

## **Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting February 23, 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 as well as audio conference call due to some council members having technical difficulties logging in to Zoom. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Attorney Steve Tennant, City Business Manager McCarville, Police Chief Hubbard and Fire Chief Hellard 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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING - Vacating right of way between lots 13-19 on the Hamblen Subdivision, Farmington, Arkansas.**

A public hearing to discuss the vacating of the easement of the right of way between lots 13-19 of the Hamblen Subdivision in Farmington Arkansas was called to order at 6:23 pm by Mayor Penn. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:24 pm.

The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2021 was called to order at 6:25 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. The following people answered roll call via audio conference: Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

**Comments from Citizens – None.**

**Approval of the minutes for the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** 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 minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 8-0.

**Financial Reports –** Mayor Penn advised the numbers in the packet were November numbers and we would have final 2020 sales tax information next month.

**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 Planning Commissioners Robert Mann and Chad Ball were up for re-appointment for 2-year terms. 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 motion to re-appoint Robert Mann was approved 8-0. On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to re-appoint Chad Ball was approved 8-0.

**Committee Reports** – Council Member Bryant had a zoom meeting for her Economic Development Committee to work on their mission statement.

**Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory –NONE**

**Unfinished Business – NONE**

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 2021-03 A resolution providing for the adoption of the amended budget for the city of Farmington, Arkansas for the 12 months beginning January 1,2020 and ending December 31,2020; appropriating money for each item and for other purposes.**

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution No. 2021-03 was approved 8-0. City Clerk Penn read Resolution 2021-03 by title only.

**Resolution No. 2021-04 A resolution in support of an application for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant**

Police Chief Hubbard gave the council a brief overview of the grant process. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Bell and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution No. 2021-04 was approved 8-0. City Clerk Penn read Resolution 2021-04 by title only.

**Ordinance No. 2021-02 An ordinance for vacation of City Right of Way for the Hamblen Subdivision**

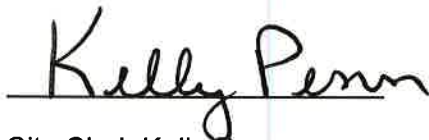
City Attorney Tennant gave the council a brief overview of the history of the subdivision and request. Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-02 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford 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 2021-02 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 Parsley, after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

## Approval of a Park Plan

Sarah Gertz from Earthplan Design alternatives gave the council a brief overview of the phases of the plan. Mayor Penn and Council Member Mathews (Parks & Recreation Committee Chairperson) both advised the council that this was a much needed tool for the planning commission as well as the city council when dealing with the cash in lieu of parks decisions as well as future growth and improvements to the city parks and facilities. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the approval of the Park Plan Engineering Services with Earthplan Design Alternatives in the amount of \$24,900.00 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 Bryant and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Attest & Approved;

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City Clerk Kelly Penn

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ernie Penn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor Ernie Penn