Mayor Ernie Penn

City Attorney Jay Moore

City Clerk Kelly Penn

City Council Member Sherry Mathews
Ward 1 Position 1

Council Member Hunter Carnahan
Ward 1 Position 2

Council Member Keith Lipford
Ward 2 Position 1

Council Member Bobby Morgan
Ward 2 Position 2

Council Member Brenda Cunningham
Ward 3 Position 1

Council Member Linda Bell
Ward 3 Position 2

Council Member Diane Bryant
Ward 4 Position 1

Council Member Kara Gardenhire
Ward 4 Position 2

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 12, 2026, 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, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, City Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members. Council Member Kara Gardenhire was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens

Kristie Daniels 196 Glen Street – She asked the City Council to add a crosswalk across Main Street to Broyles Street to provide safe access to Creekside Park. (The city has this already planned and will be completed in 2027)

Approval of the September 14, 2026, 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 increased 4.29 % compared to 2025. Monthly state/county sales tax decreased .0091% compared to 2025.

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

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Mathews 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 were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments -

Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington

Farmington Police Department - Removal of Office Desk, City Tag 971

On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Carnahan and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove the Office Desk, City Tag # 971 was approved 7-0.

Farmington Police Department - Removal of a 2014 Dodge Ram, VIN 1CGRR7XTXES418431

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Mathews and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove 2014 Dodge Ram, VIN 1CGRR7XTXES418431 approved 7-0.

Old Business – None

New Business

Ordinance No. 2026-14 An Ordinance Levying a tax on the real and personal property within the City of Farmington, Arkansas for the year 2026 fixing the rate thereof at 4.5 mills and certifying the same to the county clerk of Washington County Arkansas

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 to be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-14 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Moore read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the Ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, Ordinance 2026-14 was approved by a vote of 7-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-14 with an emergency clause by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Morgan, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-15 An Ordinance adopting the 2026 version of the National Electrical Code with Arkansas amendments, providing for an Emergency Clause, and other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Morgan to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates to be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-15 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0. City Attorney Moore read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Penn asked Shall the Ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, Ordinance 2026-15 was approved by a vote of 7-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-15 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Morgan, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 7-0.

Request approval from the City Council of Farmington for Waste Management to update residential trash and recycling collection routes within the city.

Jamie Vernon with Waste Management gave a brief overview of the changes to the City Council. On the motion of Council Member Bell 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 Waste Management to update residential trash and recycling collection routes within the city was approved 7-0.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm by a motion from Council Member Morgan and a second by Council Member Carnahan until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, November 9th, 2026, 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 Kelly Penn

CITY CLERK / TREASURER CITY OF FARMINGTON ARKANSAS WASHINGTON COUNTY