

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting January 11th, 2021

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. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, Police Chief Hubbard, Fire Chief Hellard, Public Works Director Floyd Shelly and Code Enforcement Officer Rick Brammall were physically at City Hall. Police Chief Hubbard took everyone's temperature before they entered the meeting and social distancing was observed. We had no citizens come to city hall to attend the meeting. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, January 11th, 2021 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 via Zoom: Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. City Attorney Tennant attended via Zoom also. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – None.

Approval of the minutes for the December 14th, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and 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 – Financials were presented by Mayor Penn.

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 Mathews 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 - Mayor Penn announced he would like to reappoint Bobby Morgan as Vice Mayor for 2021 if there were no objections, there were none. By a roll call vote and by the consent of all council members present, it was approved 8-0. Mayor Penn advised that the council would be meeting via zoom until further notice for 2021 due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. Mayor Penn advised that Superintendent John Lafoon had asked him to read a proclamation declaring January 2021 Arkansas School Board Recognition Month, Mayor Penn then read the proclamation.

Committee Reports – All committee reports were included in the council packets if they met. Council Member Bryant will have a zoom meeting for her Economic Development the third Thursday of the month.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory –NONE

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business

Resolution No. 2021-01 A resolution establishing the procedural rules for the city council of the City of Farmington, Arkansas for 2021.

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution No. 2021-01 was approved 8-0. City Clerk Penn read Resolution 2021-01.

State of the City Address – Mayor Penn – See Attached

Ordinance No. 2021-01 An ordinance waiving requirements of competitive bidding for the purchase of two (2) new Dodge Chargers with the equipment to outfit both vehicles for the Farmington Police Department pursuant to ACA Code Ann. 14-58-33 (b)(2)(b)

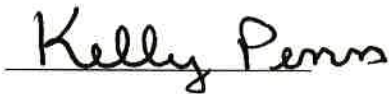
Chief Hubbard gave the council a brief overview of the ordinance. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-01 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Clerk Penn read Ordinance 2021-01 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 8-0. Council Member Bryant made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2021-01, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan, after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Resolution 2021-02 A resolution setting a public hearing to discuss the vacation of right of way between lots 13-19 of the Hamblens subdivision, Farmington, AR

Mr. Ramsfield thanked the city for the opportunity to be on the call and said he purchased the property back behind his home so it would remain a wooded area. There were no questions by the council or comments from the public regarding this resolution. 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 Resolution 2021-02 was approved 8-0. City Clerk Penn read the resolution by title only and informed the council that the public hearing would be conducted at 6:00 p.m., before the council meeting next month, once the public hearing was closed then the council meeting would open.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday February 8th, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn