



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 March 9, 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 – Alex Russo, 331 Tacoma Street – expressed his concern regarding surveillance camera, such as Amazon Ring Cameras and the Flock safety cameras in use at Creekside Park. Why do we need them ? Why is the men’s restroom door not fixed yet at Creekside Park?

Approval of the February 9th, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Council Member Cunningham and a second by Council Member Bryant 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 by .078% compared to 2025. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 1.38% 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 Lipford 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 there will be a joint City Council and Planning Commission work session April 20th at City Hall at 6:00pm.

Committee Reports – Street Committee report was included in the agenda.

Items to be removed from the City of Farmington – Fire Department

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 remove a Frigidaire refrigerator, serial number LA34020657, city tag number 0037 from inventory was approved 8-0.

Old Business – None

New Business

Resolution 2026-05 A Resolution approving an agreement for participation in the Arkansas Municipal League's Trauma Assistance Program.

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 approve Resolution 2026-05 was approved 8-0.

Resolution 2026-06 A Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Farmington, Arkansas to utilize federal-aid funds for the following project: Traffic Signal upgrades and coordination on HWY 62.

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 motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-02 An Ordinance to adopt a revised personnel policy for the City of Farmington.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Gardenhire to pass Ordinance 2026-02. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-02. There was no public comment. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-02 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.

Ordinance No. 2026-03 An Ordinance to add design standards for non-residential structures, to the Farmington Code of Ordinances; providing for an emergency and other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Carnahan to pass Ordinance 2026-03. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-03. There was no public comment. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-03 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.

Ordinance No. 2026-04 An Ordinance amending section 14.04.05 of the City of Farmington Municipal Code to include two new commercial zoning districts; declaring an emergency and for other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Carnahan to pass Ordinance 2026-04. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-04. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-04 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Bryant, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-05 An Ordinance adding language to the Farmington Municipal Code Section 14.04.08, requiring all developments that demand a commercial building permit to proceed through large scale development process, providing for an emergency and other purposes.

Council Member Lipford asked if the previous ordinances had been passed to suspend the rules. City Clerk Penn said no they have not, the motions have to be made correctly to do that. Council Member Carnahan made a motion to amend Ordinances 2026-02, 2026-03 and Ordinance 2026-04 to reflect suspending the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-03 and 2026-04 be read one time by title only, and to pass Ordinance 2026-05 by suspending the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-05 be read one time by title only. The motions were seconded by Council Member Cunningham. After a roll call vote, the motions were approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-05. There was no public comment. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-05 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Mathews, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-06 Ordinance No. 2026-05 An Ordinance to amend and correct setback distances in residential and multifamily zoning codes of Farmington, Arkansas and to correct outdated zoning language, providing for an emergency, and other purposes

A motion was made by Council Member Bell 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 2026-06 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-06. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-06 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Mathews, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-07 An Ordinance adding specific language to the Farmington Municipal Code section 14.04.08 and 15.04.03, requiring one half street improvements on development projects, providing for an emergency, and other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Carnahan to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-07 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-07. There was no public comment. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-07 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Mathews, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-08 An Ordinance amending the Farmington Municipal Code Section 14.04.02, adding new definitions to the zoning code; providing for an emergency, and other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Carnahan to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-08 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-08. There was no public comment. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-08 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Mathews after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-09 An Ordinance amending language to the Farmington Municipal Code Section 8.28, adding language to address parking in multi-family zones amending the requirement of parking spaces required for churches and assemblies; providing for an emergency, and other purposes.

A motion was made by Council Member Bell and seconded by Council Member Carnahan to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-09 be read one time by title only. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0. City Attorney Moore read Ordinance No. 2026-09. There was no public comment. Mayor Penn asked shall the ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, the motion passed 8-0. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-09 with an

emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Bryant, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 8-0.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm by a motion from Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Mathews until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, April 13th, 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

