

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting September 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, September 12th, 2022 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, Brenda Cunningham, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Also present was City Attorney Tennant and City Business Manager McCarville. Council Member Morgan was absent.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone who wished to comment at this time. Planning Commissioner Judy Home addressed the council and provided them with pictures of a residence at the corner of Southwinds Road & Applewood that has been impacted by a long ongoing road construction issue. The homeowner, who was not present, had received poor quality sod. She said he can't get anyone to help him and to add insult, code enforcement issued him a warning that he would receive a ticket if he didn't mow his yard. She wanted the council to take action and vote to change or require an ordinance to monitor third party vendor quality of sod. City Attorney Tennant advised her that isn't done. She also advised that the planning commission is working on multifamily design standings and larger setbacks.

Approval of the minutes for the August 8th, 2022 Regular Meeting.

On the motion of Council Member Bryant, 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 7-0.

Financial Reports.

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council.

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 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 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments, Committee Reports

Mayor Penn advised the Council that the city had been approved for a \$500,000 TAP grant, which is an 80/20 grant for the trails project.

Police Chief Hubbard introduced new police officer Tyler Standifer.

Committee Reports.

Street Committee – No meeting was held. Mayor Penn advised that the county and ARDOT are paving Bethel Blacktop to Viney Grove Road. The city has 3/10ths of a mile from the starting point to our city limits and we have been given an opportunity to piggyback on the project and get our 3/10ths of a mile portion paved. The project has already been engineered and ARDOT will add a change order to include a revised starting point. The city of Farmington's cost will be a maximum of \$60,000. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve entering into the project at a maximum cost of the project not to exceed \$60,000.00 was approved 7-0.

Parks & Recreation Committee – No meeting was held

Community Development Committee – No meeting was held.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – Fire Department

Chief Hellard provided a memo in the packet to the council that the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe being requested for removal is being sold to the Wedington Fire Department for \$16,000. The funds from that sale will be used to offset the purchase price of the new Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup Truck. Chief Hellard advised the council the Fire Department has been approved for an AFG Grant that will help purchase a new air compressor for the new air packs. 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 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN number 1GNSK2E04ER205001 from the Fire Department inventory as of September 30, 2022 was approved 7-0.

Old Business - None

New Business

Ordinance No. 2022-15 An Ordinance levying a tax on the real and personal property within the City of Farmington, Arkansas, for the year 2023 fixing the rate thereof at 5.0 mils and certifying the same to the County Clerk of Washington County, Arkansas.

Mayor Penn called for public comment, there was none. Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-15 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-15 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-15 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Lipford, after a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Lipford and seconded by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, October 10th, 2022 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