



Citizens of Farmington and City Council Members:

It is my honor tonight to present the 2026 State of the City Address.

I would like to begin by thanking our city employees for their dedication and commitment to make Farmington a better place to live. It takes a team effort every day to provide the services that our citizens require, both now and in the future. I am pleased to report that our City is financially sound and we have maintained excellent cash reserves.

We have always budgeted conservatively and our City Sales tax and County sales tax continue to increase each year. Based upon our 2025 budget numbers, our City Sales tax received was 15.2% higher than budgeted and our County/State sales tax received was 13.4% higher than budgeted.

This increase has allowed our city to have funds to support expansion of our city services, add new employees and for Capital Improvement projects to start and be completed without interruption, without incurring massive debt or over taxing our citizens with additional bond issues.

Our City was approved for several grants from government agencies that allowed us to complete major projects in 2025.

Some of the projects that were completed in 2025:

- The \$15 million dollar Hwy 170 project that increased the safety for our residents who travel this road every day as well as the students and parents who travel to our schools ● Angus lane widening and overlay project
- Broyles Street curb ramps, new crosswalks, signage and striping to improve safety on this road
- Repair to the Fitness Center (previously old city hall building)
- Re-surface the Tennis Courts in Creekside Park

The following projects will be completed or started in 2026:

- Double Springs Bridge replacement/repairs---\$6.5 Million funding will be provided by Dept of Hud, Federal appropriations by Congressman Steve Womack
- Sewer Line Expansion from 12" to 18" by a joint venture with Riverwood Homes, D R Horton homes and City of Farmington ● Senior Center remodel with \$396,292 grant money CDBG funds
- Creekside Park Trail Project \$900,000 from ARDOT/Federal Transportation funding and Walton Family providing \$450,000 for lights and landscaping
- 2026 State Street Aid funding of \$400,000 for 3 streets needing improvement
- Impact Fee Study
- Implement our new Strategic Planning actions

Our city continues to experience growth in the residential and commercial areas. Growth can be challenging at times, but it can also bring new opportunities for our city and provide additional employment opportunities for our residents. In 2025, our city issued 268 new residential permits. The residential permits consisted of 262 single family homes with a value of \$110,674,000 and 6 Duplex permits with a value of \$2,656,000.

Our city population from the 2020 Census was 7,584, in 2023 that increased to 9,761. In 2025 our population increased to 10,525 residents.

Farmington continues to be an extremely attractive place for families to locate and send their children to school. Our outstanding school district and its facilities continue to be one of the most attractive features of our community, as evident by our student population of 3,100 children.

With the commitment from our City Council, it is imperative that we work together and implement our new strategic plan for the future growth of our city. In 2005, our city leaders with input from the public put together a 20 year strategic growth plan for the City of Farmington. I am proud to report that we completed that plan. This year we will set in motion a new 30 year plan with input from city leaders, council members, planning commissioners and most importantly the citizens of Farmington. I look forward to everyone's input as we chart the growth for the future generations that will call Farmington home.

In closing, I would like to thank the council for serving the citizens of Farmington. It is not always an easy job and sometimes we do not agree with each other, but our job is to make the best decision for the city and the people we represent. Thank you to our Planning Commissioners, who have worked tirelessly in the past few years to update our zoning requirements to keep up with the growth and demands our City has experienced.

I have served the city of Farmington for 28 years, 24 as your Mayor and 4 on the city council, and I have been honored to do so, but this will be my last state of the city address, I will not be running for reelection. It is time for some new fresh progressive points of view to guide our city in the future. I would encourage our citizens and especially our young people to get involved and run for office. Being able to run unopposed over the years as some of us have is a good thing, because it makes you feel the citizens are satisfied with the job we are doing. But at the same time I worry that in today's current climate of cancel culture and keyboard warriors, many people are simply unwilling to run for public office. I encourage our citizens to be involved and take interest in shaping their city, it is time for the next generation of leaders to take ownership.

