

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting October 11, 2021

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, a state of emergency was declared by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, in order to comply to social distancing requirements this meeting was held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, City Attorney Tennant, Police Chief Hubbard, Fire Chief Hellard, Public Works Director Shelley, City Building Inspector Bramall, Court Clerk Bentley and Librarian Sawyer were physically at City Hall. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, October 11th, 2021 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, Hunter Carnahan (via Zoom), Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

Comments from Citizens – NONE

Approval of the minutes for the September 13th, 2021 Regular 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 8-0.

Financial Reports – Mayor Penn presented the financial reports.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. 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 motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only was approved 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports - Librarian Rachel Sawyer recommended Judy Phillips be appointed to the library board. 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 appoint Judy Phillips to the library board was approved 8-0.

Committee Reports – None

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Resolution No. 2021-08 A resolution adopting a Future Land Use Plan for the City of Farmington, Arkansas.

Mayor Penn opened the floor for comments.

Sara Gertz advised that the plan should be reviewed in 5 years, possibly 2-3 due to the growth or if there is a need to adjust.

Robert Mann, Planning Commission Chairperson thanked Sara for all her help and guidance with the Planning Commission as they worked thru the process. He advised the council this project had been started before covid shut everything down, the planning commissioners had several work sessions and hearings allowing public input. There was a lot of discussion because the city has an odd and unique growth pattern. This is not zoning, it's a land use plan.

Mayor Penn opened the floor to public comments.

Brady Ghan, 9 Locust Street – Mr. Ghan stated he was against the plan as a homeowner, taxpayer and citizen. He would like to see the white street commercial zone removed Broad commercial zoning needs greater investments in roads. This does not serve people who are already here and invested in the community. The identity and history create centers of growth and not let the developers dictate what happens. He wants his neighborhood and others like his protected. Please see his attached comments from the planning commission meeting held 09/27/2021.

Keith Macedo – Planning Commissioner – He advised the council that the 62 commercial corridor was basically unchanged, he felt that it could have been tweaked.

Mayor Penn closed the comments from the public and the council discussed the plan.

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, Resolution 2021-08 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Ordinance 2021-17 – An Ordinance levying a tax on the real and personal property within the City of Farmington, Arkansas, for the year 2022 fixing the rate therefore at 5.0 mils and certifying the same to the County Clerk of Washington County.

Council Member Lipford made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-17 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2021-17

by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2021-17 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Cunningham, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Request approval of a contract for the vehicle exhaust system

Fire Chief Hellard advised the council that after checking the references that were submitted for the 2 bidders that the company that had the low bid had subpar references and that he was requesting we go with the high bid from Air Cleaning Technologies who had all positive reviews from all their references. in the amount of \$83,300.00 we go with the high bid. 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 accept the bid from Air Cleaning technologies in the amount of \$83,300.00 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Review & Acknowledge the 2020 Legislative Audit

City Clerk Penn presented the 2020 Legislative Audit to the council and announced the city of Farmington received a clean audit with no violations to be cited. The letter of acknowledgment on page 5 of the audit document was read into record. All council members received copies of the audit mailed to their home address directly from the Legislative Audit Division of the State of Arkansas. A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Parsley to acknowledge and accept the presentation of the 2020 Legislative Audit, and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, it was approved by a vote of 8-0.

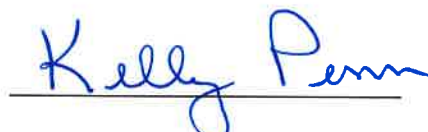
There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, November 8th, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

Attest



Mayor Ernie L. Penn



City Clerk Kelly Penn