



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 March 11, 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.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Comments from Citizens**

#### **Approval of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, City Council Minutes**

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 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 21.6%. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 2.85%.

#### **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 Cunningham 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 –**

Mayor Penn introduced new employee Felicia Jarrett; she is the Deputy Court Clerk. Mayor Penn also commended the Farmington High School Basketball teams for their state championship appearances. The Farmington Lady Cardinals won the state championship and the boys finished runner up. It was the first time in school history both teams made an appearance in the finals.

#### **Reappoint Library Board President Regina Sherwood**

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, the appointment of Regina Sherwood as the Farmington Library Board President was approved by a vote of 8-0.

**Reappoint Library Board Members Pat Page**

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 appointment of Pat Page to the Farmington Library Board was approved by a vote of 8-0.

**Reappoint Library Board Members Dana Trout**

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the appointment of Dana Trout to the Farmington Library Board was approved by a vote of 8-0.

**Reappoint Library Board Members Shawna Webb**

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the appointment of Shawna Webb to the Farmington Library Board was approved by a vote of 8-0.

**Committee Reports – Street** Chairman Morgan announced the bid opening for the HWY 170 project will be March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Items to be removed from the City of Farmington Inventory – Street Department**

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve the removal of two Dell Optiplex 7050 Computer Processing Units, serial number #7WZKJK2, inventory tag #678, Serial number 25N46k2, tag # 721, it was seconded by Council Member Morgan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**Approve bid from Sweetser Construction Inc. for Drainage and Road Improvements for Garland McKee**

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve the bid from Sweetser Construction Inc. for drainage and road improvements to Garland McKee Road in the amount of \$429,982.15, it was seconded by Council Member Morgan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

**Resolution 2024-07 A Resolution waiving requirements of competitive bidding for the purchase of three (3) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe and the equipment to outfit the vehicles for the Farmington Police Department pursuant to 14-58-303 (b) (2) (B)**

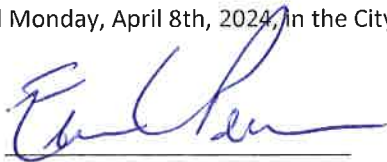
Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution 2024-07 by title only.

**Resolution 2024-08 A Resolution waiving requirements of competitive bidding for approval of overlay and milling bid from Emery Sapp and Sons Inc. for Ecology Drive pursuant to A.C.A. 14-58-303 (b) (2) (B)**

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution 2024-08 by title only.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 8th, 2024, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

