

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 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: Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Linda Bell, and Bobby Morgan. Council Members Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan and Kara Gardenhire were absent. Also present was City Attorney Jay Moore and City Business Manager McCarville. Mayor Penn led the pledge of allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS

Mackenzie Hinderberger, Miss Arkansas USA 2023 –Miss Hinderberger introduced herself to the council members. She is the current Miss Arkansas USA 2023 and is a 3rd grade teacher in the Farmington Public School system. Her platforms are mentorship and school safety.

City Attorney Jay Moore – informed the council he was at Creekside Park this weekend and met a gentleman who had recently moved here. He loved the park and all the green space. He said he comes down and watches the basketball games at the park a lot and he was impressed that there was never any trouble and that the people using the courts picked up their trash and held each other accountable. It is nice to hear about the good folks we have here.

Council Member Sherry Mathews arrived at 6:04 pm.

Phyllis Young, 546 Goose Creek Road – The flooding of her property has gotten worse, she was told at the onset of the project it would not and she trusted everyone, but after the December 21st flood, she found out that was not the truth. The City Council and the Planning Commission have let the citizens down. She still had faith but now she is so disappointed in everyone at the city. She has lived here all her life and was a proud resident, but not so much anymore. She encouraged council members to come out and look at her property, but no one came. She wanted to speak about cul de sac issues the planning commission was dealing with. The Planning Commissioner chairman told her it was in the plans all along to take it out. The citizen had called their council member but had not heard anything. The 3-minute time limit ended Ms. Young's comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 12, 2023 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 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 9.20%. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 8.13%. Year to date, our total sales tax is up 4.80% versus 2022 sales tax numbers.

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 was approved 6-0.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS- NONE.

City Business manager McCarville showed the council pictures of the recent vandalism at Creekside Park. The city has had an increase in vandalism since school has been out. The city is considering locking the park bathrooms from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

There were no written reports submitted.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CITY OF FARMINGTON INVENTORY -NONE

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 11294 N. HWY 170, PARCEL #760-02908-000 AND #760-02917-000 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO RE-2, RESIDENTIAL ESTATE 2, AS REQUESTED BY NICK LIMBARD.

Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. Council Member Cunningham made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2023-12 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member and Lipford after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 6-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2023-12 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-12 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote the motion passed 6-0.

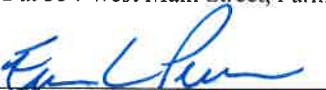
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 A RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVENTEEN AXON BODY CAM 4'S WITH FLEX FOR THE FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO A.C.A 14-58-303 (b) (2) (B)

After a brief presentation by Police Sgt. Brotherton and some discussion by the council members, Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. Council Member Lipford made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, it was seconded by Council Member Bell and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 6-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution No. 2023-05 by title only.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION OF THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

After a brief presentation by Police Chief Hubbard, Mayor Penn asked for public comment, there was none. After council discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the request to add the addition of the rank of Deputy Chief for the Police Department, at a pay grade 20 was approved 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Bell and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, August, 2023 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