



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 January 12th, 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, Kara Gardenhire, Mayor Ernie Penn, City Attorney Jay Moore, Clerk Kelly Penn, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Press and Audience Members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Citizens – Political Candidates Kristin Pawlik (Washington County Circuit Judge) and Hayden Hill (Washington County Treasurer) introduced themselves.

Approval of the December 8th, 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 8-0.

Financial Reports

Mayor Penn presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax decreased 5.66% compared to 2024. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 3.44% 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

New Police Officer Matthew Wilson was introduced to the City Council.

Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, ARKANSAS FOR THE 12 MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, it is necessary to amend the budget to reflect actual revenues and expenditures at year end;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Farmington, Arkansas:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known as the budget amendment resolution for the City of Farmington for the twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025. The attached budget amendment is incorporated herein as if set out word for word and figure for figure to reflect actual revenues and expenditures as set forth on the succeeding pages described in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

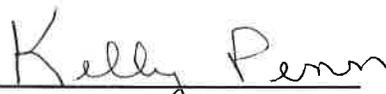
Section 2: If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

Passed and approved this 9th day of February, 2026.

APPROVED:

By: 
Ernie Penn, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Kelly Penn, City Clerk

