

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting April 13th, 2020

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 and Code Enforcement Officer Brammall were physically at City Hall. Police Chief Hubbard and Officer Bertarello 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, April 13th, 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, Abby Spinks, 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 March 9th, 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. Mayor Penn advised that the city was still in a surplus for the 2020 year but at the May meeting we would have the first month's receipts impacted by Covid 19.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Bell 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 advised that the city had refunded park pavilion rental fees for those impacted by the Covid 19 shut down of park facilities. Mayor Penn also advised that the WCCL had cancelled the summer ball program but that the city of Farmington is waiting to see if we could have a shorter summer program later in the year if Covid -19 restrictions are lifted. The safety and well being of our citizens and children are the most important thing. If the season is not able to happen then parents will be offered refunds or the ability to have it credited for next years sign up. Parents will be contacted by their players coach to get the appropriate forms when the time comes.

Committee Reports – All committee reports were included in the council packets.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – None

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business

Request approval to purchase 2020 Dodge Durango and equipment to outfit the vehicle for the Police Department.

Chief Hubbard gave the council a brief overview of the vehicle and that the Tahoe production was stalled due to a strike and the Charger was not in production due to the rollout of a new body style. On the motion of Council Member Mathews and a second by Council Member Spinks and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango and equipment in the amount of \$36,000 was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2020-04 An ordinance rezoning 12266 N. HWY 170 from RE-1, Residential Estate District to RE-2 Residential Estate District, as requested by Bleaux and Samantha Barnes.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Mathews made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2020-04 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Spinks and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. Mayor Penn read Ordinance 2020-04 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 8-0. Council Member Bell made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2020-04, it was seconded by Council Member Morgan, after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2020-05 An Ordinance rezoning 40.40 acres +/-, on the corner of West Woolsey Farm Road and North Broyles Avenue From R-1, Residential Single Family to PUD, Planned Unit Development, as requested by Hampton Holdings LLC

After much discussion by the council and no public comment, Council Member Morgan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates and for Ordinance 2020-05 be read 1 time by title only , it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of the Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 5-3, those voting NO were Council Members Lipford, Bell & Bryant. Mayor Penn read Ordinance 2020-05 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote it was approved 5-3 with Council Members Lipford, Bell and Bryant voting NO. Council Member Morgan made a motion to approve an Emergency Clause for Ordinance 2020-05, it was seconded by Council Member Mathews after a roll call vote, it was approved by all those present 7-0, with no vote recorded by Council Member Lipford due to a lost connection.

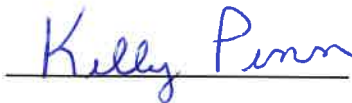
Request approval to disburse funds to ARdot for the City of Farmington's part of the Double Springs Drainage and Road Improvement Project.

Mayor Penn gave a brief overview of the project to the council, the project has been on the waiting list for the state highway department for 5 years and has finally been given the go ahead by the state, the low bid for the project came in at \$671,710 by APAC Central in Fayetteville. The state aid to cities will award \$400,000 to the project with the city of Farmington being responsible for \$271,710 and the cost of relocating the utilities. They have estimated those costs to be approximately \$135,000. Mayor Penn is asking the council to approve up to \$200,000 for the cost of relocation so we do not have to have a special council meeting and this gives the city the option to possibly negotiate a lower price with the contractor. The city will use the proceeds from our bond money to fund the project. There was no public comment.

On the motion of Council Member Morgan 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 the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$471,710.00 to ARdot for the Double Springs drainage and road improvement and utility relocation 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 Mathews and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday May 11th, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn