

## **Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting January 13, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council, scheduled for Monday, January 13, 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: Sherry Mathews, Abby Spinks, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. City Business Manager Melissa McCarville and City Attorney Tennant were also present. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Comments from Citizens** – None.

**Approval of the minutes for the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 as presented by a vote of 8-0.

**Financial Reports** – Financials were deferred until agenda item.

**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 Parsley 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 - Planning Commissioner Howard Carter reappointment.** On the motion of Council Member Lipford and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to re-appoint Planning Commissioner Howard Carter for a 2-year term was approved 8-0.

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

**Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory - None**

**Old Business – NONE**

**New Business**

**State of the City Address – Mayor Penn – See Attached.**

**Resolution 2020-01 – A Resolution providing for the adoption of the amended budget for the city of Farmington, Arkansas for the 12 months beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019; appropriating money for each item, and for other purposes.**

Mayor Penn presented the amended budget for 2019. Council Member Bryant wanted to know why Professional Services was over budget, it seems like that line item is always over budget, and why couldn't we balance that area. City Clerk Penn advised that there are some projects that come before the city throughout the year that are unplanned, so that is why it was over budget. There are unexpected projects that come up that require professional services, such as drainage or flooding or changes in construction issues. During the next budget session for the 2021 year we can certainly increase that amount based on council recommendations. On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 was approved 8-0.

**Resolution No. 2020-02 A Resolution establishing the procedural rules for the City Council of the city of Farmington Arkansas**

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 approve Resolution No. 2020-02 was approved 8-0.

**Ordinance 2020- 01 An ordinance rezoning parcel 760-01601-000 on Southwinds Road from R-O, residential office to C-1, general commercial, as requested by Cedar Mountain Properties.**

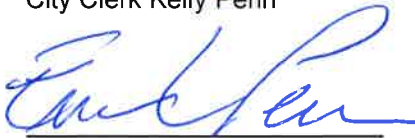
Builder Jerry Coyle addressed the council that the building will be a commercial property and it will be cosmetically appealing and it will have a separate parking lot, rather than sharing a lot with the adjoining property. Council Member Bell asked if they would be sharing a driveway. Mr. Coyle told her no, not at this time. Council Member Lipford commented it will be hard to have buffer zones with our commercial space in the city. Council Member Bell asked if the rental options have changed from a church and a daycare will there be a new building design? Mr. Coyle said no, the design is the same, the C-1 just gives them the option of renting to a different tenant. Mayor Penn opened the floor for public comment. Planning Commissioner Judy Horne spoke and informed the council she voted against this, it should have been left R-O, she is concerned this opens the city up to the following types of businesses; detective services, construction offices, dry cleaning, yoga studios, 24 hour gyms, pawn shops, secondhand stores, private clubs, How would this impact the city and how would it look ? We vote and debate at the planning commission meetings, please be vigilant with your votes. Mayor Penn closed the public comment section to the public. 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 2020-01 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Clerk Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2020-01 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 2020-01, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 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 Morgan and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn