



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 Bobby Morgan
Ward 2 Position 2

Council Member Linda Bell
Ward 3 Position 2

Council Member Kara Gardenhire
Ward 4 Position 2

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Farmington City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington Arkansas. Mayor Penn called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Council Members Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members. Council Member Linda Bell was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens

Approval of the March 9th, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 7-0.

Financial Reports

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased by 19.43% compared to 2025. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 2.10% compared to 2025.

Entertain a motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title only.

On the motion of Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Carnahan 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 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments –

Mayor Penn announced there will be a joint City Council and Planning Commission work session April 20th at City Hall at 6:00pm.

Appoint Ken Goff to the Planning Commission. 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 appoint Ken Goff to the Planning Commission was approved 7-0.

New Police officer Gentry Hunt was introduced to the City Council.

Committee Reports – There were no reports submitted for the meeting.

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

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Cunningham and by the consent of all Council Members present, the motion to remove a Genesis III, serial number G3-03131, City Tag 1139 radar from inventory was approved 7-0.

Old Business – None

New Business

Request approval of the School Resource Officer contract with the Farmington School District.

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 approve the School Resource Officer contract with Farmington School District was approved 7-0.

Request approval to accept the bid for Creekside Trail.

On the motion of Council Member Lipford and a second by Council Member Gardenhire and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to award the bid to First Star Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$1,297,556.00 was approved 7-0.

Request approval for contract for Impact Study Fee.

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 award the contract to Freese and Nichols, in the amount of \$85,000.00 approved 7-0.

Resolution 2026-07 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the city of Farmington, Arkansas to execute a real estate contract for the purchase of 2.37 acres of land from the Farmington School District.

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 Resolution 2026-07 was approved 7-0. City Attorney Moore read Resolution 2026-07 by title only.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:28pm by a motion from Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Lipford until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, May 11th, 2026, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Approved: Ernie Penn, Mayor



Attest: Kelly Penn, City Clerk

