760-00850-000 AND 760-00850-001 FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-2, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AS REQUESTED BY EAGLE HOLDINGS LLC.

Property Owner Keith Marrs addressed the council. Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2023-18 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0-1, with Council Member Morgan abstaining. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2023-18 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0-1 with Council Member Morgan abstaining. A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-18 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote the motion passed 7-01-1 with Council Member Morgan abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2023 WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

After a brief presentation by Fire Chief Hellard, Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. Council Member Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-15, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution No. 2023-15 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THERIN PROVIDED FOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES.

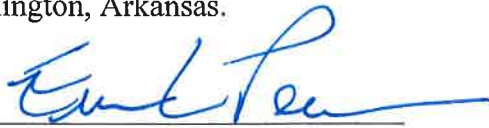
After a brief presentation by Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-15, it was seconded by Council Member Mathews and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution No. 2023-15 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PARKS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, ARKANSAS

After a brief presentation by Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. Council Member Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-17, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution No. 2023-17 by title only.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, January 8th, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved: _____



Mayor Ernie Penn

Attest: _____



City Clerk Kelly Penn