

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting April 10th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, April 10th, 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 City Business Manager McCarville.

Comments from Citizens

Taylor Samples, Springdale Deputy City Attorney introduced himself to the council as a candidate for District Judge in 2024.

Approval of the minutes for the March 13th, 2023 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.

Financials

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax was \$29,492.36, which increased 13.4 %. Monthly state sales tax was 14,961.71, which increased 10.9%. Year to date, our total sales tax is up \$44,785.98 from 2022.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Mathews 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.

Police Chief Hubbard introduced two new police officers to the council, Tyler Lisko and Logan Edge.

Committee Reports -There were no written reports submitted.

Streets- None.

Parks - Council Member Mathews announced new pickleball courts will be going in at Creekside Park, they are still in the design phase and will be put out to bid once the design is completed and approved. The Farmington Heights POA has submitted their wish list items for their neighborhood park.

Community Development- Council Member Bryant announced pickleball lessons and line dancing will be starting on the second Saturday of the month.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory-

Police Department Request – Chief Hubbard – Requesting the removal of unit 13-01 Dodge Charger. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove unit 13-01 Dodge Charger VIN # 2CECDXAT9DH521873 from police department inventory and place out for sealed bids was approved 8-0.

Fire Department Request – Chief Hellard – Removal of Scott SCBA Units On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove the following Scott SCBA units (370, 371, 372, 373, 375, 376, 403, 404, 455, 456, 469, 470, 474, 475, 476, 480, 481, 505, 506,507,508, 509, 512, 512) was approved 8-0.

Old Business - None

New Business

Ordinance No. 2023-05 An ordinance amending Ordinance No 2008-09 hereby adding provisions granting authority to the Farmington City Council to waive garage sale permit fees for the certain specific times, thereby encouraging city wide garage sale dates, within the city limits of Farmington.

Mayor Penn called for public comment and asked Melanie McKane & Sherry Wallis to speak to the council and give them an update. They informed the council that they had spoken to several people, and they had received great feedback for the first weekend in June. 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 2023-05 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2023-05 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-05 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Bell and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8/0.

Request approval of the School Resource Officer Contract with Farmington School District.

Sergeant Brotherton gave a brief overview to the council regarding the change in the contract regarding payment responsibility. It will be a 75/25 split with the school district paying 75% and the city paying the 25%. On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the School Resource Officer Contract with the Farmington School District was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2023-06 An Ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on rezoning property to multi-family residential in the City of Farmington.

Mayor Penn advised that the Planning Commission had asked for another 6-month moratorium on multi-family zoning requests while they update the zoning code. There have been no requests for zoning during the last two moratoriums. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and discuss the changes at their April 24th meeting. Mayor Penn encouraged the council members to attend the meeting and then called for public comment, there was none. Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2023-06 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2023-06 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-06 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Carnahan after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Mayor Penn asked if there were any other items to discuss. Council Member Gardenhire asked if the city were aware of an email from Washington Water Authority regarding residents now being responsible for their own water testing and if they didn't comply their service would be cut off in June. City Building Inspector Bramall advised that was for irrigation backflow systems and that he was aware. Council Member Bryant advised she had stopped by the WWA office and they said if your system is no longer being used you can notify them, and you will not be required to get testing. If anyone has any questions to contact WWA.

Council Member Gardenhire asked if any thoughts had been given to widening Angus Lane. Mayor Penn said yes, but there are limitations on what the city can do. Engineer's recommendations are pending and they will be presented to the council upon completion.

Hal Henson, 1165 East Creek Lane, asked for council help with regards to the Valley View clubhouse and pool. He encouraged the council to drive by and see for themselves. The residents need help, and they have a new POA board who will be active and want to work with the city to get this taken care of. City Attorney Jay Moore said the city is aware of the issue and he is reviewing the condemnation requirements and ordinances in place. He advised there would be movement in the next month, but the city had to follow all the proper legal steps required. Mayor Penn advised the legal notification process can be long and tedious and once notified the owners have the option of attending the meeting and presenting their plan for the site.

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 6:41 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, May 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