

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting November 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday November 14, 2016 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, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Also present were Jimmy Story & Melissa McCarville. Absent: Alderman Linda Bell and City Attorney Tennant. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – None

Approval of the minutes for the October 10, 2016 regular meeting of the city council.

On the motion of Alderman Morgan and seconded by Alderman Cunningham 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 \$1,542.96 county sales tax was up \$5,703.32 for a total increase of \$7,246.28.

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

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

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports – Mayor Penn announced the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony would be November 26 at 5:30.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – Vermeer Stump Grinder (Tag # 366, Serial Number #1VRN071F241008229)

A motion was made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lipford to approve the removal of the Vermeer Stump Grinder (Tag # 366, Serial Number #1VRN071F241008229) from Public Works Inventory and take bids on the item. It was approved by all those present.

Old Business – None

New Business

Request approval of Interlocal Agreement with Washington County - A motion was made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Mathews to approve the Interlocal agreement with Washington County. It was approved by all those present.

Request approval of proposal and agreement to provide architectural services for the new public works building.

James Key from Key Architecture gave a short presentation to the council. The time frame for construction would be 6 months if they had ideal weather, would start the project once it is approved thru large scale development of the Planning Commission and it will look similar to all other city facilities.

Mayor Penn opened the item up for public comment:

Dean Roland, 76 Rob Street –Mr. Roland asked the following questions: Why was this location chosen? Why in a residential neighborhood? What type of storage will be done there? What will it do to the property values?

William Mace, 73 Rob Street – Mr. Mace asked the following questions. What kind of noise will there be? What are the hours of operation? He is concerned about construction noise.

Greg Walker, 35 Spokane – Mr. Walker asked the following questions. Was this on the master plan? Why in a residential neighborhood? He wants more greenspace. Why don't we do the project in phases? What design will be used? What will this do to property values?

Nick Gordon, 79 Rob – He stated he had the same concerns that everyone else had. Is lack of city property the issue? It's in his backyard.

Mayor Penn asked that all those that spoke give their contact information to City Business Manager McCarville and she would get back with them all the answers and also inform them of the planning commission meeting when this item was on the agenda so they could voice any concerns they had. Mayor Penn insured the speakers that we would use criteria to protect the residents and there would minimum visibility.

A motion was made by Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Key Architecture INC, to provide services, in the amount of \$57,424.50. It was approved by all those present.

Review Proposed Budget – Mayor Penn advised the council that all department budgets for 2017 were the same as the 2016 budget, there would be no increase in departmental spending. The employees were receiving 3% cost of living raises. He encouraged all Alderman to review the budget and call with any questions and be ready to pass this in December.

Discussion of buying property at 450 W. Main

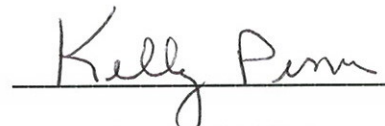
Mayor Penn advised the council that the property at 450 West Main, adjacent to city hall would be on the market and the homeowners were offering the city a first right of refusal. A date will be set for Alderman to tour the site before the next meeting and they can then decide on the action at the December council meeting.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday December 12, 2016 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