

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting November 9th, 2020

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. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, Police Chief Hubbard, Fire Chief Hellard, Public Works Director Floyd Shelley and City Building Inspector Rick Brammall were physically at City Hall and social distancing was observed. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, November 9th, 2020 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 via Zoom: Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant, and Shelly Parsley. City Attorney Tennant attended via Zoom. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – None.

Approval of the minutes for the October 12th, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

On the motion of Council Member Diane Bryant and a second by Council Member Shelly Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 6-0.

Financial Reports

Mayor Penn deferred the financial report to the agenda item.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. – On the motion of Council Member Diane Bryant and a second by Council Member Shelly Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members after a roll call vote, the motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only was approved 6-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports - Mayor Penn advised that the Double Springs Road project would begin paving this week and barring any rain, the street would be opened by the end of the week.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports due to the inability to meet because of COVID-19.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – NONE

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business –

Request approval to accept bid of Hwy. 170 sewer line extension

There was no public comment on this agenda item. On the motion of Council Member Hunter Carnahan and a second by Council Member Diane Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members after a roll call vote, the request to approve the bid to Diamond C Construction in the amount of \$90,888.50 was approved 6-0.

Resolution No, 2020-13 A Resolution Providing for the Adoption of a Budget for the City of Farmington, Arkansas for the Twelve (12) Months Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31,2021 Appropriating Money for Each Item of Expenditure Therein Provided for; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Penn opened the floor to Council Members comments.

Council Member Diane Bryant – There was \$125,000 in the parks budget, is that just for the sports baseball complex? I would like to see a separate account for trails.

Mayor Penn replied that no that money was allocated for engineering and development of a trail head as was outlined in the budget memo he sent out.

Mayor Penn opened the floor to public comment.

Dimond Moore, 11473 Clubhouse Parkway – Is there a line item for the cash in lieu of land for projects? Where would I see those requirements, which ordinance?

City Clerk Penn said she did not have the Ordinance number at hand but she would get the information to her and a copy of the ordinance and the requirements after the meeting if that was acceptable.

City Business Manager Melissa McCarville said they are not listed specifically in the ordinance you are referring to, the requirements in the Planning Commissions Landscape requirements.

Planning Commissioner Judy Horne said she just wanted to clarify the cash in lieu of parks land, does that go in general fund, is a line item for payment in lieu.

Mayor Penn reiterated the money is ear marked for the parks, we have dedicated it to the park as we have stated before.

City Business Manager McCarville said the money has to flow thru the general fund, that's how the budget is funded.

City Clerk Penn said the funds are allocated as laid out in the budget, we don't list our specific projects, unless it's a bond issue or as specified by the budget.

Council Member Diane Bryant said she would like to be able to see how the money is being spent in the parks budget.

City Clerk Penn stated you can see exactly how the money is spent in your financial packet every month and the parks committee reports or contact the Parks Chairperson Sherry Mathews.

Council Member Diane Bryant asked how do people get on the Parks committee?

Mayor Penn said to reach out Parks Chairwoman Sherry Mathews.

Rachel Catlett asked if the sewer extension means that they will have to help pay for that, if their bill will increase?

Mayor Penn said no, it will not affect your bill, it is project specific to the Hwy 170 expansion project.

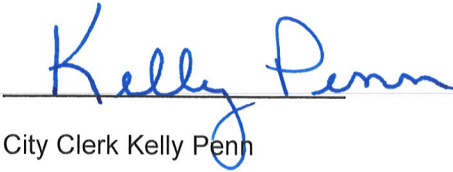
Council Member Bryant said wow, must be nice to get a new sewer.

Council Member Carnahan commented that we did a good job preparing the budget.

After no further discussion from the council, Mayor Penn called for the vote. On the motion of Council Member Hunter Carnahan and a second by Council Member Diane Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members after a roll call vote, the motion to approve resolution 2020-13 was approved 6-0. City Clerk Kelly Penn read the resolution 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 Parsley and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:23pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday December 12th, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Attest & Approved;



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City Clerk Kelly Penn



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ernie Penn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor Ernie Penn