

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting March 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday February 9, 2015 was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Ernie Penn. City Clerk Kelly Penn called the roll and the following Aldermen answered to their names: Patsy Pike, Sherry Mathews, Keith Lipford, Linda Bell, Brenda Cunningham, Bobby Morgan, Diane Bryant and Shelly Parsley. Also present were City Attorney Tennant and City Business Manager McCarville.

Approval of the minutes for the February 9, 2015 City Council Meeting – On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Reports –City Clerk Penn advised that city sales tax was up \$11,353.88 county sales tax was up \$8985.00 for a total increase of \$20,338.88.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only - On the motion of Alderman Cunningham and seconded by Alderman Morgan and by the consent of all members present, the motion was approved.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments. Mayor Penn announced our Lady Cardinals had advanced to the semifinal game in the state tournament.

Committee Reports - None

Old Business - None.

New Business

Request approval to advertise for RFQ from design consultants for Creekside Park Master Plan.

On the motion of Alderman Morgan and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the motion to approve advertising for RFQ from design consultants for Creekside Park Master Plan was approved.

Alderman Mathews left the meeting at 6:30.

Update by City Attorney Steve Tennant to update the council on the parking ordinance as a result of complaints of parking issues on Blue Sky Road.

Attorney Tennant is reviewing our parking ordinance in conjunction with a complaint from a resident on Blue Sky Road with parking concerns during school events. Several residents were in attendance. Charles Trantham and Bill Durham voiced concern that their main issue with people parking on their street was safety and lighting concerns with people walking across the road and down their street. Resident Travis Warren said he had no issue with the parking incident and had not noticed any other issues. Farmington Superintendent Bryan Law addressed the council and thanked the Police Department and Mayor for their help in conjunction with the opening of the Arena, that they ran shuttles opening night to keep

parking issues at a minimum. The school wants to be a good neighbor and are in the process of adding approximately 475 more parking spaces now. He is concerned with the safety and well-being of the residents of Blue Sky Road also. The next big event will be graduation and they plan to bus people from multiple locations and will make every effort to coordinate with police department to avoid parking issues. Alderman Bell asked how many parking spaces would be added and when would they be added. Superintendent Law said the time frame would be dependent on state funding and they would not know how many until May if the funding was awarded. If they receive the funding additional spaces will be added in the fall of 2015. After some discussion by the council, Attorney Tennant advised he will make some revisions to the parking ordinance and bring to the council at a later meeting for discussion and approval.

Ordinance 2015-02 An ordinance rezoning property containing approximately 5.94 acres at 55 Rainsong from R-2, residential single family , to MF-25, Multi-family residential as requested by Peachtree Village of Farmington LLC.

A motion was made by Alderman Lipford and seconded by Alderman Cunningham to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Ordinance 2015-02 in full 3 different dates and to be read one time by title only. It was approved by all members present. City Attorney Tennant read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the Ordinance pass, it was approved by all members present.

A motion was made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Morgan to pass Ordinance 2015-02 with an emergency clause. It was approved by all members present.

Request approval to apply for JAG Special Purpose mini grant/ Resolution 2015-04 –A resolution in support of an application for the special purpose mini grant from Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

A motion was made by Alderman Cunningham and seconded by Alderman Lipford to approve the application for JAG Special Purpose mini grant/ Resolution 2015-04 –A resolution in support of an application for the special purpose mini grant from Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, by the consent of all members present, it was approved.

Request approval to purchase a police unit – 2015 Dodge Charger


On the motion of Alderman Morgan and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the motion to approve the purchase of a police unit not to exceed \$34,000.00 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lipford and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday April 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers in 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelly S. Penn", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk Kelly Penn