



Mayor Ernie Penn

City Attorney Jay Moore

City Clerk Kelly Penn

City Council Member Sherry Mathews
Ward 1 Position 1

Council Member Keith Lipford
Ward 2 Position 1

Council Member Brenda Cunningham
Ward 3 Position 1

Council Member Diane Bryant
Ward 4 Position 1

Council Member Hunter Carnahan
Ward 1 Position 2

Council Member Linda Bell
Ward 2 Position 2

Council Member Bobby Morgan
Ward 3 Position 2

Council Member Kara Gardenhire
Ward 4 Position 2

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 12th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Farmington City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington Arkansas. Mayor Penn called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Members Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire. Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, City Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Staff, Press and Audience Members.

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Comments from Citizens

Approval of the January 8th, 2024, City Council Minutes

On the motion of Council Member Bryant 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. Monthly city sales tax increased 39.11%. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 6.42%.

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 Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title was approved 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments – NONE

Committee Reports – NONE

Items to be removed from the city of Farmington Inventory – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Public Hearing to Discuss Senior Center Grant

Mayor Penn opened the public hearing at 6:09 pm. Chelsey Weaver with Northwest Arkansas Economic Development made a brief presentation to the council regarding the grant. The grant does not require a city match and the maximum grant award is \$500,000.00. The funds would be used to upgrade the Farmington Senior Center. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Penn closed the public hearing at 6:18 pm.

Resolution 2024-03 A Resolution providing for the adoption of the amended budget for the city of Farmington, Arkansas for the 12 months beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023; appropriating money for each item, and for other purposes.

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution 2024-03 by title only.

Resolution 2024-04 A Resolution authorizing the City of Farmington to submit a grant application to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04, it was seconded by Council Member Morgan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution 2024-04 by title only.

Resolution 2024-05 A Resolution designating a non-profit agency as CDBG Grant Administrator

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05, it was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution 2024-05 by title only.

Ordinance No. 2024-01 A Ordinance amending Ordinance 1.6, specifying office hours for the Mayor and staff for the City of Farmington Arkansas.

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 2024-01 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 2024-01 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass, after a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-01 with an Emergency Clause, there was a second by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2024-02 A Ordinance rezoning property at 9 Locust Street, Parcel 760-00851-000 from R-1, residential, to C-2 Highway Commercial, as requested by Phillip Shepard.

Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2024-02 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2024-02 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass, and after a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2024-02 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Morgan and seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Review Compliance Audit

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to acknowledge and accept the ARPA Compliance Audit results, it was seconded by Council Member Morgan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

State of the City Address, Mayor Penn

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, March 11th, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

