

CITY OF FARMINGTON

City Council Minutes of Meeting October 26, 2020 6:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Farmington met on October 26, 2020, at Long Memorial Hall, 110 West Columbia Street, Farmington, Missouri, 63640.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Forsythe.

Councilor Felker gave the invocation.

The roll was called with the following Councilors present: Wayne Linnenbringer, Chris Morrison, Vanessa Pegram, Tom Joyce, David Kennedy and Edward Felker.

City Counselor, Scott Reid, was present.

Officials present were: Paula Cartee, Michelle Daniel, Ashley Bischoff, Tim Porter, Rick Baker, Greg Beavers and Larry Lacy.

Councilor Pegram made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Morrison, and passed unanimously.

Sherry & Mickey Fincher, 10998 Kylie Drive, Bonne Terre, addressed the Council requesting permission to drive a side-by-side "Jeep" in the city limits of Farmington. Mr. Fincher stated that the vehicle was made street legal by adding lights to it. To ensure it was legal, he had it inspected. Mrs. Fincher was recently pulled over in Farmington and was told that the vehicle wasn't legal in Farmington.

Mayor Forsythe explained that they would need a title for the vehicle and that it would need to be registered with license plates in order to be legal in the city limits of Farmington.

Candy Hente, Executive Director of the Farmington Regional Chamber, addressed the Council regarding the Chamber's "DOORS on Tour" project. She explained that two doors have been donated to go on city property (Engler Park and the Police Station) for a two-year timeframe.

Mayor Forsythe indicated that he thought two-years was too long for the doors to be up at these locations.

Councilor Pegram stated that she thought the project was a "neat idea" but questioned whether other organizations have been allowed to put stuff on city property in the past and wondered what precedent would be set if we started now.

Scott Reid, City Counselor, stated that the First Amendment becomes a problem and explained that once the city opens it up, we can't start picking and choosing.

Mrs. Hente asked if the City would accept the doors if they were donated or if another location should been looked at.

Julie McCarver, City Prosecutor, suggested having an organization decide on the things that are able to go up versus the government regulating speech.

Counselor Reid explained that there may be ways around it, but stated that it's easy to get tangled up in picking whose can and can't go up.

Mayor Forsythe indicated that he is not in favor of the signs being placed on city property.

Councilor Pegram stated that she is not in favor and explained her concern about other wanting to do the same.

Councilor Morrison stated that he thought Counselor Reid had a valid point.

Councilor Joyce stated that he would like to see the city stay 6 foot away from this.

Council Linnenbringer stated that he was in favor [of the doors being placed on city property].

Reports were given by Committee Chairs with discussion.

Julie McCarver, City Prosecutor, addressed the Council regarding the City Prosecutor being appointed instead of elected.

Greg Beavers, City Administrator, explained the courses of action that Farmington may take in the future regarding Municipal Court.

Mrs. McCarver stated that she likes being elected because she can focus on what she needs to do, but does think it's odd that it's an elected position because many of these positions aren't.

Councilor Morrison question whether Mrs. McCarver thought she would do her job any differently if she was appointed.

Mrs. McCarver stated that she wouldn't, but expressed that both options have pros and cons.

Mr. Beavers indicated that we would need to put this change on the next agenda if the Council wanted to proceed.

Mayor Forsythe stated he was in favor of the change.

Michelle Daniel, Finance Director, provided a financial overview.

Greg Beavers, City Administrator, provided an update and answered questions from the Council.

Councilor Pegram made a motion to declare a 2010 and 2005 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus property and authorize the sale of both to the City of Bismarck for \$2,500.00, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

Councilor Pegram asked Greg what the hours of operations were for the UPLIFT Center. She stated that she has received complaints about seeing more homeless people in the area.

Mr. Beavers explained the hours of the UPLIFT Center and the options people have when going there.

Councilor Linnenbringer mentioned some Facebook posts that he has seen about homeless people at Rosener's in Park Hills.

Mr. Beavers indicated that there has always been a problem with homelessness in our community.

Councilor Pegram made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

1. Consent Agenda
 - A. Department Reports
 - B. Minutes of Previous Meeting (October 8, 2020)

Councilor Pegram made a motion for the reading of Resolution R59-2020 by title only, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

Counselor Reid read the following Resolution by title only.

RESOLUTION R59-2020: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED PAY PLANS FOR FIREFIGHTER AND JOURNEYMAN.

Resolution passed unanimously.

Councilor Pegram made a motion for the second reading by title only of Bill 37102020, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

Counselor Reid read the following Bill once by title only.

BILL 37102020: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE IV: LAND USE, CHAPTER 405: ZONING REGULATIONS, TABLE A: USES IN ZONING DISTRICTS. The roll was called as follows: Councilor Linnenbringer, aye; Councilor Morrison, aye; Councilor Pegram, aye; Councilor Joyce, aye; Councilor Kennedy, aye; and Councilor Felker, aye. Six (6) ayes and no (0) nays, Motion Passed. Councilor Parks and Councilor Peterson absent and not voting.

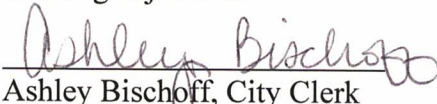
Councilor Pegram made a motion for the first and second reading by title only of Bill 38102020, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

Counselor Reid read the following Bill twice by title only.

BILL 38102020: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED OF RELEASE FOR A SPECIAL TAX BILL LIEN AT 524 ALDERGATE STREET. The roll was called as follows: Councilor Linnenbringer, aye; Councilor Morrison, aye; Councilor Pegram, aye; Councilor Joyce, aye; Councilor Kennedy, aye; and Councilor Felker, aye. Six (6) ayes and no (0) nays, Motion Passed. Councilor Parks and Councilor Peterson absent and not voting.

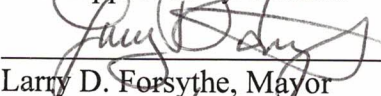
Councilor Pegram made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.


Ashley Bischoff, City Clerk

November 12, 2020

Date Approved by Council


Larry D. Forsythe, Mayor

11/16/2020
Date