

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting February 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for February 13, 2017 was called to order at 6:00 pm by City Attorney Steve Tennant. Due to a medical issue Mayor Ernie Penn and City Clerk Kelly Penn were absent. City Business Manager McCarville 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. City Attorney Tennant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – None

Approval of the minutes for the January 2017 regular meeting of the city council.

On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Bell and by the consent of all members present, the minutes for the meeting were approved as presented. (8-0)

Financial Reports – None

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

On the motion of Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderman Bell and by the consent of all members present, except Alderman Bryant, the motion was approved. (7-1)

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

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Unfinished Business –None.

New Business

State of the City Address from Mayor Penn - City Attorney Tennant read Mayor Penn's address. (See attached.)

Request approval to add Kyle Martin and Wes Mayby as new volunteer firefighters.

A motion was made by Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderman Pike to approve the motion to approve Kyle Martin and Wes Mayby as volunteer firefighters. It was approved by all those present. (8-0)

Resolution No. 2017-01 A resolution establishing the procedural rules for the city council for City of Farmington Arkansas for 2017.

Alderman Bryant requested work session to discuss removing the public comment section. This item was tabled with a motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Bell with the consent of all present. (8-0)

Ordinance No. 2017-01 An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 7.1 to designate zoning districts for on premise and off premise sale of Alcoholic beverages in the City of Farmington.

A motion was made by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Parsley to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that ordinance 2017-01 is to be read by title only one time. It was approved by all Alderman except Alderman Lipford. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2017-01 by title only. City Attorney Tennant asked shall the Ordinance Pass? It was approved by all those present, except Alderman Lipford. (7-1)

A motion was made to approve the Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2016-06 by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Parsley, it was approved by all those present except Alderman Lipford. (7-1)

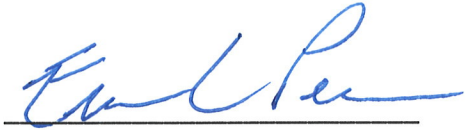
Ordinance No. 2017-02 – An Ordinance ordering the razing and demolition and removal of a certain residential structure within the City of Farmington, Arkansas, located at 89 Double Springs Road; to declare an emergency and for other purposes.

A motion was made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Bell to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that ordinance 2017-02 is to be read by title only one time. It was approved by all those present. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2017-02 by title only. City Attorney Tennant asked shall the Ordinance Pass? It was approved by all those present. (8-0)

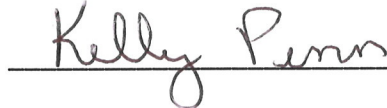
A motion was made to approve the Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2016-06 by Alderman Bell and seconded by Alderman Lipford, it was approved by all those present. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Pike and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday March 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm, 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

2017 State of the City Address

Citizens of Farmington, Elected Officials and City Staff, it is my honor to address you tonight and present the state of the city address.

I would like to begin by thanking the City Council, Fellow Elected officials, Planning Commissioners and all of the City Staff and Employees for your continued dedication and commitment to make Farmington a better place to live. I appreciate the work that each of our Committees have completed this last year. God has blessed our city and we should be thankful every day for these blessings.

I am pleased to report that our city is financially sound and has maintained excellent cash reserves. Our current reserve account has a \$2.8 million dollar balance and our other related City accounts have a \$1.1 million dollar balance. Sales tax was up a total of \$86,298 from City and County sales tax in 2016. Our goal is to continue to budget conservatively with our income projections and to control expenses each fiscal year. We also reduced our sewer sales tax bond debt by \$675,000 in 2016. We are planning on funding some capital improvement projects in 2017 and having excellent reserves will allow these projects to go forward.

The Public Works Department had a busy and productive year in 2016. We completed overlay projects for Drain Road and South Appleby and added 1100 square feet of sidewalk from Main Street to Double Springs intersection. This additional sidewalk has improved the safety for our children walking to school. A feasibility study was completed on 32 acres on Broyles street for our future Park and Public Works Building expansion. We are also looking to improve the safety in our city by adding additional Street Lights in each Ward of the City in 2017 along with reviewing our sidewalk needs in each Ward. I have attached a list of other accomplishments by our Public Works Department in 2016. The Highway 170 improvement project is in the final stage of the Design Phase and we hope to have final approval by October of 2017. Once the design phase is completed, we can begin our right of way acquisition phase to acquire the land needed to expand and improve this road from Highway 62 to Clyde Carnes Road. This project will be instrumental for the development of the land surrounding our new High School and providing the needed safety for our parents and children traveling this road. The funding for this project has been an 80/20 split with the State Highway Department.

Our Building inspection/code enforcement department under the leadership of Rick Bramall had an outstanding year in 2016. In 2016, there were 231 permits issued for a total of \$128,757 in permit fees. Of those permits, there were 30 new houses/duplexes with a value of \$11,515,000, 38 residential remodels or additions, with a value of \$994,423, 4 new commercial buildings that value \$21,831,000 and 7 commercial remodels /additions which had a value of \$33,600. 751 building inspections were completed in 2016. Rick wrote 269 violation notices with a 98% compliance rate in 2016.

The Economic Growth in our city was strong for 2016. With the completion of the new Dairy Queen and other business expansion in 2016, our sales tax receipts should remain strong in 2017. Our Economic Development Committee will continue to explore ways to bring more businesses to Farmington and enhance the businesses who are located in Farmington now. Our economic growth will also include offering additional recreational options to our citizens.

Our planning commission continues to explore new ways to encourage economic growth. We have a very strong experienced planning commission that is dedicated to protecting the integrity of our city and providing direction for the future development in our city.

Our Sports complex has completed our 5th year of operation in 2016. Our Sports Park is a success and provided a great venue for the 502 kids in our summer ball programs. Our complex was the location of 7 tournaments in 2016 and have 6 tournaments on the schedule for 2017. We had 15 girls teams and 29 boys teams signed up in 2016. We had 27 teams participate in our Fall Ball Program in 2016. At the end of 2016, we acquired some additional land from Farmington Methodist Church that adjoins our complex to the East. This acquisition will allow us to have some overflow parking. We also did a seal and re-striping of the existing parking lot. By having a first class complex, the Farmington School Baseball and softball programs will have the ability to host local and regional tournaments which will bring additional people to our community.

Our Farmington Public library continues to be a successful and important part of our community. In 2016, the library welcomed approximately 32,000 visitors and circulated more than 55,000 items. Program and club participation increased with a record 2,239 participants. The Library issued 398 new library cards and had 3,925 public computer uses. Libraries bring communities together and are a destination to discover and learn. The Library presented a Summer Read kick-off celebration and hosted many clubs. There is no doubt that our City Library is a shining star in our community.

Our Police department has not had any employee turnover in 2016 and having a consistent and stable department is very important. The department worked 543 cases in 2016 which is a 7.5% increase and 172 accidents. With all of the new incidents throughout our nation, our department continues to stress the importance of technology to allow our officers to have the best equipment to protect our officers, City and our citizens. Our department continues to support education and training

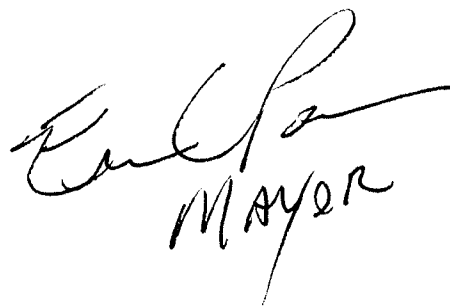
of our officers. Our department has been very active in training our school personnel and I know from the feedback that I received from the school it was very much appreciated. I appreciate the council's continued support for our public safety departments and commitment to protect our citizens.

Our Fire Department responded to 924 calls in 2016 of which 63% were medical calls. The Fire Department has always done an excellent job in their response time and with the new addition of another full time fireman in 2016 our coverage has gone from 8 hours to 12 hour coverage and response times will improve. The continued support of our Volunteer Fireman is crucial for the continued success of our Fire Department in the future. In 2014, the Fire Department was able to lower our ISO rating from a class 4 to a Class 3 which was a great accomplishment for our department. By achieving the Class 3 rating it has been a benefit all homeowners and businesses in town with lower insurance premiums. Our goal is to one day have 24 hour coverage with our fire department.

In 2017, our City will continue the commitment to improve our communication avenues and to encourage economic growth. The lifeline of our city is to continue to see growth in the residential and commercial sectors. We must strive to improve all of our processes and to encourage growth within our city. As our City continues to grow it is imperative that our City Council make the commitment to grow our City Police and Fire services and make a commitment to have a full time Mayor in the very near future. Many of our sister cities in Northwest Arkansas with much smaller populations have already made that commitment. A full time Mayor will greatly enhance City involvement with businesses and improve our efficiencies in our day to day operations.

We will continue to work with our School, Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups to improve our city and offer the services that our citizens desire and need. I encourage our citizens to become involved, be better informed and volunteer their time to assist our City Committees achieve their goals in 2017.

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Farmington for their continued support of our city. It is an honor for me to serve as your Mayor and I look forward to a very successful and prosperous 2017 for the City of Farmington.



**Earl Pa
MAYOR**

2016 Year End Summary

Completed Projects

Double Springs Road Drainage

- Wolfe Lane north approximately 1,584 feet Engineered and Rebuild completed

Drain Road

- 4 tenths of mile new pavement completed

South Appleby

- 1 mile and approximately 760 feet new pavement completed

Sidewalk

- Rheas Mill Road from Main Stree to Double Springs intersection - 1,100 feet new sidewalk

Building Maintenance

- New Roofing installed on City Hall and Fire Station
- Both building exterior walls re-sealed

New Construction

- Police Department Maintenance Building

City Sports Complex

- Purchased property from UMC
- Installed new property line fence and retension pond
- Sealed and re-stripped parking lot



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The Farmington Police Dept. had a busy 2016.

Officers worked 543 cases up 37 from 2015 which does not include calls for service where the officer spoke with someone and may have taken some kind of action to assist a citizen with no arrest.

Worked 172 accidents up 20 from 2015 and included one fatality accident on 12/16/16 in which a vehicle stuck a gas main. Many officers worked from 4 PM in the afternoon until 3 AM the next morning, diverting traffic, and on-lookers, assisting Gas Company and Electric Company.

The new garage was completed. This was a much needed addition that has allowed for work space for cars and storage space for files, evidence and ammunition.

We had the addition of a part-time officer, Kevin Apple, which has been very helpful to cover vacation and holiday vacancies.

Shop with the Cop was once again a success for both the community and the Officers. It's one of the few times during the year when we get to be the "Good Guys".

With all the violence across the nation and many fallen Officers; Farmington is very fortunate all our Officers went home to their families every night.

We are so very proud to protect and serve tirelessly for the City of Farmington.

Ernie Penn

From: Ernie Penn <erniepenn@cityoffarmington-ar.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Ernie Penn
Subject: Fwd: State of the Fire Dept.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mark Cunningham" <markcunningham@cityoffarmington-ar.gov>
Date: January 30, 2017 at 9:04:44 AM CST
To: "Ernie Penn" <EPENN@arvest.com>, "Ernie Penn" <erniepenn@cityoffarmington-ar.gov>
Subject: State of the Fire Dept.

State of the Fire department for 2016

2016 was an eventful year for the fire department with several major incidents happening for us. First we went to 12 hour shifts on our department because of all the increasing calls that we have been trying to cover. This was a big step toward having 24 hour coverage for our city that we so badly need, but we do not have the funds to do so this year but maybe soon we can accomplish this. We also added Active 911 to our notification system that has greatly enhanced our ability to get notified when someone is needing help, along with that we were able to purchase pad's for our main response vehicles that gives us routing to our calls and all the information that we need for the call. We also took on the awesome task on when we test all the fire hydrants we painted them for the first time in thirty years which made a big difference. We also applied for some grants and received two grants for the sum of thirty thousand dollars in which we purchased five SCBA's and new masks for our existing packs. We also had a few major fires in the city such as Razorback Muffler that we saved with little damage and this could have gotten very bad quick. Another one was on Neal street in which when firefighters arrived on scene they were met with an armed man threatening them with guns, so we had to retreat and let the police handle the situation before we could put the fire out. This type of thing just does not happen in our Farmington and it is just a wakeup to everyone that times are changing and we have to deal with them. We also had two large fires right before the end of the year, one of the largest incidents that we have had to deal with was the Gas Main fire. We had a man that we believe had a medical problem that ran off the road and took out a street sign then struck a gas main in which the vehicle burst into flames. The flames went about thirty feet into the air right beside Main street that also involved a duplex, in which the driver lost his life. We were able to contain the fire to the gas line and extinguish the duplex and keep the other businesses from catching on fire, we were on the scene for about thirteen hours. We also had a house that had two stories and had flames shooting out the upstairs window upon arrival; and we

were able to keep the damage to a minimum. We all in all had a good year with many calls answered and lives saved and property saved too, which is what we are all about.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Cunningham

Fire Chief

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Letter from the Librarian

Dear Friend of the Farmington Public Library,

We had a wonderful 2016 as we focused on adding new services, developing spring and fall program offerings, and continuing community engagement efforts. There are so many exciting things happening in our city and in our region and we are proud to do our part by offering equal access to quality library services.

Thanks to a grant from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and the Walmart Foundation, we improved our technology offerings and added new services. We are proud to report our early literacy learning stations were utilized almost 900 times. We continued to listen to our patrons and added new services like document scanning and color printing.

In 2016 the library welcomed approximately 32,000 visitors and circulated more than 55,000 items. Program attendance increased with a record 2,239 participants. Our efforts to develop a month of arts and crafts programming in the spring proved successful and our summer reading log participation increased as well. We expanded our fall program offerings to include National Library Card Sign-up Month activities and a children's reading confidence program.

The report gives us the opportunity to highlight our successes and plan for serving you in the future. We want to see the community continue to rely on the library for information needs and services. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Rachel Sawyer
Librarian

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Statistical Highlights



	2015	2016
Program & Event Participation	2,150	2,239
Summer Reading Log Participation	91	138
Volunteer Hours	165	432

Items Checked Out:

55,542

New Library Cards Issued:

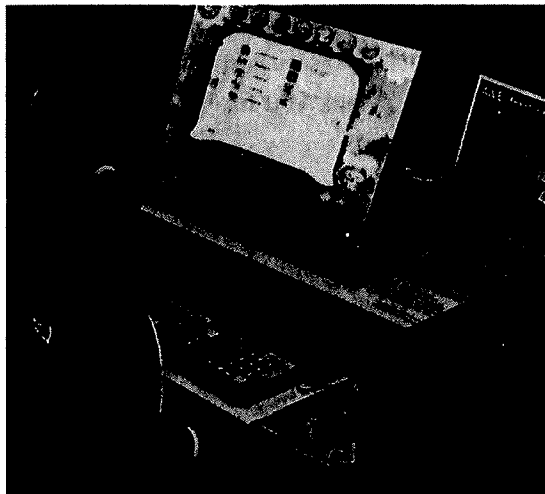
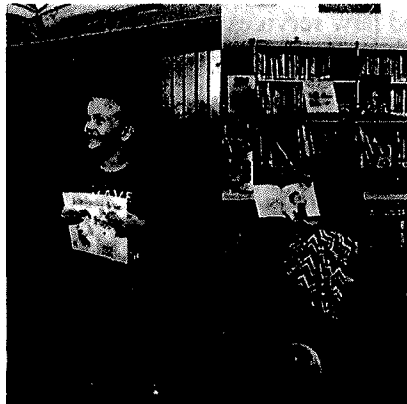
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Hold Requests Satisfied:

9,814

Public Computer Uses:

3,925



Early Literacy Stations provided by a grant from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and support from Friends of the Farmington Library

Programs and Events Available to the Public:

75

Number Participating in WCLS Sponsored Programs:

1,831

Number of Program/Event Attendees:

408

Social Media Fans (cumulative):

586

Participation in Summer Reading Programs:

197

Early Literacy Learning Station Sessions:

895

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Library Board

Edna Davis
Betty Hummel
Edith McAllister
LaDeana Mullinix
Nadine Sewak
Phyllis Shaw
Jane Vest

Library Staff

Ashley Partridge
Rachel Sawyer
KayLee Scott
Pat Wanslow

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Credit Counseling of Arkansas
Julie Harms
Kiwanis of Farmington-Area
Marty the Magic Balloonman
Love on a Leash of NWA
Suzuki Music School
Washington County Environmental Affairs

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Phyllis Shaw
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Andrew and Vicki Spranza
Karen Takemoto
Nora Taylor
Sandra Thompson
Shawna Thorup
Bill and Angel Trammell
Lillie Anna Us
Jane Vest
Betty Williams
Rehea Youde

Volunteers

Austin Ballard
Diane Bertone
Brandon Conrad
Mason Crimer
Joseph Dearing
Danielle Devecsery
Hannah Dimmit
Kelsie Gansz
Kevin Kyger
Taylor Lackey
Lily Likitnattanaviboon
Chloe Lochridge
Derek Salmonson
Marriah Schmitt
Christina Thomas
Kristen Thomas
Jane Vest
Monica Witt

Strategic Goals 2015-2020

FACILITIES AND SPACES

Make available safe, modern, and useful spaces that meet changing user needs.

Year 1: Build on an environment that provides the technologies to facilitate learning. Advance digital offerings by providing computing devices that meet a variety of needs.

Year 2: Plan for expansion to meet population growth. Begin providing functional outdoor spaces by utilizing the almost two acres the library sits on.

Year 5: By 2020, expand to allow for effective program delivery and increased services. Expansion to have an emphasis on meeting room and special use space to include a multi-purpose room, study rooms, and computer training lab/media space .

ACCESS AND LEARNING

Promote literacy and lifelong learning in the community by increasing the number of library users. Continue to focus on digital literacy and provide programming that promotes financial and family success as well as health and wellness.

Year 1: Increase the variety of program offerings and number of programs/events available to library users.

Year 2: Continue creating sustainable programming that will be appreciated for years to come. Provide users with print and digital materials that allow them to meet their educational goals.

Year 5: By 2020, increase staff to implement successful and sustainable program offerings at the library and through outreach to Farmington education institutions and organizations.

CULTURE AND INCLUSION

Build strong relationships with community leaders and educators to plan new ways to serve the needs of every community member.

Year 1: Strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations and government agencies.

Year 2: Devise plan for providing cultural programming like outdoor concerts and theatre performances.

Year 5: By 2020, establish the library as a champion for Northwest Arkansas's growing creative community. Continue to improve services to all library users through opportunities for residents to be creative and socialize in a safe, comfortable space.