

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting November 8, 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 also held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, City Attorney Tennant were physically at City Hall. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, November 8th, 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, Keith Lipford (Zoom), Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

Comments from Citizens

Tom Gentry, North Highway 170 – Mr. Gentry wanted to know why highway 170 was not completed yet? Mayor Penn advised the project had been halted due to a lawsuit by Washington Water Authority and it is pending in the courts.

Jill Tarring, 306 Claybrook – She requested property descriptions in layman's terms when dealing with ordinances, the legal descriptions make it confusing and not easy to identify property.

Approval of the minutes for the October 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting. On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Carnahan 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 Morgan and a second 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 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports - None.

Committee Reports – None

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Resolution No. 2021-09 A resolution providing for the adoption of a budget for the City of Farmington, Arkansas, for the twelve (12) months beginning January 01, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, appropriating money for each expenditure therein provided for; and other purposes.

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2021-09 was approved by a vote of 7-1, with Council Member Bryant voting no.

Resolution 2021-10 a resolution for approval of ARPA funds for premium pay for employees in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00

On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2021-10 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Resolution 2021-11 a resolution waiving requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase of a field groomer for City of Farmington Parks Department pursuant to A.C.A. 14-58-303 (b) (2) (B)

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2021-11 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Ordinance No 2021-18 An Ordinance revising Ordinance No. 2007-06 Building Permit Fees.

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 for Ordinance 2021-18 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2021-18 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 2021-18 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2021-19 An ordinance rezoning 12650 North Hwy 170 # 760-03023-001 from A-1 agriculture to R-1 residential single family, as requested by Damon McDonald.

City Attorney Tennant went over the memo provided to the council in their packets. Planning Commissioners Ball and Macedo spoke against the rezoning. Planning Commissioner's Harris & Mann spoke in favor of the rezoning. 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 for Ordinance 2021-19 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 2021-19 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 5-3, Council Members Lipford, Morgan & Bryant voted no. A motion to pass Ordinance 2021-19 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Award bid for Double Springs Bridge Rehabilitation to Steve Beam Construction, Inc.

On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the bid was awarded to Steve Beam Construction Inc. in the amount of \$187,477.60 and 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 Cunningham and seconded by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, December 13th, 2021, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Attest ;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Penn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

City Clerk Kelly Penn

Approved;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ernie Penn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor Ernie Penn