

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on January 26, 2015 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Randy Quiring called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Terry Anderson, Chad Askeland, Wes Clerc, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling were present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Lieutenant Delmar Ellis and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Clerc and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 12, 2015.

During open discussion, Alice Maday of 2090 Knollwood Drive addressed the Council and read a letter she had written regarding concerns she has about the closures of businesses in the City. Councilor Anderson and Mayor Quiring thanked Alice for coming and bringing her concerns to the City.

Vicky Schulte of 313 South Prairie Avenue addressed the Council expressing her concerns for the lack of jobs and opportunities in the City.

Mike Humpal introduced the City's new Liquor Store Manager Tom Donnelly.

Nicole Griensewic Mickelson, Executive Director of Region Nine gave a presentation about Region Nine and spoke about needing a representative from the Fairmont City Council.

Mayor Quiring read a proclamation proclaiming the month of February as Project 1590 Month. Steve Hawkins a representative from Project 1590 updated the Council on what the organization has been doing. Hawkins also introduced Intern Hannah Rybak, who is assisting the organization with compiling all the information from the surveys. Hawkins advised that Fareway Food Stores in Fairmont will be helping the organization by collecting donations on Fridays at the store. He also advised that they are selling t-shirts for \$15.00 each to help raise money. Council Member Anderson made a motion to give Project 1590 \$10,000. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. On a vote, Council Member Anderson voted aye, while Council Members Askeland, Clerc, Peters and Zarling all voted nay. Council Member Anderson made a motion to give Project 1590 \$5,000. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. On vote, Council Members Anderson and Askeland voted aye, while Council Members Clerc, Peters and Zarling voted nay. Council Member Peters made a motion to give Project 1590 \$2,500 and Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On vote, Council Members Anderson, Clerc, Peters and Zarling all voted aye, while Council Member Askeland voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Mayor Quiring opened the Public Hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2015-01**, amending **Ordinance Numbers 85-7, 92-1, 98-1 and 2002-2**, relating to the Electric Service Rates. There was no public input. Council Member Askeland made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Clerc seconded the motion and the motion passed. Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2015-01**. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Anderson, Askeland, Clerc, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve an additional vehicle to be added to Dahmon Gullord's existing Taxi License. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Pierce to the Public Utilities Commission. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve the appointment of Tim McConnell to the Airport Board. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Jodie Whitmore to the Park Board. Council Member Clerc seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Wescott to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the appointment of Ron Davison to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Trina Krzywozycki to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to pay the January, 2015 bills in the amount of \$847,160.87. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Humpal gave the Council a summary of public owned property with lakeshore. He asked that the Council review the information and the subject will be placed on the agenda for discussion in a couple of weeks.

A motion was made by Council Member Clerc, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Randy J. Quiring  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk