

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting November 12th, 2019

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council, scheduled for Tuesday November 12th, 2019 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 Spinks was absent. Also present were City Business Manager Melissa McCarville and City Attorney Tennant. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Spinks arrived at 6:02.

Comments from Citizens – Larry Angela, 329 Claybrook – Does the city pay for streets when subdivisions are built. What does the city provide when building a subdivision? Mayor Penn advised that those were the developer's responsibility. Does the city help with the sewer? Mayor Penn advised that the city did some cost sharing with regards to lift stations if it would serve a greater area, but sewer was the developers issue.

Approval of the minutes for the October 14th, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting. 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 minutes were approved with spelling/substitution corrections by a vote of 8-0.

Financial Reports – Mayor Penn presented the financial reports. City Clerk Penn advised the council that Legislative Audit for 2018 was completed and approved and they all should have received copies at their home address from Legislative Audit. There were no deficiencies of any kind reported for 2018. On the motion of Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, a motion was made to approve and acknowledge the receipt of the 2018 Legislative Audit. Council Member Bryant had a question with regards to why the city was over the estimated expense of Engineering Fees in the Administrative 2019 budget. Mayor Penn and City Business Manager McCarville replied that there was an increase in fees due to issues that came up unexpectedly in the year, i.e. drainage issues, flooding issues, construction issues that were not planned.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Bryant 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 - Mayor Penn advised the Christmas Parade and Lighting ceremony will be December 7th and acknowledged Employee anniversaries as noted in the city business managers report – Billie Virgin 22 years, Melissa McCarville 14 years, Justin Collins 2 years. Chief Hubbard introduced new officer Justin Bokeno to the City Council.

Committee Reports – All committee reports were included in the council packets.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory - Police Department

Removal of Xerox copier XL3567426, city tag 0634.

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 approve the removal of the Police Department Xerox copier XL3567426, city tag 0634 was approved 8-0.

Old Business – NONE

New Business

Request approval of per capita jail fee agreement between Washington County and the City of Farmington.

Council Member Bryant made a motion and it was given a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the per capita jail fee agreement in the amount of \$18,550.26 between Washington County and the City of Farmington was approved 8-0.

Ordinance 2019-14 An ordinance rezoning 12328 W. Hwy 62 and 12405 Bethel Blacktop from R-1, residential single family, to C-2, highway commercial, as requested by Frances Hawkins.

Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2019-14 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2019-14 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 8-0. Council Member Bell made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2019-14, it was seconded by Council Member Bryant, after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-15 An Ordinance rezoning 2846 S. Archie Watkins Road from A-1, agriculture district to R-1, residential single family, as requested by Osnes Properties, LLC.

Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2019-15 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Liford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2019-15 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 8-0. Council Member Morgan made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2019-15, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham, after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-16 An ordinance waiving requirements of competitive bidding for the purchase and installation of security cameras and equipment at Creekside Park pursuant to Ark. Code Anr. 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 and for Ordinance 2019-16 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 3-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2019-16 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 8-0. Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2019-16, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Resolution 2019-06 A resolution adopting a Master Transportation Plan for the City of Farmington Arkansas

Jill Torering, 306 Claybrook spoke. I hope the plan would make sure pavement ratings were upheld and connectivity with regards to existing neighborhoods were taken into consideration with growth and new subdivisions. I want the city to continue to get citizen input with regards to these issues. There are flooding and drainage issue that need to be considered, traffic control will be important and citizens voices need to be heard. There are citizens who are victims of flood and drainage issues. This is a spectacular city, a beautiful place to live, and we want to keep it that way.

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 motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 was approved 3-0.

Resolution 2019-05 A Resolution providing for the adoption of a budget for the City of Farmington, Arkansas for the twelve (12) months beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, appropriating money for each item of expenditure therein provided for; and other purposes.

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 motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 was approved 8-0

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday December 9th, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn