

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting October 9th, 2017

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, October 9th, 2017 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 were City Attorney Steve Tennant and City Business Manager Melissa McCarville. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – No comments from the citizens at this time.

Approval of the minutes for the September 11th, 2017 regular meeting of the city council.

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Bell and by the consent of all 8 members present after a roll call vote, the minutes for the meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports – City Clerk Penn advised that city sales tax was down \$3,093.69, state sales tax was up \$1,216.44 for a total decrease of \$1,877.52

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

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and seconded by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all 8 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

Mayor Penn had Court Clerk Kim Bentley introduce our new Deputy Court Clerk Shasta Weihl to the City Council. Mayor Penn informed the council of upcoming projects:

- Gibson Hill & Tyler Road projects should be completed in the next few weeks.
- Drainage project on Southwinds road to alleviate some flooding issues due to lack of drop inlets.
- Detention pond for Meadowsuite subdivision
- Broyles street road repair

-Public Works Building – Roy Hummel has offered free property to the city but the city would be responsible for running water to the property, which cost estimates appear to be around \$300,000.00. The city is also in talks with the school to for possible land purchase.

- Parks Projects include tennis court, pavilion, and new bathrooms.

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

The Finance Committee met before the council meeting today to discuss repairs on the traffic light at the intersection on Highway 62 and County Road 62. After a brief report by Police Chief Brian Hubbard, the committee voted to approve the repair by Signal Tek in the amount of \$15,036.40. A written report will be included in the November packet for the council under committee reports.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2017-11 An ordinance to amend ordinance no 7.1, zoning regulations adopted in 2015, section 14.04.05 to provide for an R-3 zero lot line single family residential zoning

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Cunningham to place Ordinance 2017-11 on its third reading by title only. It was approved by all 8 of those present after a roll call vote. Mayor Penn asked “Shall the ordinance pass?” After a roll call vote, the ordinance passed 7-1, with Alderman Lipford voting no.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2017-14 – An Ordinance levying a tax on the real and personal property within the city of Farmington, Arkansas for the year 2018 fixing the rate thereof at 5.0 mils and certifying the same to the County Clerk of Washington County, Arkansas.

A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Bell to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that ordinance 2017-14 is to be read by title only one time. It was approved by all 8 members present after a roll call vote. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2017-14 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the Ordinance Pass? It was approved by all 8 members present after a roll call vote. A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Bryant to approve the Emergency Clause for Ordinance No. 2017-14. It was approved by all 8 of those present after a roll call vote

Request approval to accept & proceed with engineering services proposal from McGoodwin, Williams and Yates for Southwinds Drainage Improvements.

After a brief presentation to the council by Chris Brackett, Engineer for McGoodwin, Williams and Yates, a motion was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Lipford to approve engineering proposal for McGoodwin, Williams and Yates in the dollar amount of \$41,442.00. It was approved by all 8 of those present after a roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2017-15 An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 7.9 of 2001 to provide regulations for the construction, operation and maintenance of a digital billboard in the city of Farmington. Road.

City Attorney Tennant gave the council a brief overview on this ordinance, it applies to the only sign in the city that has been here for many years and this is a house keeping item to make sure we are covered if anyone else ever applies to have a similar sign installed. A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Cunningham to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that ordinance 2017-15 is to be read by title only one time. It was approved by all 8 those present after a roll call vote. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2017-15 by title only. Mayor Penn asked "Shall the ordinance pass?" It was approved by all 8 of those present after a roll call vote. A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Cunningham to approve Ordinance 2017-15 with an emergency clause. It was approved by all 8 of those present after a roll call vote.

Mayor Penn asked if anyone had anything or any questions before we adjourned.

Alderman Bryant said she would like to see Ordinances read all 3 times over the 3 month period rather than pass them with an emergency clause. She would also like to see projects put out for bid.

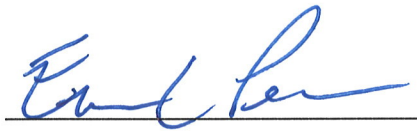
Alderman Cunningham asked who she needed to notify if an area of the city needed street lights. Mayor Penn told her to contact Floyd and encouraged any Council Members to contact department heads directly if they had questions about projects.

Alderman Bell asked City Attorney Tennant when the Waste Management contract will be ready for review and the services would be put out for bid. City Attorney Tennant replied that the Waste Management person that deals with our city contract had been out of the office due to health issues for quite a while and that is what had caused the delay, but they had finally submitted an 80 page document for his review and he was working on it.

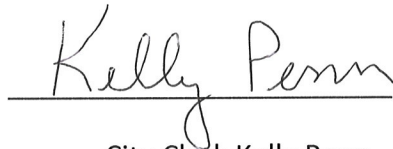
Mayor Penn said that until a new contract is approved no changes can be made to the existing contract and no rate increases can be made and that we have only had 2 rate increases for senior citizens since entering into the contract with waste management. This is for residential service only, commercial customers can contract to whatever service they want. He advised that when the council reviews upcoming bids we need to make sure whatever company we choose can service the needs of our city and having a landfill is something that we need to be sure we have access too.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Lipford and seconded by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday November 13th, 2017 at in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

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Mayor Ernie Penn

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Penn", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk Kelly Penn