

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting on August 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2011 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ernie Penn. City Clerk Kelly Thomas called the roll and the following Alderman answered to their names: Patsy Pike, Sherry Mathews, Keith Lipford, Janie Steele, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan and Terry Yopp. Alderwoman Parsley was absent. A quorum was declared (7). Also present were City Attorney Tennant, City Business Manager McCarville and Financial Officer Story. After Mayor Penn led the pledge of allegiance, he then opened the public comment portion of the meeting for citizens. There were no speakers.

Approval of the minutes for July 11, 2011 Regular Meeting - On the motion of Alderwoman Steele and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the minutes were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

Financial Reports – City Clerk Thomas informed the council that the city sales tax was up \$2912.25 and the county sales tax was up \$18,497.22. Financial Officer and City Business Manager both reminded the council that the reason for the increase in County sales tax is due to the population increase and these numbers won't be the norm in the following years.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only – On the motion of Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderwoman Cunningham and by the consent of all members present (7/0), it was approved to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only at this meeting.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments
None

Committee Reports

Street Committee – Defer to Agenda Item – Mayor Penn advised that we are going to allocate approximately \$400,000.00 to finish the Drainage and existing Street projects. He advised the council that the funds are there and it needs to be used to benefit our tax payers. The projects need to go forward now before the winter to offset any potential drainage and /or flooding issues.

City Beautification Committee – No change, still waiting on the land and Brent Vinson is working on specs for the project.

Economic Development Committee – Teresa Ray gave the council a brief overview of the progress of the Strategic Planning process and informed the council that there will be a drop in meeting with Business Owners on August 15th, 2011 at City Hall.

Park & Recreation Committee – Defer to Agenda Item – Mayor Penn advised the council that the city needs to make a commitment to finish the project and that the city is actively pursuing donations and grants to fund the project. The estimated amount to complete the Sports Complex is \$400,000.00. This does not reflect the donations and grant money already received.

Finance Committee – None - Alderman Lipford advised there was no meeting of his committee but that he had visited with Fayetteville Mayor Jordan and other representatives from the city of Fayetteville with regards to Rain Gardens being used to control Flooding issues. He will report back to the council with more information.

Sewer Committee - None

New Business

Ordinance 2011-05 Rezone Property Containing .69 Acres Requested by Connie L. Billings

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderman Morgan to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Ordinance 2011-05 in full on 3 different dates be suspended and that Ordinance # 2011-05 is to be read by title only one time. The motion was approved by all members present. (7)

City Attorney Tennant read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor Penn then asked, “Shall the Ordinance Pass?” It was approved by all members present. (7)

A motion was made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderwoman Cunningham to pass Ordinance # 2011-05 with the emergency clause, it was approved by all members present (7/0).

Request approval to accept bids for Phase IV of Sports Complex (Fencing).

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderman Lipford to accept the low bid from Modern Fence Company for \$239,600.00. The motion was approved by all members present, (7/0).

Request approval to accept bids for Asphalt for the Sports Complex and Southwinds Drive.

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderwoman Cunningham to accept the bids from Tomlinson Asphalt in the amount of \$167,369.35 for Southwinds Drive and \$79,983.00 for the Sports Complex for a total of \$247,352.35. The motion was approved 6/0, with Alderwoman Pike abstaining.

Request Approval of position description and salary grade 7 for Parks and Recreation Facility Manager and Program Coordinator.

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderman Lipford to approve the position description and a Salary Grade of 7 for the Parks and Recreation Facility and Program Coordinator. The motion was approved by all members present, (7/0).

Mayor Penn advised that the Summer Ball Program Board would remain as an advisory board to the Parks and Recreation Committee with regards to the Sports Complex.

Request approval to advertise for bid for improvements on Drain Road.

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderwoman Steele to advertise for bid improvements on Drain Road. The motion was approved by all members present, (7/0).

Request approval to accept bid from Fotchman for work on Giles Road.

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderwoman Steele to accept the bids from Fotchman in the amount of \$10,662.00. The City will pay \$6482.00 and Ms. Herron will pay \$4180.00. The motion was approved by all members present, (7/0).

Request approval to advertise for bids on signal poles.

A motion made by Alderman Yopp and seconded by Alderman Morgan to advertise for bids on signal poles. The motion was approved by all members present, (7/0).

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Yopp and Seconded by Alderman Lipford, and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at six o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved;

Mayor Ernie Penn

City Clerk Kelly Thomas