

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday January 9th, 2017 was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Ernie Penn. City Clerk Kelly Penn called the roll and the following Aldermen answered to their names: Patsy Pike, Sherry Mathews, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Also present were City Business Manager Melissa McCarville and City Attorney Tennant. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – moved to the end of the agenda.

Approval of the minutes for the December 12, 2016 regular meeting of the city council.

On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the minutes for the meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports – City Clerk Penn advised that city sales tax was up \$ 5,067.19 county sales tax was up \$ 146.54 for a total increase of \$6,213.73

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

On the motion of Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderman Mathews and by the consent of all members present, the motion was approved.

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

Mayor Penn introduced new Court Clerk Kim Bentley to the council.

Mayor Penn announced Howard Carter will be appointed as a Planning Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Sean Schader until February 2018. The following Planning Commissioners were also reappointed:

Robert Mann – 2 year term, expiring February 2019, Matt Hutcherson – 2 year term, expiring February 2019, Gerry Harris – 5 year term, expiring February 2022.

On the motion of Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderman Morgan and by the consent of all members present, the motion was approved to appoint Howard Carter as a Planning Commissioner to fill Sean Schader's term until February 2018.

On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Mathews and by the consent of all members present, the motion was approved to reappoint Robert Mann, Matt Hutcherson and Gerry Harris to terms listed above.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Unfinished Business –None.

New Business

Semi-Annual report on Ozark Regional Public Transit

Jeff Hartley with Ozark Regional Transit gave the council a brief overview of the 2016 year. It was still a record year but ridership seems to be plateauing. Farmington bus ridership has declined by 50% and that decline is based on the number of riders to the NWACC campus. The paratransit riders have increased. Funding has been approved for the 1st quarter with the Quorum Court and they are in talks to secure funding for the rest of the year.

Request approval of contracts from Earthplan Design Alternatives, PA for MS4 Stormwater Compliance and Floodplain Administration.

City Business Manager McCarville advised that this a housekeeping item, we have worked with them since 2009. We refer all floodplain questions from citizens to them to deal with the legalities of property lines in the flood plain and any stormwater related issues. Rick Bramil is also certified now to deal with some of these issues. A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Pike to approve the motion to enter into a contract with Earthplan Design Alternatives, PA for Stormwater Compliance and Floodplain Administration, it was approved by all those present.

Request approval to purchase Traffic Controller Cabinet.

Mayor Penn advised tht the Traffic Control Cabinet at Hwy 62 and Grace Lane was hit by an uninsured motorist and we need to replace it. Alderman asked if this was insured by the city, City Business Manager McCarville said they are not but they will get a quote to see how much it would be to insure all of our existing ones, she will have the information at the next meeting.

On the motion of Alderman Cunningham and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the motion to approve the purchase of a traffic controller cabinet in the amount of \$14,950 from Signaltek, which includes all labor and materials was approved by all present.

Discussion and comments from citizen's item – A letter was mailed to the Mayor and all Alderman that was signed by 18 residents regarding property issues at 89 North Double Springs Road and 97 North Double Springs Road. City Attorney Tennant addressed those present about each property separately.

89 North Double Springs Road – City Attorney Tennant advised that there are steps that have to be followed in the legal process and the city has attempted to notify property owner Mr. Billy McCormick by registered mail and they are unable to locate him. The notice has now been posted on his property and will remain posted there for 30 days. This has to be posted for 30 days before the city can take any steps toward demolition of the site. The item will come back to the city council after the required posting dates and they shall recommend the process needed for removal. A lien will be filed against the property and all tear down and cleanup costs will be incurred by the city. Taxes are current on the property due to the homestead exemption and there is a mortgage on the home so the lien would be secondary. We are making every attempt to locate the property owner. Attorney Tennant asked that the neighbors contact city hall if they see the property owner back on site. The ordinance will be brought to the council at the February 13th meeting and estimated costs are \$10,000.00.

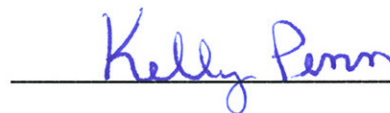
97 North Double Springs Road - City Attorney Tennant advised that this property was purchased in January of 2016 and since then there have been 11 call to the police department and city hall. There are numerous health and building code violations. There are procedures that have to be followed and the property owners have to be cited 3 times in the calendar year. They have been cited 3 times and the 3rd court date is February 8th so we will have an update for the council and residents at the February meeting. We have documented the issues, have supporting photographs and we have meet with the prosecuting attorney.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Cunningham and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday January 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



Mayor Ernie Penn



City Clerk Kelly Penn