

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting September 14th, 2020

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 held virtually using the Zoom Meeting system. Mayor Penn, City Clerk Penn, City Business Manager McCarville, Police Chief Hubbard, Sergeant Bertorello and Fire Chief Hellard were physically at City Hall. Police Chief Hubbard took everyone's temperature before they entered the meeting and social distancing was observed. Citizens Hunter Carnahan & Lynn Kutter attended the meeting. The regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for Monday, September 14th, 2020 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 via Zoom: Sherry Mathews, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. City Attorney Tennant attended via Zoom and Council Member Bell was absent. Mayor Penn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from Citizens – None, there were no citizens logged onto the zoom meeting.

Approval of the minutes for the August 10th, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting. On the motion of Council Member Morgan and 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 6-0.

Financial Reports – Financials were presented by City Clerk Penn who informed the council that the year to date numbers were as follows: City Sales tax was up 18.3% from 2019 to 2020 and State Sales tax was up 6.7% from 2019 to 2020. She advised that the budgeting process had begun and that even though the city always budgeted conservatively, it would be more conservative than usual with the uncertainty of the coming year due to Covid 19.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only. – Item was skipped as there were no resolutions or ordinances on the agenda.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Committee Reports - Mayor Penn informed the city council that Farmington had a completion rate of 75.9% for the US census, making us # 5 in the state and he was very appreciative the citizens had responded this way. Mayor Penn advised the city council there had been a 4-week delay in the Double Springs road project due to a delay from the Arkansas Department of Health processing a water sample. Mayor Penn reached out to our state representative, David Whitaker, and he was able to help move the process along and the project now has a completions date for the end of September. Mayor Penn advised that he was recommending Hunter Carnahan to fill the vacancy for Ward 1 Position 2, there were 2 applicants and Mr. Carnahan was the most qualified. A motion was made by Council Member Mathews and seconded by Council Member Morgan to confirm the appointment of Hunter Carnahan to the City Council to fill the vacancy in Ward 1 Position 2, and by the consent of all council members present after a roll call vote it was approved 6-0.

Committee Reports – There were no committee reports due to the inability to meet because of Covid-19. Mayor Penn informed city council that there had been a problem with the lights at Creekside Park at the tennis courts due to moisture getting into a switch box, it has been repaired and was under warranty. The pavilion and parking lot lights also had a short but it has been repaired and was also under warranty. The Fall Festival had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Council Member Morgan said he had been getting complaints about 54th street being closed, but that street is a city of Fayetteville street. Council Member Lipford said he had gotten positive feedback from people who lived out of town on our disc golf course at Creekside Park.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory – Public Works Ford 2009 F-350

Mayor Penn advised that the 2009 Ford F-350 was 11 years old and had many mechanical issues, the truck was used as a trade in for the new 2020 F-350 at a budget cost of \$46,710.00. A motion was made by Council Member Bryant to remove the 2009 Ford F-350, serial number 1FDWW37Y29EA55986, from Public Works inventory and the second by Council Member Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 6-0.

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business - NONE

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday October 12th, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;



City Clerk Kelly Penn



Mayor Ernie Penn