



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 October 13th, 2025 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, and Kara Gardenhire. Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members. City Council Member Linda Bell and Bobby Morgan were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens – The following residents of Valley View spoke regarding flooding issues at Valley View: Council Member Diane Braynt, Tina Purser, Guy Smith, Rachel Catlet. They would like information regarding their issues and a meeting within the next 30 days.

Seth Curry, Washinton County Circuit Court Judge Candidate introduced himself to the citizens in attendance.

Jim McKinney, Tyler Road – He inquired about the curb and gutter construction project on Angus Lane.

Melissa Braddy, Valley View POA President, asked for an update on the Valley View Clubhouse demolition. City Attorney Moore said the property owners took receipt of the certified letters on September 16th, 2025; they have 30 days to file an appeal. If there is no appeal, then the city will have to get bids on the demolition and submit for council approval.

Approval of the September 8th, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Council Member Bryant and a second by Council Member Carnahan 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

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 5.25% , compared to 2024. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 10.96% compared to 2024.

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

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Lipford, 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 6-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

Planning Commissioner Appointment – Mayor Penn recommended Ryan Crawford to fill the Planning Commissioner vacancy of the seat held by Judy Horne.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Gardenhire, and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to appoint Ryan Crawford to the Planning Commission was approved 6-0.

Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

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

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Gardenhire, and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove /the Electrical Box Hidden Camera, City Tag 0638, Grant Award 13-865-12L was approved 6-0.

Old Business – None

New Business

Ordinance No. 2025-07 An Ordinance Levying a Tax on the Real Estate and Personal Property within the City of Farmington, Arkansas, for the year 2025, fixing the rate thereof at 4.5 MILS and Certifying the Same to the County Clerk of Washington County, AR.

A motion was made by Council Member Bryant and seconded by Council Member Gardenhire to suspend the rule requiring an ordinance to be read three times on different dates and be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 6-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2025-07 by title only. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote and the consent of all council members present, the motion passed 6-0. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Gardenhire and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-07 with an emergency clause was approved 6-0.

Resolution No. 2025-12 A Resolution in Support of an Application for the Mini Step Grant.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Lipford and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 was approved 6-0.

Resolution No. 2025-13 A Resolution in support of an Application for THE Blue and You Mini Grant.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Cunningham by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 was approved 6-0.

Request Approval of Inter-Local Agreement for the 2025 Ambulance Service with Central EMS.

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 Inter-Local Agreement for the 2025/2026 Ambulance Service with Central EMS in the amount of 88,364.00 was approved 6-0.

Request Approval to Purchase 2.25 Acres of Land from Farmington Public Schools for \$135,000.

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Gardenhire and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve the purchase of 2.25 acres of land from Farmington School Districts for the purchase price of \$135,000 and additional closing costs was approved 6-0.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, November 10th, 2025, 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

