



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 June 10th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Farmington City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington Arkansas. Vice Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Members Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan,, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire. City Attorney Jay Moore, City Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Staff, Press and Audience Members. Mayor Penn and Council Member Bell were not in attendance.

pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens

Approval of the May 13th, 2024, City Council Minutes

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 7-0.

Financial Reports

Vice Mayor Morgan presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 1.93%. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 1.96%.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only.

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 motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title was approved 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments –

Willie Watts was recognized as a 30 Year Volunteer Firefighter by Fire Chief Hellard and was presented a key to the city.

Committee Reports – There were no committee minutes in the agenda packet.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington Inventory – None.

Old Business

Request approval from Waste Management to increase the rate to include 96-gallon recycling carts.

Waste Management Representative Jamie Vernon gave the council a brief overview of the request to add 96 gallon recycle carts. Waste Management would like to remove 2 people of the recycle truck and get increased participation from citizens in the recycle program. This will divert items from the landfill. This would increase the senior rate by \$2.45. He offered to set up tours for any council members who would like to see the process. Vice Mayor Morgan opened the meeting to public comment.

Annalise Nelson. 11028 Coleman Court stated she did not want a bigger recycling cart; she wanted a cart for yard waste.

Melissa Braddy, Valley View POA President asked if the recycle bins were mandatory, she does not recycle and the POA does not want bigger carts to deal with.

Phyllis Young stated she called Waste Management after the last meeting and was told there was a discount for people over 62 for yellow bags, she didn't realize this. The increase in new recycling carts will negate the discount.

A motion was made to accept the request by Waste Management to add the 96-gallon recycling carts by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Gardenhire, after a roll call vote the motion passed by a vote of 5-2, with Council Members Bryant and Lipford voting no.

New Business

Resolution No. 2024-09 A resolution in support of an application for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-09, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, July 8th, 2024, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Vice Mayor Bobby Morgan



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

