

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting February 13th 2023

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, February 13th, 2023 was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Ernie Penn. City Clerk Kelly Penn called the roll and the following Council Members answered to their names: Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan and Kara Gardenhire. Also present was City Attorney Jay Moore and City Business Manager McCarville.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone who wished to comment at this time. Citizen Phyllis Young, 546 Goose Creek Road - As most of you already know, the planning commission approved Phase 5 of Goose Creek Village in their last meeting. I am here asking you to change this with your elected authority. There are 100 plus houses built in phase 1 and 2 at this time. It is flooding my land and also putting more water into goose creek and flooding other people's property and houses. I have pictures if anyone would like to see what this actually looks like. The city assured me it wouldn't be any different than it was before this first started but it's not only different it is destroying my property. With only 100 houses built now, what is it going to look like when they get the other 200 plus houses built. Why was it necessary to approve phase 5 now when they haven't even got phase 3 and phase 4 built. My guess is they wanted it all approved before the flooding got worse than it already is, maybe it wouldn't have got approved. I'm not asking for them not to build the subdivision. I am asking that the drainage be corrected so it's not destroying not only my property, but other people's property downstream. Again, I ask you the elected body to put a stop to this until the drainage is corrected. Thank you.

Approval of the minutes for the January 9th, 2023 Regular Meeting.

On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Carnahan 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 was down \$11,355.61 and State sales tax increased \$11,724.97 for the month, which puts the city at a total increase of \$389.36 for the month.

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 Morgan 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

Appoint Planning Commissioner Bobby Wilson - On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of the majority of Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to appoint Bobby Wilson to a 4-year term on to the Planning Commission was approved 7-1, with Council Member Linda Bell voting no.

Appoint Planning Commissioner Keith Macedo - 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 appoint Keith Macedo to a 4-year term to the Planning Commission was approved 8-0.

Appoint Planning Commissioner Chad Ball - On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Gardenhire and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to appoint Chad Ball to a 2-year term to the Planning Commission was approved 8-0.

Appoint Planning Commissioner Robert Mann - On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to appoint Robert Mann to a 2-year term to the Planning Commission was approved 8-0.

Old Business - None

New Business

State of the City Address by Mayor Ernie Penn.

Ordinance No. 2023-03 An ordinance waving requirement of competitive bidding for the purchase of forty-six (46) mobile and twenty-two (22) portable radios and associated equipment for the Farmington Police Department.

Chief Hubbard gave the council a brief overview of the information that was provided to them in their packets. Mayor Penn called for public comment, there was none. After discussion and questions from the City Council, 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 2023-03 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 Moore read Ordinance 2023-03 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 2023-03 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Carnahan, after a roll call vote, the motion passed 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 Bryant and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, March 13th, 2023 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