CITY OF FARMINGTON

City Council Minutes of Meeting February 26, 2024 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Farmington met on February 26, 2024, at Long Memorial Hall, 110 West Columbia Street, Farmington, Missouri 63640.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Forsythe.

Mayor Forsythe read the obituaries for David Raymer and Delores Plummer.

The roll was called with the following Councilors present: Wayne Linnenbringer, Chris Morrison, Vanessa Pegram, Garett Boatright, David Kennedy, Adam Parks, Chad Follis, and Harry Peterson.

City Counselor, Scott Reid was present.

Officials present were Kyle Carter, Larry Lacy, Casey Moore, Greg Beavers, Travis Trokey, Doug Stotler, Tim Porter, and Chris Bullock.

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

Kevin Berry, 22 Tanglewood, provided the Council with a handout regarding his book signing at the Centene Center on March 30, 2024.

Jim Krause, 3272 Hwy H, addressed the Council regarding the electric feeder line from Old Fredericktown Road to H Highway. He spoke in opposition of the project, not wanting the line to extend across his property. He also spoke about the sidewalk project on H highway. He stated he was supportive of the project but would like to see a retaining wall built so the sidewalk will not need to curve up towards his property. He stated concerns regarding an increase in crime on his property if the sidewalk were to bring people closer to his property line.

Shirley Baxter, 530 Ashbrook Drive Apt 5, spoke with the Council regarding a feral cat issue in their neighborhood. She stated a neighbor is feeding and sheltering the feral cats. Residents in the area have noticed an increase in property damage from cats, as well as an increase in feces and urine odor. City Administrator Greg Beavers stated that the City cannot enforce HOA rules, but could look into trapping the feral cats. He explained that City Ordinance does not address the feeding or sheltering of feral cats, but only regulates the number of pets and individual may own. Chief Bullock of the Farmington Police Department offered to speak with Shirley regarding options that Animal Control may have for assisting with the issue.

Reports were given by Committee Chairs with discussion.

Councilor Follis provided the Council with some handouts regarding a state buyback program for Pear Trees.

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 (February 8, 2024)

Councilor Boatright made a motion for a reading by title only and Council action on Resolution R10-2024, seconded by Councilor Linnenbringer, and passed unanimously.

Scott Reid, City Counselor, read the following Resolution once by title only.

RESOLUTION R10-2024: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A BIOSOLID LAND APPLICATION AGREEMENT. (WILLIAM DENNIS)

Resolution passed unanimously.

Mayor Forsythe announced the upcoming Volunteer Banquet in Long Memorial Hall on April 24, 2024. He addressed the electric rate increase taking place in April, and City Administrator Greg Beavers explained the rate increase, citing an increase in wholesale energy costs as well as equipment cost. Mayor Forsythe also expressed his concern regarding the lack of planning and zoning regulations and building codes in the unincorporated Farmington area and its impact on Farmington residents.

Councilor Boatright made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters pursuant to Real Estate as authorized by Section 610.021 (2) RSMo., seconded by Councilor Pegram, and passed unanimously.

The roll was called as follows: Councilor Linnenbringer, aye; Councilor Morrison, aye; Councilor Pegram, aye; Councilor Boatright, aye; Councilor Kennedy, aye; Councilor Parks, aye; Councilor Follis, aye; and Councilor Peterson, aye. Eight (8) ayes and no (0) nays, Motion Passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Casey Moore, City Clerk

March 14, 2024

Date Approved by Council

Larry D. Forsythe, Mayor