



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 April 14th, 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, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, City 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 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 7-0.

Financial Reports

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 7.09% , compared to 2024. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 7.9% compared to 2024.

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

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 motion to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by title was approved 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington – None

Old Business – None.

New Business

Request approval for the School Resource Officer contract with Farmington Schools.

On the motion of Council Member Lipford and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the School Resource Officer contract with Farmington Schools was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. 2025-06 A Resolution in support for the Blue and You Mini Grant.

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, Resolution No. 2025-06 was approved by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution No. 2025-07 A Resolution waiving competitive requirements of competitive bidding for approval of repair request for 241 Rheas Mill Road (former city hall/library building) by Pick It Construction.

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, Resolution No. 2025-07 was approved a vote of 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-01 An Ordinance rezoning property at 357 South Hunter Street, 9, 15, 19 and 25 W. Dakota Trail, from R-1 and R-2 (residential) to MF-2 (multi-family), as requested by Cox Development.

Jay Young from Development Consultants, representing Cox gave the City Council a brief overview of the request. A motion was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Mathews to suspend the rules requiring the motion be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2025-01 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the votes were as follows: Council Member Bell – absent, Council Member Lipford - abstained, Council Member Morgan voted no, the remaining council member s present voted yes. The vote was 5-1-1. The motion did not have a two-thirds majority, so it failed. The agenda item will be placed on its second reading at the May City Council meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, May 12th, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

