

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

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council, scheduled for Monday, March 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: 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 February 10th, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting. 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 minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 8-0.

Financial Reports – Financials were presented by Mayor Penn.

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 Morgan 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 made the following announcements: Senator John Boozman sent a letter congratulating the city of Farmington on the two Trendsetter awards it received last month. Fire Chief Cunningham will be retiring June 1, 2020 after 37 years of service. The Fire Department pancake breakfast will be Saturday March 21st. The Farmington Lady Cardinal Basketball team will play for a state championship on Friday March 13th at 6:00pm in Hot Springs.

Police Chief Hubbard introduced 2 new officers, Josh Howerton and James Cavin, both formerly from Washington County Sherriff's office.

Parks and Recreation Director Laurie Adkins informed the council summer ball programs sign ups were complete. We had 568 kids sign up, an increase from last year's number of 504. We have 162 kids in T-ball versus 140 last year. There are 33 teams versus 29 last year. There is ongoing field maintenance being done before the season starts, the Farmington Junior Honor Society came out to do community service and worked on the fields one day. We have instituted a pilot program for team sponsorship this year to help defray cost to parents.

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

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

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 remove software that was added to the Police Department Inventory in 2005 in error, with a budget adjustment of \$24,215.88 was approved 8-0.

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 remove Axon Flex Camera systems, serial numbers X78075600, X78015541, X78004050, X78005317, X78005451, X78003200, X78008805, X78007435, X78074700, X78022159, X78100918, X78100978 from Police Department inventory was approved 8-0.

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

On the motion of Council Member Bell 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 following items from the Fire Department inventory; Generator -Serial Number GC05-3112986, tag number 0039, 4 Air packs – serial numbers 910212, city tag 476, serial number 9870743, city tag 477, City tag 478, city tag 479, Radio serial number 61200439 city tag 339.was approved 8-0.

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business

Ordinance No. 2020-02 AN ordinance rezoning 33.79 +/- on SW Grace Lane from R-1 Residential Single-Family Home to PUD, Planned Unit Development, as requested by Farmington Commercial LLC.

Property Developer Mark Marquess gave the council a brief presentation of the Planned Unit Development, recapping all the information given to the Planning commission and the information provided to the council in their packets. Mayor Penn opened the floor to public comment.

Al Harris 12688 Bethel Blacktop – I am a retired engineer, worked as an engineer for 37 years. I didn't come here to speak, my wife drug me to the meeting. I happen to know your developer and Mark is a man of high integrity, he does high quality work and a great developer. You have a good one.

Norm Touring 306 Claybrook - Mark is a quality builder, you can't lose with him.

Jay Moore, Planning Commissioner, 49 Bellwood Drive - This is the best piece of land in Farmington for development right now, we are doing it slow and doing it right. The water features and green space will be good. Each phase will be done individually. Call us if you have any questions or need any information. I don't know the developer personally but this is a good project.

Judy Horne, Planning Commissioner - I agree on the majority of the project but have 2 concerns. The first is Angus Lane, it needs improvement and have we budgeted for that. The second is more of a personal concern. The homes behind Countryside and Briarhill don't match up to the homes in the plan, their views will be roofs and it will be restricted. This does not affect everyone, just some homes. I wish they could be lined to not restrict their views. It would be nice,

Gerry Harris – Planning Commissioner- I love Judy and I respect her opinion but I disagree. The PUD gives us a content on what is coming in. People who own land are entitled to develop it. I know there are a lot of people who don't want growth but the PUD's give us control. We are going to grow. We need planned growth.

There being no more speakers, the Public Comment section was closed by Mayor Penn.

Council Member Spinks made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2020-02 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham 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 2020-02 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 2020-02, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Request approval to purchase and waive competitive bidding on Estey library shelving from Innerplan Office Interiors for Farmington Public Library for the amount of \$56,261.51 Ordinance No. 2020-03 An Ordinance waiving requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase and installation of shelving at the Farmington Public library pursuant to Ark. Code Ann 14-58-303 (b) (2) (b)

Librarian Rachel Sawyer advised the council after much research, the Estey Library Shelving from Innerplan Office Interiors were what they wanted to purchase. The cost is \$56,261.51 but there would be no budget impact to the city because the funds had been donated to the library for this purchase.

Council Member Cunningham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2020-03 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford 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 2020-03 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 2020-03, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Request approval to purchase replacement of Traffic Signal Controller Cabinet located at the intersection of Main Street and South Hunter for \$20,785 from Signal Tek.

Police Chief Hubbard gave the city council a brief overview with regards to the Traffic Cabinet that needs to be replaced, the city has 7 of these and this is the first to need replacement. On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the purchase of Traffic Signal Controller Cabinet located at the corner of South Hunter and Main street from Signal Tek in the amount of \$20,785. was approved 8-0.

Resolution 2020-03 – A Resolution by the city of Farmington supporting the House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019 (HJR 1018 of 2019), proposing an amendment to the Arkansas constitution to continue a levy of a one half percent sales and use tax for state highways and bridges: county roads, bridges and other surface transportation: and City streets, bridges and other surface transportation after the retirement of the bonds authorized in Arkansas Constitution, amendment 91, as special revenue to be distributed under the Arkansas Highway revenue Distribution Law.

Rob Smith from the Northwest Arkansas Council of Transportation gave a brief presentation. 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 Resolution No. 2020-03 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2020-04 A Resolution designation a non-profit agency as CDBG Grant Administrator.

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. 2020-04 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2020-05 – A Resolution authorizing the City of Farmington to submit a grant application to the Arkansas economic Development Commission (AEDC)

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 Resolution No. 2020-05 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2020-06 A Resolution establishing an anti-displacement plan for the City of Farmington Arkansas, in compliance with AEDC grant programs.

On the motion of Council Member Bell 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. 2020-06 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No 2020-07 A resolution prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement under Farmington’s jurisdiction against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

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 approve Resolution No. 2020-07 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2020-08 A Resolution affirming the City of Farmington’s fair housing and equal opportunity policy.

On the motion of Council Member Bell 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. 2020-08 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2020-09 A Resolution expressing the willingness of the city of Farmington to utilize state aid street monies for the Following City Project – Farmington Double Springs road Improvements.

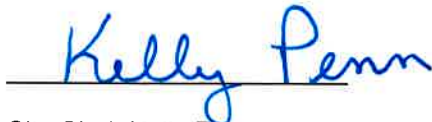
On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09 was approved 8-0.

Request approval to accept bid for City Hall Addition.

On the motion of Council Member Bell 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.

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 7:31 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday April 13th, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

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

City Clerk Kelly Penn

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Mayor Ernie Penn