

## **Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting July 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, July 11th, 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: Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. City Attorney Tennant and Council Member Mathews were absent.

### **Comments from Citizens**

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone who wished to comment at this time.

Barton Dennis, 161 Applewood – Spoke about the sewer project along Southwind’s road, he was unaware of the project that started in October of 2021. It has been a disaster since day one. It is an eyesore and nothing but problems. It has gone on for 9 months and he is done.

### **Approval of the minutes for the June 13th, 2022 Regular Meeting.**

On the motion of Council Member Bryant, a second by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 7-0.

### **Financial Reports.**

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. City sales tax increased 16.1% and State sales tax increased 19.20%.

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

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Lipford 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 7-0.

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

Recognition -Fire Chief Hellard recognized Fireman Logan Hattabaugh for a letter of praise he received regarding his actions helping a woman at an out of town event when she was injured.

Annual Fireworks display - Mayor Penn advised the council that the Fireworks display had a malfunction and that 155 cannisters failed to go off due to a wireless ignitor device failure. The company will credit the city with that amount for next year’s show.

Hwy 170 Project - Mayor Penn advised a meeting was held with representatives from ARDOT & Washington Water Authority on July 7<sup>th</sup> to try and resolve the final cost adjustment for the WWA line removal and update. WWA has yet to submit the final numbers.

City of Fayetteville Water Rate Hike – Mayor Penn attended a meeting with the City of Fayetteville regarding the proposed water rate hike. He will address the Fayetteville City Council at their July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Committee Reports.**

Street Committee – No meeting was held.

Parks & Recreation Committee – No meeting was held.

Community Development Committee – No meeting was held.

**Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory** –Fire Department item was removed from agenda until replacement vehicle can be acquired.

**Old Business**

**Ordinance No. 2022-11 An Ordinance to vacate the unused right of way located at the corner of Hill Street and West Vine Street, Farmington, AR and for other purposes.**

Mayor Penn read the memo from City Attorney Tennant advising that the issue between the two landowners had been resolved. Council Member Bryant was not in favor of this, she felt this restricted the city's access to the creek. She advised she did not think it was in our best interest to give away easements for nothing. Mayor Penn called for public comment, there was none. Council Member Morgan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-11 to be read one time by title only it was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Clerk Penn read Ordinance 2022-11 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 6-1, with Council Member Bryant voting no. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-11 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Morgan after a roll call vote the motion passed 6-1, with Council Member Bryant voting no.

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 2022-13 An Ordinance extending moratorium on any new multi-family rezoning requests for six months.**

Mayor Penn called for public comment, there was none. Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-13 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Clerk Kelly Penn read Ordinance 2022-13 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-13 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Cunningham, after a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

**Award contract to Burns McDonnell for engineering services in the amount of \$106,700.00 for final trail designs.**

Aaron Boehler gave a brief overview of the progress of the project to the council. Mayor Penn called for public comment, there was none. 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, the motion to award the contract to Burns McDonnell for engineering services in the amount of \$106,700 for the final trail design was approved 7-0.

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 6:38pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, August 8th, 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