



Mayor Ernie Penn

City Attorney Jay Moore

City Clerk Kelly Penn

City Council Member Sherry Mathews
Ward 1 Position 1

Council Member Keith Lipford
Ward 2 Position 1

Council Member Brenda Cunningham
Ward 3 Position 1

Council Member Diane Bryant
Ward 4 Position 1

Council Member Hunter Carnahan
Ward 1 Position 2

Council Member Linda Bell
Ward 2 Position 2

Council Member Bobby Morgan
Ward 3 Position 2

Council Member Kara Gardenhire
Ward 4 Position 2

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 13th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Farmington City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington Arkansas. Mayor Ernie Penn called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Members Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, City Attorney Jay Moore, City Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens – All comments will be taken under advisement with no action taken. – None.

Approval of December 9th, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Mathews 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

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. The monthly city sales tax increased by 1.152%. The monthly state/county sales tax increased by 1.0711%.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan 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 only was approved 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments – Mayor Penn introduced and welcomed the new Head Librarian, Marie Ingersoll.

Committee Reports – None.

Unfinished Business - None

Resolution No. 2025-01 A Resolution establishing the procedural rules for the City Council of the City of Farmington, Arkansas for 2025.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Resolution No.2025-01 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2025-02 A Resolution providing for the adoption of the amended budget for the City of Farmington, Arkansas, for the twelve (12) months beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024: Appropriating money for each item and for other purposes.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan 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. 2025-02 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2025-03 A Resolution in support of an application for the Blue and You Mini Grant.

On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-03 was approved 8-0.

Resolution No. 2025-04 A Resolution waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of one Chevrolet Silverado for the Farmington Street Department

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan 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. 2025-04 was approved 8-0.

Request approval of contract between Washinton County, Arkansas and the City of Farmington, Arkansas concerning the provisions of animal sheltering services.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan 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 the contract with Washington County was approved 8-0.

Hwy 170 Project Update

Ron Petrie, Garver Engineering, addressed the council regarding the Hwy. 170 project. He praised the job that Emory Sapp and Sons have done, there have been no construction delays. The contract has 17 days of non-work built in for January, but they have not had to use them. They have used 62% of the construction contract budget and that is a sign of great progress. December 2024 was a great milestone for the project, all interchanges were switched to the other side of the road. The project is estimated to have saved a million dollars in estimated costs. Garver is asking for a change order with a cost to the city of \$17,210. Due to the progress and multiple crews that are working on the project, instead of soil testing weekly, it's several times a day. On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the change order, the cities portion, in the amount of \$17,210.00 was approved 8-0.

Farmers Market Presentation

Michelle Tabor, Executive Director of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce gave a brief presentation to the city council regarding the growth of the Farmers Market. She gave the council some ideas for things the Chamber would like to help the event grow. Josh Fry, Chamber Member, addressed the council and wanted to make sure the council knew what a great job Michelle and Erica did. They have an unwavering commitment to the community and helping the economic growth of our city as the population continues to expand. They go above and beyond for a nominal amount of money.

There being no further business to come before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Lipford, it was approved 8-0, The meeting adjourned at 6:53 until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, February 10th, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Mayor Ernie Penn



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

