

Minutes of the Regular Farmington City Council Meeting March 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Farmington City Council scheduled for Monday, March 13th, 2023 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: Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, and Kara Gardenhire. Also present was City Attorney Jay Moore and City Business Manager McCarville.

Comments from Citizens

Mayor Penn asked if there was anyone who wished to comment at this time. Sherry Wallis and Melanie McKane asked the council if they would consider waiving the garage sale permit fee for a 2 day period of June 2 -3 to have an annual city wide garage sale to coincide with the Junk Ranch weekend on Prairie Grove. They would do all marketing for the event if approved. Mayor Penn thanked them for coming and advised they couldn't take action on the request at tonight's meeting. It will be addressed at the April meeting.

Approval of the Minutes for February 13th, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Lipford 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.

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax decreased \$12,884.63. Monthly state sales tax increased \$12,827.18. There is a total decrease of \$57.45 for the month. Year to date, our total sales tax is up a total of \$331.91 from 2022.

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 Morgan 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 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments,

State Champions - Mayor Penn announced the Farmington High School senior girls basketball team won the state championship with a record of 36-1 last week.

KNWA Women of Distinction - Laurie Adkins, our Sports & Recreation Director was honored by television station KNWA for her success as a woman baseball and softball umpire and coach.

Committee Reports

No written reports were filed. Street Chair Bobby Morgan advised street work on Cherry, Bois D'Arc and Locust were done. Goose Creek cement work was complete as well as some repair on

Double Springs Road. Parks Chairperson Sherry Mathews advised she met with the Farmington Heights POA board on 03/03/2023 regarding park amenities. They want to spend \$70,000 to \$80,000 on the amenities. They were given a survey to give the residents to rank their top 3 items wanted and they will meet again in April. Economic Development Chairperson Diane Bryant advised they were doing the Let's Move Farmington campaign, concentrating on pickleball and line dancing. Mayor Penn advised that he and city staff have identified some possible locations for new pickleball courts.

Items to be removed from City of Farmington Inventory- None

Old Business - None

New Business

Ordinance No. 2023-04 An ordinance rezoning property at S. Grace Lane from R-1, Single Family Residential, to PUD, Planned Unit Development

Ali Karr with Crafton and Tull Engineering gave the council a brief overview of the request. They were not the original engineering firm for the project but had been retained now and they were trying to clean up the legal description. The one that was filled did not match what was platted. This is not a new request, they are simply correcting the errors of the previous engineering firm. Mayor Penn called for public comment, there was none. Council Member Bell made a motion to suspend the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance in full on three different dates be suspended and for Ordinance 2023-04 be read one time by title only, it was seconded by Council Member Carnahan and after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance 2023-04 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion to pass Ordinance 2023-04 with an Emergency Clause was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Morgan after a roll call vote the motion passed 8-0.

Request the approval to purchase Laserfiche Document Management Software for Court and City.

Court Clerk Kim Bentley gave a brief presentation to the council on the merits of the LaserFiche program, she advised that Judge Nations had authorized the Court Automation Fund to pay for half of the \$37,448.50. The rest would be paid by the city. Keith Macedo, a 26 year IT Manager, who also serves on our planning commission, spoke on the merits of this system.

Mayor Penn asked if there were any questions from the public, Ty Fawley, 11287 Kendall Court asked if any other systems had been looked at or had a comparison of other companies been done? Court Clerk Bentley said no, this system was specialized to the court and municipalities and

this was what she wanted to use. 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 approve the purchase of Laserfiche Document Management Software in the amount of \$37,448.50 was approved 8-0.

Request the approval of a Training Structure for the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Hellard told the council that he needed a training facility for his young firemen to train, he is out of space. The structure will be built behind the city's Public Works Building. This will improve the city's ISO fire rating . It will allow for live fire training before an actual fire. The smaller municipalities will be able to use the structure for training as well. After a brief discussion by the council, a motion was made. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve up to \$350,000 for the construction of a training structure for the Fire Department and to put the project out to bid was approved 8-0.

There being no further business to come before the council and on the motion of Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 10th, 2023 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