

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting January 10th, 2022

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 also held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, City Attorney Tennant were physically at City Hall. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, January 10th, 2021 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: Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Keith Lipford (Zoom) Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan (Zoom), Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone in the council chambers who wished to speak, there were none. He then opened public comment to Zoom participants.

Diamond Olivas -125 North Double Springs Road – I live next door to the new sub division, Goose Creek Village, my property is right next to it, I am north of the subdivision - connection was then lost for Mr. Olivas.

Carrie and Josh Siria – we live next to Diamond and his wife at 135 North Double Springs Road, what he wanted to address tonight is trash that's blowing from the new subdivisions being built that is blowing into our yards.

Mayor Penn said that has been an issue in the past and they will make sure to get that addressed.

Approval of the minutes for the December 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting. 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.

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 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 only was approved 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports - Approval of Anita Sampley to the Library Board.

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 motion to approve Anita Sampley's appointment to a five year term on the Library Board was approved 8-0.

Committee Reports –

Street Committee – Report submitted in the January Agenda packet.

Community Development Committee – None.

Parks & Recreation Committee - None.

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

Old Business – None.

New Business

Resolution No. 2022-01 A resolution establishing the procedural rules for the city council of the City of Farmington, Arkansas for 2022.

A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Bell to table Resolution No. 2022-01 and continue to operate under the policies and procedures from 2021 until the February 14th, 2022 meeting. The motion failed by a vote of 2-6, Council Members Mathews, Carnahan, Lipford, Cunningham, Morgan and Parsley voted no and Council Members Bell and Bryant voting yes after a roll call vote.

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Parsley and by the consent of the following Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2022-01 was approved by a vote of 7-1, with Council Member Bryant voting no.

Ordinance No. 2022-01 An Ordinance rezoning 12245 W. Hwy 62 #760-03871-000, from R-1 Residential to R-O Residential Office Lot 128 Twin Falls Addition Phase III, as requested by Coyle Enterprises/Jerry Coyle.

Land Owner Jerry Coyle spoke to the council and said he thought the land was zoned commercial when he bought it. He will adhere to all the Twin Falls covenants for construction.

Mayor Penn called for public comment on Zoom.

Planning Commissioner Judy Horne said that was the safest rezoning for the people who live in the Twin Falls Neighborhood.

There were no public comments in the council chambers.

Council Member Bell made a motion to pass 2022-01 to rezone the property from R1 to RO it was seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-01 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2022-02 An Ordinance Extending Moratorium on any new multifamily zoning request for six months.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to adopt resolution, ordinance, ordinance 2022-02, an ordinance extending the moratorium on any new multifamily rezoning request for six months, it was seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-02 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-02 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Resolution No. 2022-02 A resolution setting a public hearing to discuss the easement vacation southwest of Holland & Serviceberry, Farmington, AR.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. 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, Resolution 2022-02 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Resolution No. 2022-03 A resolution for adoption of the amended budget for the City of Farmington, Arkansas for the 12 months beginning January1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021; appropriating money for each item, and for other purposes.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Bell and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2022-03 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Resolution No. 2022-04 A resolution in support to apply for, accept, and amend the budget if funded for staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency response (SAFER), through FEMA, to fund three firefighter positions.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. 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, Resolution 2022-04 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Mayor Penn recognized Chief Brian Hubbard for 15 years of service as Chief of Police and thanked him for his service.

Ordinance No. 2022-03 An Ordinance to require reinforced concrete pipe for residential and commercial storm drainage construction in the city of Farmington.

After a brief discussion by the council, Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. Council Member Bell made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-03 requiring reenforced concrete pipe for storm drainage construction, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-03 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Cunningham, after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Mayor Penn read his State of the City Address and announced he will be running for reelection.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, February 14th, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernie Penn", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Ernie Penn

Attest;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Penn", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk Kelly Penn