



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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, City Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members. City Council Member Hunter Carnahan was absent.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Comments from Citizens**

Marty Cale, 417 Emerald Way – Advised the school traffic in front of Bob Folsom Elementary between 2:30 and 3:00 is a problem. His wife suffered a medical emergency, and he had difficulty reaching their home. His son was sick later in the week and had difficulty reaching home during that same time that resulted in him vomiting in his car. He supplied exact car count and measurement information for turn lane capacity to the city council. He has contacted the school and got no resolution. He reached out to the police department 3 times and has not received a call back .

Jill Toering, 306 Claybrook – Waste Management missed trash pickup on two streets in the Twin Falls Subdivision.

#### **Approval of the May 12th, 2025, City Council Meeting 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**

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 6.91%, compared to 2024. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 7.43% compared to 2024.

#### **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 Bryant 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 7-0.

## Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

Mayor Penn made the following announcements:

Farmington Fireworks will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>, with a rain out date of July 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Farmington Senior Center has received a grant totaling \$396,392.00.

Three new Firefighters were introduced to the city council, Mason Slaughter, Al Jones and Beau Clark.

The library will be bringing a plan for approval to the city council in the future with regards to the grant they received. They welcome council input on the ideas presented.

## Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

## Items to be removed from the City of Farmington – None

### Old Business -None

### New Business

Ordinance No. 2023-03 An Ordinance amending ordinance 2008-09, hereby adding provisions granting authority to the Farmington City Council to waive garage sale permit fees for certain specific times, therefore encouraging city-wide garage sale dates, within the city limits of Farmington, Arkansas.

City Attorney Moore advised this was to set the date for the city-wide yard sale dates for Farmington. City Clerk Penn advised the second weekend in July, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, had been requested. A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Morgan to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2025-03 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2025-03. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass ? After a roll call vote , the motion passed 7-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2025-03 with an emergency clause by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Gardenhire, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-04 An ordinance amending ordinance No. 2023-05, granting Farmington City Administration the authority to waive yard sale fees, once per fiscal year, thereby encouraging a city-wide garage sale date or weekend, within the city limits of Farmington, Arkansas.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Morgan to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2025-03 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2025-04. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass ? After a roll call vote , the motion passed 7-0.

## Awarding of bid for Broyles Street Curb Ramps, Signage and Striping

On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, it was approved to award the bid to Tomlinson Asphalt Company, Inc. in the amount of \$142,772.12 by a vote of 7-0.

## Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, July 14th, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

