



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 May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Farmington City Hall, located at 354 West Main Street, Farmington Arkansas. Vice Mayor Bobby Morgan called the meeting to order.**

**PRESENT: Council Members Diane Bryant, Keith Lipford, Brenda Cunningham, Sherry Mathews, Hunter Carnahan, Linda Bell, Bobby Morgan, Kara Gardenhire, City Attorney Jay Moore, City Business Manager Melissa McCarville, Administrative Assistant LeAnn Tolleson, Press and Audience Members. Mayor Ernie Penn and City Clerk Kelly Penn were absent.**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Comments from Citizens –** Troy Stufflebeam, 65 Giles Road spoke to the council regarding the Old Farmington Road subdivision.

#### **Approval of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 7-0.

#### **Financial Reports**

Vice Mayor Morgan presented the financial reports to the City Council. Monthly city sales tax increased 19.63% compared to 2025. Monthly state/county sales tax increased 4.47% compared to 2025.

#### **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 7-0.

#### **Proclamations, Special Announcements, Committee/Commission Appointments –**

Appointment of Tim Yopp and Marianne Choy to the Library Board - 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 appoint Tim Yopp and Marianne Choy to the Library Board was approved 7-0.

#### **Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted.**

#### **Items to be removed from the City of Farmington – None**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 2026-10 An ordinance rezoning property at 46 East Wilson Street from R-2 to MF-2, Multifamily, as requested by Jason Appel, P.E.**

A motion was made by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Gardenhire to suspend the rules requiring the motion to be read in full on three separate dates to be suspended and that Ordinance 2026-10 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. Vice Mayor Morgan asked Shall the Ordinance pass? After a roll call vote, Ordinance 2026-10 was approved by a vote of 4-3 with Council Members Lipford, Cunningham, Carnahan and Bell voting yes. Council Members Bryant, Mathews and Gardenhire voted no. A motion was made to pass Ordinance 2026-10 with an emergency clause by Council Member Carnahan and seconded by Council Member Bryant, after a roll call vote, the motion was approved 5-2, with Council Members Mathews and Gardenhire voting no.

**Resolution 2026-08 A Resolution authorizing the grant of a water/sewer easement to the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas on a parcel of land owned by the City of Farmington, Arkansas for the purpose of installing a sewer line.**

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 2026-08 was approved 7-0.

**Resolution 2026-09 A Resolution to authorize the city attorney to seek condemnation and possession of certain lands owned by Jon-Zoe Properties, LLC and J-Z Farmington, LLC needed for the Farmington Sewer Project.**

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 approve Resolution 2026-09 was approved 7-0.

**Request approval to remove from inventory with new purchase of a new backhoe.**

On the motion of Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Bell and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to remove the New Holland b95c Backhoe, serial number NDHH02465 and purchase a 420 Caterpillar Backhoe in the amount of \$101,574.99 was approved 7-0.

**Award Bid for Lossing Street Repairs**

On the motion of Council Member Bell and a second by Council Member Bryant and by the consent of all Council Members present after a roll call vote, the motion to award the Lossing Street Repair bid to NEC Incorporated of Rogers Arkansas for \$56,454.50 was approved 7-0.

**Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm by a motion from Council Member Carnahan and a second by Council Member Bell until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday, June 8th, 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

