

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting April 12th, 2021

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, a state of emergency was declared by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, in order to comply to social distancing requirements this meeting was held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system for the public and the City Council Members attended in person. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Attorney Steve Tennant, City Business Manager McCarville, Police Chief Hubbard, Fire Chief Hellard, Public Works Director Shelley and City Building Inspector Bramall and Planning Commissioner Howard Carter were physically at City Hall. Social distancing was observed. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, April 12th, 2021 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: Sherry Mathews, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Council Member Carnahan was absent.

Comments from Citizens – None

Approval of the minutes for the March 8th, 2021, on the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 7-0.

Financial Reports – Mayor Penn presented the financial reports and informed the council that for the 1st quarter city sales tax was up 31% and 10.4% for state tax.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only was approved 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments, Committee Reports - Police Chief Hubbard presented Officer Jason Cooper with the University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute Naloxone Life Saving Award for his actions on November 13th, 2020.

Committee Reports – None

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory –

15” Finish Mower – Public Works Department

Public Works Director Shelley gave the council a brief overview of the 15” Finish Mower that needed to be removed from inventory, A replacement has been ordered and they are waiting on delivery, it has been delayed by Covid manufacturing problems. On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0 to remove the 15” Finish Mower SN 880456, city tag # 823 to be removed from inventory.

Removal of Dodge Durango Unit – Fire Department

Fire Chief Hellard gave the council a brief overview regarding the removal of the Dodge Durango from inventory and selling it to the Wheeler Fire Department. On the motion of Council Member Mathews and a second by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0 to remove Dodge Durango Serial Number 1DH4HB48N66F149879 from Fire Department inventory and sell it to the Wheeler Fire Department for \$4000.00.

Unfinished Business – Re-hearing of Ordinance No 2021-03 An ordinance rezoning 2.61 acres located at 325 South Hunter parcel #760-01533-2900 and 357 South Hunter parcel 760-01533-201, from R-1 residential single family to MF-2 residential multi family, as requested by Cox

City Attorney Tennant addressed the council regarding the rehearing of Ordinance No 2021-03, he explained due that it was his as well as the legal opinion of the Arkansas Municipal League that the council did not do their job at the last meeting. There was no legal decision made on the Ordinance as the council voted not to put it up for a vote. City Attorney Tennant advised Council Member Lipford that he needed to abstain from comment and the vote for this agenda item. After a brief overview of what their duties are and that the lawsuit had been filed due to their inaction, the council was required by law to put the item to a specific vote. After much discussion involving Council Members, City Attorney Tennant and City Clerk Penn on the proper procedures needed to make the appropriate motions, Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-03 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Morgan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 6-0, with Council Member Lipford abstaining. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2021-03 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0 with Council Member Lipford abstaining. A motion to pass Ordinance 2021-03 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Cunningham and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0 with Council Member Lipford abstaining.

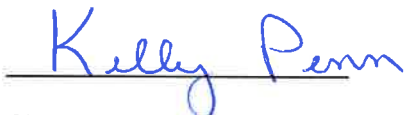
City Attorney tenant left the meeting at 7:10 pm

Request approval for annual contract with Area Agency on Aging Northwest Arkansas.

Mayor Penn gave the council a brief overview of the request. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0 to approve the annual contract in the amount of \$25,000.00.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, May10th, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn