

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting June 8th, 2020

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 held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system as well as physical attendance. Vice Mayor Morgan, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, Police Chief Hubbard, Public Works Director Shelley and Building Inspector Brammall and Fire Chief Hellard were physically at City Hall. We had 2 citizens, Mark Cunningham and Norm Toreing, come to city hall to attend the meeting. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, June 8th, 2020 was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Mayor Bobby Morgan. City Clerk Kelly Penn called the roll and the following Council Members answered to their names via Zoom: Abby Spinks, and Shelly Parsley. Answering in person were Sherry Mathews, Bobby Morgan, Brenda Cunningham. Council Members Bell, Lipford & Bryant were absent along with City Attorney Tennant and Mayor Penn. Vice Mayor Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – None.

Council Member Bryant arrived via Zoom at 6:01.

Approval of the minutes for the May 11th, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting. On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 6-0.

Financial Reports – City Clerk Penn advised the council that the city had been reimbursed by the state highway department in the amount of \$247,800 for easements for the HWY 170 project. This will be reflected in next month's financial statements.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. On the motion of Council Member Mathews and a second by Council Member Cunningham 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 6-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments – Vice Mayor Morgan advised that the city's 4th of July Fireworks would be held July 4th.

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

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – NONE

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business

Request approval to accept bid for land on Ecology Drive

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the acceptance of the high bid of \$85,000 from PAS Leasing (Paul Smith) contingent upon rezoning the property to MF-2 was approved 6-0.

Request approval to accept bid for drainage improvement on Ash street

Public Works Director Shelley advised the council the low bid for this project had been submitted by Sweetser Construction in the amount of \$58,659.00. On the motion of Council Member Mathews and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the acceptance of the low bid of \$58,659.00 from Sweetser Construction Inc. was approved 6-0.

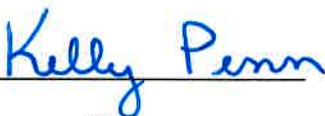
Ordinance No. 2020-06 – An ordinance rezoning 104.98 acres +/- on west side of North Hunter from A-1, agriculture district to R-1, residential single family, as requested by Pitts Dynast trust.

There were no public comments on this item. Council Member Mathews advised she had some questions about the utility easements, but was waiting to get the answers and she would be attending the planning commission meetings concerning the item. Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2020-06 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 6-0. City Clerk Penn read Ordinance 2020-06 by title only. Vice Mayor Morgan asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 6-0. Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2020-06, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 6-0.

Police Chief Hubbard told the city council that the Police Department was participating in the step grants and there were 4 campaigns that totaled \$100,000 to the police department.

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 6:29 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday July 13th, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn

