

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting December 13th, 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 also held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, City Attorney Tennant were physically at City Hall. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, December 13th, 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: Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham (zoom), Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

Comments from Citizens

Phillip Miley – Address not provided - Mr. Miley advised the council that he was speaking to friends who frequent the trails and they prefer natural trails rather than residential, they like using the Greenway. He thanked the council and requested they change to a creek path rather than a residential, it would be much more relaxing.

Judy Horne – Planning Commissioner -She advised she had some questions regarding the engineers for the project, she agreed with Phillip Miley, a prettier route would be better, the master transportation plan had trails and hopes the city will use it. She is glad the city is doing this. She wanted to know what the city id doing at Farmington Heights.

Clarence Roberts – Valley View Estates – He advised he has friends who have hiked over 520 miles of trails since March. They liked trails and most trails are 8-10 feet wide so walkers and bicycler's can both be on the trails, He advised the creek areas are the most quiet and beautiful people like the creek areas, they do not like to walk in the street areas, noise and traffic are bad. The sidewalks in the plan are only 4 feet wide. The creek route is more expensive but prettier, plus to people moving here and they prefer those areas to ride bicycles. He hopes the city will look to the Walton Foundation for matching money.

Jill Tarring- 306 Claybrook – She agreed with the comments before her, she stated the city has once chance and don't blow it, spend what you can to do it right with help. The city is stunning and she doesn't see why we would be walking along streets.

Approval of the minutes for the November 8th, 2021, Regular Meeting. On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Bryant 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.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Bryant 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

Fire Chief Hellard introduced 3 new Firemen to the city council: Tyler Miller, Garrison Pruitt and Colby Brewer. Fire Chief Hellard also recognized 3 separate instances that Firemen received the Lifesaving awards for firefighters who arrive on scene to people in cardiac arrest who survive.

March 2nd – Pete Oxford, Arron Spawn and Keith Andrews.

May 21st - Logan Hattabaugh and Cody Green.

November 29th - Logan Hattabaugh and Cody Green and Rudy Iaia

Police Chief Hubbard recognized Fire Chief Hellard for providing lifesaving excellent service as well and reviving an overdose victim at Taco Bell with 2 doses of Narcan.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation Committee submitted a written report that was included in the December Agenda packet.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Old Business – **Ordinance No 2021-04 An Ordinance to appeal of planning commission denial for Cox Development parcel #760-01533-000 for rezoning of property located on east side of South Hunter Street, from R-1 to R-2 to MF-2/MF-1, the new request will be for a zoning change from R-1 to R-2 zoning for whole parcel of 1052 acres – 2nd Reading**

City Attorney Tennant went over the bill of assurance and what that entails for the property and attachment to that specific parcel of land. He also reminded the council this is strictly a zoning issue and that the project would still go thru the planning commission. Mayor Penn asked for any public comments.

Norm Tarring, 306 Claybrook – These number are just averages, averages are not real numbers, I want to make sure only the council can change this.

City Attorney Tennant assured him the bill of assurance would keep this from changing without legal approval.

Judy Horne – I want the large homes to be next to the existing large homes in proximity to the project. We get this complaint at the planning commission all the time.

Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading the ordinance's 2nd and third reading in full on 2 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-04 to be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0-1 with Council Member Lipford abstaining. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2021-04 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0-1 with Council Member Lipford abstaining. A motion to pass Ordinance 2021-04 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Lipford and seconded by Council Member Bryant, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

New Business

Approval of ARPA Funds for Central EMS in the amount of \$60,758.00

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, it was approved by a vote of 8-0 to approve funding for Central EMS in the amount of \$60,758.00

Ordinance No 2021-20 An Ordinance to establish policy and procedures for the purchase of property and services in accordance with Ark. Code ann. 14-58-303, as amended, repealing previous ordinances in conflict herewith, and for other purposes.

City Attorney Tennant advised the council that the state legislature had raised the spending limits of First-Class cities and that every 5 years the dollar amount would increase based on the Consumer Price Index. This is to increase the efficiency of day-to-day operations. This is to bring our ordinance in line with what the state legislature voted on and approved.

Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2021-20 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2021-20 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 6-2, with Council Members Lipford and Bryant voting no. A motion to pass Ordinance 2021-20 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Mathews and seconded by Council Member Carnahan, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Resolution No. 2021-12 A resolution waiving requirements of competitive bidding for the purchase of three new Dodge Ram 1500 Trucks and the equipment to outfit the vehicles for the City of Farmington Police Department pursuant to A.C.A> 14-58-303(b)(2)(b).

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, Resolution 2021-12 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Resolution No. 2021-13 A resolution waiving requirements of competitive bidding for the purchase of new Dodge Ram 1500 Truck and the equipment to outfit the vehicles for the City of Farmington Fire Department pursuant to A.C.A> 14-58-303(b)(2)(b).

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Lipford, and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2021-13 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Cunningham and seconded by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, January 10th, 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