

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting March 14th, 2022

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, March 14th, 2022 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, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan. Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

Comments from Citizens.

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone who wished to comment at this time, there were no speakers.

Approval of the minutes for the February 14th, 2022 Regular Meeting.

On the motion of Council Member Bryant, 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 to the City Council. City sales tax increase and State sales tax increased

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 Parsley 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.

Police Chief Hubbard introduced a new officer, Jacob James, to the city council. Fire Chief Hellard recognized Captain Peter Oxford's 10-year anniversary with the department, he was the first full time fireman hired by the department.

**Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments,
Committee Reports Continued.**

Mayor Penn advised the city council needed to select a date for a work session to go over the redistricting of city council wards presented by Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning due to the latest census numbers as well as information on a park item. The date was set for Tuesday, March 29th at 5:30 pm.

Committee Reports.

Street Committee - Report included in your agenda packet.

Parks & Recreation Committee – No meeting.

Community Development Committee – Minutes from February 24th, 2022 meeting included in the agenda packet.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Heartland Advanced Medical Manufacturing Regional Cluster Update.

Steve Clark gave the council a brief update of the project. The committee had met with Senator Bozeman and he was impressed with the project and was going to work to try and provide some funding. The HAMMRC has adopted the stethoscope as a symbol of the organization, it symbolizes listening. They presented Mayor Penn with one as symbol of appreciation for his leadership and the city of Farmington being the first city in Arkansas to join the organization.

Resolution No. 2022-07 A resolution authorizing the offering of bonds by the City of Farmington, Arkansas to refund certain outstanding sales and use tax bonds: and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.

After a brief presentation by Kevin Faught from Stephens Inc. outlining current market conditions, a motion to approve resolution No. 2022-07 was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0.

Resolution No. 2022-08 A resolution setting the public hearing to discuss the right of way vacation at the corner of S. Hill Street and West Vine Street, Farmington AR.

A motion to approve resolution No. 2022-07 was made by Council Member Cunningham and seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Resolution No. 2022-09 A resolution for purchase of Economic Development Services from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 2022 calendar year.

After a brief presentation by Chamber of Commerce President Josh Fry, a motion to approve resolution No. 2022-07 was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Morgan and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 11th, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



Mayor Ernie Penn

Attest;



City Clerk Kelly Penn