

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting August 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, August 8th, 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. City Attorney Steve Tennant was present.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone who wished to comment at this time. Marc Pulse, 12385 Richardson Road addressed the city council with concerns about excessive speeding on Richardson Road. He used several time samples, work times, shift changes and late night, and many times the speed was over 60 MPH. Hook Lane to Clubhouse Parkway dips and if you were pulling into a driveway, the speed could make it really close. He knew speed bumps had been objected due to the hazards for rescue vehicles. Could the rescue vehicles use a gps to detect the speed bumps or flashing lights to warn as they approached? There are new additions and traffic funnels thru there and speed is an issue. People are also having excess parking down the sidewalk, kids on electric scooters and skateboards have to walk around them. He would like to have speed bumps put in as well as the police department patrol the area.

Approval of the minutes for the July 11, 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 8-0.

Financial Reports.

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. City sales tax increased 25.2 % and State sales tax increased 19.4 %. Mayor Penn advised the council that the city would be moving \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) from the general fund into a one-year certificate of deposit earning 2.25 % interest with the First Community Bank of Batesville. The transfer is to be signed and authorized by Mayor Ernie Penn, City Clerk Kelly Penn and City Business Manager Melissa McCarville. City Clerk Penn informed the council that that if there were any projects that they would like to see budgeted for in the 2023 fiscal year that they should let her know or the Mayor and a list could be compiled to be shared with the city council and schedule a work session, if needed, to go over when the budget is being prepared.

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 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 8-0.

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

Economic Development Grant for the Senior Center- Mayor Penn informed the council that the city had been awarded a \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) grant for physical additions to the Farmington Senior Center.

Trails Grant – Mayor Penn advised the city had received the highest score awarded for consideration of the trails grant, this is just step one with several more to go, but the city is in good shape.

City of Fayetteville Water & Sewer Rates – Mayor Penn and City Attorney Tennant attended the city council meeting at Fayetteville with regards to the proposed increase of water and sewer rates to the residents of Farmington and surrounding towns. The city of Fayetteville tabled the item until their December 13th meeting. City Attorney Tennant and Mayor Penn will be negotiating the renewal of our water contract to reflect rates that are fair and equitable to our citizens, not a 39% increase as proposed by the Black & Veech Study.

HMRAC Tour – Mayor Penn and representatives for the HMRAC committee and Linus Medical meet on July 25th to tour 2 sites in Farmington for their business.

Chick-Fil-A – Mayor Penn has been in talks with a local Chick-fil-a franchise owner to add a location in Farmington. They are considering putting a food truck in Farmington.

Police Captain Wilbanks informed the city council that School Resource Officer Jimmy Brotherton had been awarded the School Resource Office of the Year in the State of Arkansas. Officer Brotherton was presented a plaque and Mayor Penn gave him a key to the city.

Committee Reports

Street Committee – Meeting minutes included in packet.

Community Development Committee – Meeting minutes included in packet.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairwoman Mathews advised the council the Farmington Heights HOA had been elected and she would be meeting with them to select the amenities to their neighborhood park. It's an acre lot and there will be no offsite parking.

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

Old Business – None.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2022-14 An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 99.8.1 (D) §3 to modify the measuring criteria for lots in Cul-de-Sacs

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-14 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-14 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-14 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Mathews, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Award Bid to Sweetser Construction in the amount \$127,070 for construction of RCP drainage structures on Goose Creek.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to award the contract to Sweetser Construction in the amount of \$127,070.00 (One hundred twenty-seven thousand and seventy dollars) was approved 8-0.

2022 Additional Subsidy Funding Request from Central EMS in the amount of \$28,655.00.

On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the additional 2022 subsidy to CEMS for \$28,655.00 (Twenty-eight thousand, six hundred and fifty-five dollars) was approved 8-0.

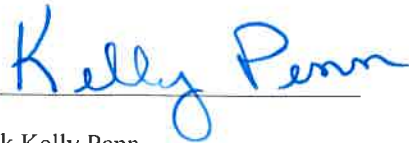
There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, September 12th, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



Mayor Ernie Penn

Attest;



City Clerk Kelly Penn