

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting January 8th, 2018

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, January 8th, 2018 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: Patsy Pike, Sherry Mathews, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Also present was City Business Manager Melissa McCarville and City Attorney Tennant. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – Neil Barnes, 11034 N. Hwy 170 addressed the council stating he wanted to be good neighbors with the city. He had heard a detention pond would be used to redirect water for the Rosebay area. He was not in favor of the new proposed culvert on Garland McKee to Sunrise roads, it will add to current drainage issues, don't waste time and money on studies. He asked that people in the impacted areas contact him specifically to discuss the area as he does not have time to come to all the meetings. He will help but up to a point, any other new development will affect the others. He provided city staff with his cell phone number to reach him.

Approval of the minutes for the December 11th, 2017 regular meeting of the city council. On the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes for the meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports – Mayor Penn presented the financial reports and advised the council that in February we would have the final 2017 numbers and amend the budget to reflect those numbers.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. On the motion of Council Member Lipford and seconded 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.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports

Police Chief Hubbard introduced new officer Jake Stein. Fire Chief Cunningham advised the council that he had 2 new volunteer firemen, Dillon Jones and Tyler Miller.

Planning Commissioner Howard Carter was reappointed to fill a 2-year term expiring in 2020 on a motion by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all council members after a roll call vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Penn proclaimed January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice week.

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

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory - None

New Business

Jeff Hatley with Ozark Regional Transit - Presentation of Periodic report. Mr. Hatley provided the council with a brief report that 2017 was a down year for OTR, mainly dealing with the catastrophic fire that cost them the loss of 80% of their fleet. They have been replacing the fleet and services that they provide. In 2017 they had a 18% drop in ridership due to the loss of fleet. The Farmington route only had an 11% drop. Looking for much better numbers in 2018 and getting back to their normal service.

Scott Davis – Report on Video Project

Mr. Davis reported he was finished with the project on time and within budget. There will be a 100-year history of Farmington as well as features on the Fireman's Breakfast and My Favorite thing about Farmington feature. All videos will be posted on a public You Tube channel for the City of Farmington. He will inquire with the Fayetteville Cable access channel to see if they will air them also. He also wanted to thank Dee Ness, Mark Cunningham, Melissa McCarville and Janie Steele for all their help in getting the details right.

Ordinance No 2018-01 – An Ordinance rezoning property on Double Springs road containing approximately 126.03 +/- from A-1, agriculture district to R-1, single family residential as requested by Red Canyon Development Company.

Dave Jorgenson, Engineer from Jorgenson & Associates gave the council members a brief overview of the project, the project would be done in 3 phases with the smallest homes starting at approximately \$180,000 and going upwards to 250,000 – 300,000 range but stressed this was still in the planning stages. Mayor Penn asked if any citizens had comments.

Sarah Sanchez, 482 Goldfinch, was concerned about the lot size and the size of the homes being built there and did not want anything that would decrease her property value.

Mayor Penn then closed the discussion to the public.

Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2018-01 is to be read one 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. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved by all those present. A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley to pass Ordinance 2018-01 with an emergency clause. After a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present.

Request from Red Canyon, LLC to share cost of offsite sewer on Double Springs Road.

After much discussion the council made the decision to table this item until the engineer for the property owner meets with the City of Fayetteville and comes back to the City of Farmington with definite numbers and specifications for the project. A motion was made to table the item by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Morgan. After a roll call vote and by the consent of all members present the motion passed.

Resolution No 2018-01 A Resolution establishing the procedural rules for the city council of the City of Farmington, Arkansas for 2018.


Section 5A, item 9, was amended to read” “In the event of a holiday falling on a Monday, the above schedule will be shifted to the following Tuesday.”

A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Lipford to approve Resolution 2018-01 as amended. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with the consent of all members present.

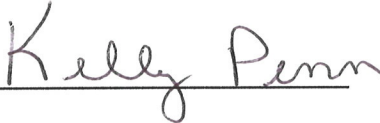
City Attorney Tennant advised the council he would have some information for them with regard to the Opioid Litigation Representation request on behalf of all cities and towns in Arkansas from the municipal league at the next meeting. He had just received the information today.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:22pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday February 12th, 2018 at in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



Mayor Ernie Penn



City Clerk Kelly Penn