



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 Linda Bell
Ward 2 Position 2

Council Member Bobby Morgan
Ward 3 Position 2

Council Member Kara Gardenhire
Ward 4 Position 2

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 10th, 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, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Staff, Press and Audience Members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens - None.

Approval of the February 10th, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

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 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 increased 6.88%, compared to February 2024, year to date there is a decrease of 6.54% compared to last year. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 10.95%, compared to February 2024 last year, year to date numbers increased 8.44%.

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

No action was taken.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

City Clerk Penn advised the council they will have the first strategic planning meeting April 14th, directly following the City Council Meeting.

Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington Inventory – None.

Old Business - None

New Business

Request approval for the destruction of 2017 miscellaneous records for the City of Farmington.

City Clerk Penn advised the City Council she was requesting permission to destroy 2017 paper copies of miscellaneous bank statements and billing statements. The city will keep electronic copies of all the records. This request complies with the state statute Arkansas Code §14-2-2024. There is zero budget impact to the city. On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Bryant, the request was approved as presented by a vote of 8-0.

City Attorney Jay Moore asked to provide the city council with an update on the Valley View property destruction. He attended a class with legal representatives with regards to property disputes with municipalities, he wanted to give the council information regarding options for the city council to think about before the next meeting. All of these will be presented to the city council at the April City Council meeting on April 14th, 2025. He will present four (4) options for the city council's consideration. There will be no action taken tonight, this is merely for informational purposes.

- 1) Continuing with the destruction as is, he considers this very risky, especially with taxpayer dollars.
- 2) Redo the process, close loopholes that could be potential problems, serve all four members of the LLC, especially the registered agent, Joe Stewart. This would be done by process servers, certified mail and publishing notices in the newspaper.
- 3) Repair the property, bring it up to code, place a tax lien on the property and get refunded thru tax payments.
- 4) Remediate the issue with the property owners.

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 14th, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

