

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting February 14th, 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, February 14th, 2022 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 (Zoom), Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan (Zoom), Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Council Member Bell was absent.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone in the council chambers who wished to speak.

Mark Puls, 12385 Richardson Road – Mr. Puls advised he was concerned with the traffic and the speed of cars and wanted to know if the city could put up speed tables east of Hook Road coming from Clubhouse Parkway. He advised he watched traffic and unofficially saw someone doing 65 mph coming down Clubhouse. Mayor Penn thanked him for his comments and that the information would be given to the police department.

Mayor Penn opened public comment to Zoom participants, there were none.

Approval of the minutes for the January 10th, 2022 Regular Meeting.

On the motion of Council Member Bryant, a second by Council Member Parsley 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. City sales tax increased 43.7% and State sales tax increased 26.3%.

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

On the motion of Council Member Bryant, 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 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports -

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham, a second by Council Member Mathews the reappointment of planning commissioners Gerry Harris (5-year term), Jay Moore (3-year term), Judy Horne (3-year term) and Howard Carter (2-year term) was approved 7-0 after a roll call vote.

Committee Reports –

Street Committee & Parks & Recreation Committee – None.

Community Development Committee – Minutes from January 27, 2022 meeting included in agenda packet.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – Farmington Public Library- Removal of Outdoor Book Drop, Inventory Tag #305

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the removal of Outdoor Book Drop, Inventory Tag # 305 was approved 7-0.

Public hearing to discuss the vacation of easement southwest of North Holland Drive and Serviceberry.

Mayor Penn opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm – there were no public comments, Mayor Penn closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2022-04 An Ordinance to vacate the unused easement southwest of North Holland Drive and Serviceberry, Farmington AR and for other purposes.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-04 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-04 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2021-17 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2022-05 An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 98-8.1 (C), §2 to revise sidewalk specifications as recommended by the Farmington Planning Commission.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. Council Member Mathews made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-05 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Cunningham and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-05 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2022-05 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Parsley, after a roll call vote the motion passed 7-0

Ordinance No. 2022-06 An Ordinance rezoning property at 12425 Bethel Blacktop From R-1, single family residential to C-2, highway commercial, as requested by Matthew Goff on behalf of AFH Properties, LLC.

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. Council Member Bryant made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on 3 different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2022-06 be read 1 time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Parsley and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Tennant read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

Award contract to Burns McDonnell for engineering services in the amount of \$61,560 for trail design.

Aaron Bemler from Burns McDonnell gave the council a brief overview of his company and his experience with the trail system. Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers. Planning commissioner Judy Horne asked what areas of the trail Mr. Bemler had worked on for Fayetteville. He cited several sections they had worked on. Council Member Lipford asked if landscaping was part of the plan. Mr. Bemler said that could be included if the city wanted that to be in the scope of the project. Council Member Cunningham asked if it included lighting, Mr. Bemler said yes it did. 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 bid was awarded to Burns McDonnell for engineering services in the amount of \$61,560 for trail design by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. 2022-05 A resolution expressing willingness of the City of Farmington to utilize state monies to be used for Southwinds Road and Jim Brooks Road in 2022.

After a brief presentation by Public Works Director Shelley, Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers. Via Zoom Comments: Planning Commissioner Judy Horne wanted to know if the road would be scrapped of the existing material. Mr. Shelley said yes, the road would be milled. Jill Topping, 306 Claybrook, asked if the corner of Clyde Carnes Road and Jim Brooks Road would be widened, it was dangerous and not wide enough now. Mayor Penn advised that was not in the current plan but they could consult with ArDot when the work begins on the project. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2022-05 was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. 2022-06 A resolution waiving requirements of competitive bidding for the purchase of T66 T4 Bobcat Compact Tract Loader with associated attachments in the amount of \$89,819.40 for the City of Farmington Public Works Department pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-58-303(b)(2)(B)

Mayor Penn called for public comments on zoom or in council chambers, there were none. On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, Resolution 2022-06 was approved by a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Lipford and seconded by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, March 14th, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



Mayor Ernie Penn

Attest;



City Clerk Kelly Penn