



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 May 13th, 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, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, 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 April 8th, 2024, City Council Minutes

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

Vice Mayor Morgan presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 3.26 %. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 3.7%.

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 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 was approved 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments – None.

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

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

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve the removal of a Microsoft Surface Pro tablet, serial number 010333410153, Grant Award # 21-865-17L from Police Department inventory, it was seconded by Council Member Bryant and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

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Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve the removal of MIM250 MAXX Ice Maker, serial number 1507025000113, inventory tag #720. It was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Old Business – None

New Business

Request Approval of waiving garage sale permits for city wide garage sale June 7th and 8th, 2024.

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to approve the request to waive garage sale permits June 7th and 8th for city wide garage sales. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

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

After a brief presentation by Waste Management representative Jamie Vernon and public comment, the council decided to table the issue until the June meeting to allow more public comment on the issue. A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Lipford to table the issue until the June city council meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Request approval for a change order and increased size of the basketball court for Farmington Heights Park.

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Sherry Mathews informed the council that an error had been made by the vendor on the original request for the basketball court at Farmington Heights. The Farmington Heights POA has also offered to help pay for the increased size of the court. The original cost of the project was \$200,912.21, after the correction, the cost of the project is \$237,373.00. The budget impact to the city will be \$36,406.79. A motion was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Bryant, after a roll call vote the motion was approved 8-0.

Request approval for change order for extending the widening 80 feet for Garland McKee Road.

Council Member Bell made a motion to approve the change order for the additional 80 feet for Garland McKee Road Improvement project in the amount of \$17,885.63 for a new contract total of \$447,868.30. It was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2024-03 An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2017-11, which amended Ordinance No 7.1 originally adopted in 2015, zoning regulations, section 14.04.05 to provide for dust free construction surfaces with concrete curb and gutter for the city

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2024-03 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Bell and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2024-03 by title only. Vice Mayor Morgan asked shall the ordinance pass, after a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-03 with an Emergency Clause, there was a second by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2024-04 An ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-01 which amended and restated Ordinance 2013-03, regulating landscaping for certain zones in the City of Farmington, Arkansas, specifically requiring the irrigation systems for large scale developments accounting for two acres or more for the City of Farmington.

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2024-04 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Bell and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only. Vice Mayor Morgan asked shall the ordinance pass, after a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-04 with an Emergency Clause, there was a second by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Ordinance No 2024-05 An ordinance supporting the adoption of the Arkansas Diamond Preferred Compensation Plan for the City of Farmington.

Council Member Carnahan made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2024-05 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Bell and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2024-05 by title only. Vice Mayor Morgan asked shall the ordinance pass, after a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-05 with an Emergency Clause, there was a second by Council Member Lipford and after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

City Clerk Penn announced that the November 2024 election packets were available for pickup at city hall. The positions up for election are all Council Position 1 seats in all 4 wards.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, June 10th, 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 _____