



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 August 11th, 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, 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. City Council Members Sherry Mathews and Linda Bell were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens – Lisa Bell Henson asked why the city does not have a community center.

Approval of the August 11th, 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 6.28% , compared to 2024. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 5.62% compared to 2024.

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 6-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments

Fire Chief Hellard presented the Lifesaving Award to the members of the A shift, Alex Jones, John Jones, Aaron Spahn and Peter Oxford, for their heroic acts during a call in July 2025.

Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Presentation and Acknowledgement of the 2024 Legislative Audit

City Clerk Penn presented the 2024 Legislative Audit to the city council. The city was in compliance financially and procedurally and had no violations. 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 acknowledge the presentation of the 2024 Legislative Audit was approved 6-0.

Request Approval for a change order for additional milling, overlay and striping to Main Street for Angus Lane.

Mayor Penn acknowledged that this would be Public Works Director Floyd Shelley's last council meeting before his retirement later this month. He praised his years of service, great work ethic and he did an excellent job representing the city.

Public Works Director Floyd Shelly informed the council that there had been an adjustment to the price of the change order to \$31,929.19, so we would not need council action to approve the change order, so the request was removed from the agenda.

Ordinance No. 2025-05 an ordinance ordering razing and removal of certain structures within the City of Farmington, Arkansas, specifically structures located at 11520 Club House Parkway: To declare an emergency and for other purposes.

City Attorney Jay Moore addressed the council and gave them the update timeline of the Valley View Clubhouse.

March 3rd, 2025 – He reached out to the attorney representing the property owners and asked for a show of goodwill.

April 2nd, 2025 – Search Warrant was signed by Judge Nations. April 7th Search warrant was executed by Code Enforcement officers Rick Brammell and Chris McCarville. They returned with pictures from the site.

April 18th, 2025 – Certified letters with return receipts were issued to the property owners and their legal counsel with pictures and listed violations asking for the property to be brought to code and cleaned up within thirty business days.

August 21st, 2025 - A letter was sent to the property owners attorney letting them know they would be on the September Farmington City Council meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Morgan 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. 2025-05 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 Morgan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to approve Ordinance no. 2025-05 with an emergency clause was approved 6-0.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:33pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, October 13th, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington, Arkansas.

Ernie Penn, Mayor



Kelly Penn, City Clerk

