

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 July 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, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, City Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens – Guy Smith, Clubhouse Parkway, asked for a status report on the Valley View Clubhouse. City Attorney Moore gave a brief update and said the item will be on the August or September City Council agenda.

Approval of the June 9th, 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 3.67%, compared to 2024. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 5.66% 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 only was approved 8-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

Mayor Penn announced the Highway 170 dedication ceremony would be held Friday, July 25th at 9:00 am at Farmington High School.

Planning Commissioner Appointment – Matt Hutcherson - A motion to appoint Matt Hutcherson to the vacant Planning Commission seat was made by 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 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Reports - No committee reports were submitted.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington - None

Old Business - None

New Business

Resolution No. 2025-10 a resolution in support of an application for the Blue & You Mini Grant.

A motion to approve Resolution 2025-10 was made by 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 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2025-06 An ordinance establishing respective cost sharing of health benefits between the city of Farmington and certain police department and fire department retirees and their dependents, and for other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Cunningham to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2025-06 be read one time by title only. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2025-06 by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the ordinance pass, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2025-06 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Morgan, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Angus Lane Widening Bid Award.

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 bid was awarded to Ground Zero Construction in the amount of \$192,440.64 and was approved a vote of 8-0.

Change order for Tennis Court Resurfacing

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 change order in the amount of \$9,872.00 was approved by a vote of 8-0.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, August 11th, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor

Kelly Penn, City Clerk