

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting on September 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2010 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ernie Penn. City Clerk Kelly Thomas called the roll and the following Alderman answered to their names: Patsy Pike, Pam Delaney, Keith Lipford, Janie Steele, Brenda Cunningham and Bobby Morgan, a quorum was declared (6). Alderman Yopp and Alderwoman True were absent. Also present were City Attorney Tennant, City Business Manager McCarville, Financial Officer Story and Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, Brenda Coleman were present. After Mayor Penn led the pledge of allegiance, he then opened the public comment portion of the meeting for citizens. There were no speakers.

Approval of the Minutes for the August 9, 2010 Regular Meeting and August 30, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes - On the motion of Alderwoman Steele and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the minutes were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (6/0).

Financial Reports – City Clerk Thomas informed the council that city sales tax was down \$668.87 and count sales tax was up \$168.55, leaving us down for the month \$500.32 and for the 8 month cycle the city is up \$2,283.82.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only – On the motion of Alderman Morgan and seconded by Alderwoman Steele and by the consent of all members present (6/0), it was approved to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only at this meeting.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

Mayor Penn presented Keys to the City to Farmington Public Schools Teacher Melody Key, who was the recipient of the Bessie B. Moore Economics Award and Global Association for Teachers of Economics Teacher of the Year and Kathy Simmons, who was named by the Arkansas Association of Gifted Education Administrators, Administrator of the Year

Committee Reports

Street Committee – Alderman Morgan and Dan Ledbetter advised the drainage issues on Whitney Street were being addressed.

City Beautification Committee – None.

Economic Development Committee - None.

Park & Recreation Committee – Geoff Bates advised the council that the dirt work portion of the sports complex was going well and the water lines had been laid. He advised that in October the group would meet to go over Phase 1 specs for the project.

Finance Committee – Alderman Lipford advised the committee met on August 30th to discuss some unbudgeted expenditures for 2010. On the motion of Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderwoman Steele and by the consent of all members present (6/0), it was approved to proceed with expenditures as needed. See Attachment for breakdown.
Sewer Committee – None

New Business

Presentation of the New City of Farmington Website Design

Brenda Coleman gave a detailed presentation on how to navigate the city's new website and some of the new features. Mayor Penn thanked Brenda for all her hard work getting all the information loaded.

Ordinance 2010-08 – Rezoning Property Containing Approximately .62 Acres

Requested by Sheri Lynn Herron

A motion was made by Alderwoman Delaney and seconded by Alderwoman Steele to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2010-08 be read by title only one time, it was approved by all members present. (6/0).

City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2010-08 by title only.

Mayor Penn asked shall the Ordinance pass. It was approved by all members present (6/0).

A motion was made by Alderwoman Pike and seconded by Alderman Lipford to pass Ordinance 2010-08 with an emergency clause, it was approved by all members present (6/0).

Approve Request from Farmington School District for a Permanent Utility Easement

On the motion of Alderwoman Delaney and seconded by Alderwoman Steele it was approved to grant a permanent utility easement to Farmington Public School District, it was approved by all members present (6/0).

Request Approval to Purchase 2010 Dodge Charger Police Unit

A motion was made by Alderwoman Delaney and seconded by Alderman Lipford to approve the purchase of a 2010 Dodge Charger from Landers in the amount of \$20,109.00, it was approved by all members present (6/0).

Request approval to purchase new tractor for the street department

Dan Ledbetter informed the council the city had received a low bid of \$39,994.00 and was given a trade in of \$24,000.00 to make the price of the tractor \$19,693.45. A motion was made by Alderwoman Delaney and seconded by Alderman Lipford to approve the purchase of a 2010 New Holland TD5050 tractor in the amount of \$19,693.45. It was approved by all members present (6/0).

Request approval to remove a firefighter and add another firefighter

Fire Chief Cunningham requested Tony Bachman be removed and replaced with Lance Selph. A motion was made by Alderwoman Delaney and seconded by Alderman and approved by all members present (6/0) to make the suggested changes.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Lipford and Seconded by Alderwoman Delaney, and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, October 11, 2010 at six o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

Mayor Ernie Penn

City Clerk Kelly Thomas