

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting December 14th, 2020

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, a state of emergency was declared by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, in order to comply with 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, Officer Long 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. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, December 14th, 2020 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, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Council Member Carnahan joined the meeting later and Council Member Bell was absent. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – NONE

Approval of the minutes for the November 9th, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

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 minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 6-0.

Financial Reports – Financials were presented by Mayor Penn who informed the council that the year-to-date numbers were as follows: City Sales tax was up 18.4% from 2019 to 2020 and State Sales tax was up 7.70% from 2019 to 2020.

Council Member Carnahan connected to the meeting at 6:06 PM.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. – Item was skipped as there were no resolutions or ordinances on the agenda.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments.

Committee Reports - Mayor Penn announced that today Brenda Coleman retired after 17 years of service to the city of Farmington. She has been replaced by LeAnn Tolleson. The Double Springs Road project adjacent to the jr. high school is open for traffic. APAC will return once school is closed for Christmas break to complete the sidewalk portion of the project. The Riggins development on the other end of Double Springs road is also complete, the road will be closed this Thursday and Friday to patch the portion of the road they tore up during construction. Mayor Penn advised that due to the rise in Covid cases, that for the foreseeable future we will continue to meet via zoom. He urged everyone to be cautious and safe during the holiday season.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports due to the inability to meet because of Covid- 19 restrictions.

Council Member Lipford wanted to know if there were any developments at Valley View Golf Course. Mayor Penn advised that since we had mowed the property, they have placed round hay bales on the course, which is a violation of city ordinance, since the property is zoned R-1. They still owe the city money for the mowing and the case was supposed to come before the judge this week but the Stewart family attorney had Covid, so they were granted another continuance.

Council Member Bryant asked if the land is being sold for homes.

Mayor Penn replied that is what that land is zoned for, anything that would be built has to come before the planning commission.

Council Member Bryant said that it looked as if there had been survey crews out there, flags were visible on some properties. It was all speculation at this point.

Mayor Penn said he had been in contact with the POA and he hoped they were keeping residents informed about what was happening. He said city hall has received many calls for residents inquiring about what was happening.

Council Member Bryant thanked Mayor Penn for working with the citizens in Valley View.

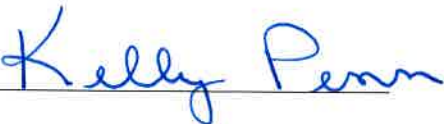
Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – NONE

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business - NONE

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all 7 members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday January 11th, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Attest & Approved;



City Clerk Kelly S. Penn



Mayor Ernie L. Penn