

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

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, July 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, Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell (via Zoom), Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan (via Zoom), Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

Comments from Citizens – Noah Minard, 99 Barbara Street - Mr. Minard spoke about the criminal nuisance at 96 Barbara Street and there being a safety issue with Kelly Golden living there. Residents on Barbara Street feel that the city is only being reactive and it will not be safe until Kelly Golden is gone. He and the residents will continue to try and establish a criminal abatement board. Mayor Penn advised him to get in touch with the City Attorney and they could not speak publicly on ongoing police matters.

Norm Touring – Asked that the city consider an ordinance with regards to fracking, gravel pits and red dirt mining. Its better to have something in place if something comes up.

Approval of the minutes for the June 7th, 2021 Special Meeting and June 14th, 2021 Regular Meeting. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Parsley 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.

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 Lipford 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 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports - Fire Chief Hellard announced that Dillon Jones had passed his EMT Certification course and now all the firemen in his department are all certified EMT's.

Committee Reports

Street – Council Member Morgan advised that they will pave and repair Bear Drive at the end of August. Richmond Road bid was too high but they may have an alternative solution later in the year.

Economic Development – Council Member Bryant advised the Fall Festival will be held this year on September 11,2021 in conjunction with Fire Department Pancake Breakfast.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Ordinance 2021-10 An ordinance requiring premises to be kept free from weeds, rank grass, garbage, rubbish, and other unsightly and unsanitary articles: requiring property owners to eliminate, fill up or remove stagnant pools of water or any other unsanitary thing, place or condition which might become a breeding place for mosquitoes, flies and germs harmful to the health of the community, prescribing a procedure to be followed in such cases.

City Attorney Tennant gave the council a brief overview of the ordinance, it was first put in place in 1966, amended in 2001, there have been no changes since then, and there is no grandfather clause.

Council Member Cunningham made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-10 on its first reading by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read the ordinance by title only one time.

Ordinance 2021-11 An ordinance providing for the condemnation and removal of houses, buildings and /or structures constituting a nuisance within the corporate city limits providing for a lien on the property; providing for a penalty, therefore and for other purposes.

Council Member Cunningham made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-11 on its first reading by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read the ordinance by title only one time.

Ordinance 2021-12 – An ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on rezoning property to multi-family residential in the city of Farmington.

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-12 be read 1 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 Tennant read Ordinance 2021-12 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 2021-12 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance 2021-13 – An Ordinance waiving requirements if competitive bidding for the purchase of a new fire engine for the City of Farmington pursuant to A.C.A. 14-58-303 (b) (2) (B)

Council Member Lipford made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-13 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2021-13 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 2021-13 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Lipford, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, August 9th, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

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Mayor Ernie L. Penn

Attest

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Penn", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk Kelly Penn