

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on April 13, 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, Chief of Police Greg Broolsma and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Askeland and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 23, 2015.

During open discussion Council Member Anderson voiced his concern about the lower water levels and the drought. Anderson wondered how much water the plants used and if the City should be concerned. Humpal stated that the commercial industries are very conservative with their water use and that the City has plans in place if and when it is necessary to invoke the essential water use regulations.

Humpal advised that Market Link will be celebrating their 14th year in business and will be holding an open house on Friday, April 17th from 3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. Humpal encouraged the Council to attend.

Humpal also advised that the first budget workshop will be held on April 27th at 4:00 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Pastor Tony Fink of the Methodist Church spoke regarding a neighborhood get together that will be held on May 20th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park. The Methodist Church, along with other churches and community groups will be hosting the event.

Mayor Quiring read a proclamation proclaiming April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day and the month of May as Arbor Month in the City of Fairmont. A tree planting ceremony will be held on April 24th at 1:30 p.m. in Sylvania Park with the fourth grade class of St. John Vianney.

Mayor Quiring opened the public hearing to amend the Rural and Urban Service Districts for the City of Fairmont and place a 42 acre parcel with property ID Number 230371100 owned by Krahmer, Inc. into the Rural Service District by adopting **Ordinance 2015-05**. There was no citizen input at the hearing. Council Member Askeland made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2015-05**. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Anderson, Askeland, Clerc and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve a permit for a 5K Walk/Run/Bike event for Suicide Prevention & Awareness Group for July 11, 2015. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve an Encroachment Easement Agreement with Fairmont Foods. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the Lake Access for Docks and Lifts Lease Agreement and authorize the City Administrator to enter into the Lease Agreements on behalf of the City. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal advised that the City was in the process of having the lake lots along Lake Park Boulevard surveyed. After the surveys are completed, appraisals will be done and then negotiations on the sales need to be completed. Council Member Peters made a motion to allow the residents that abut the lake, if not for Lake Park Boulevard, to enter into Lake Access for Docks and Lifts Lease Agreements for this year and then if the resident wishes to purchase the lot, apply the \$500 lease payment to the purchase price of the lot. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to contract for an outside Human and Financial Resource Analysis of the Fairmont Police Department. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. Council Members Askeland, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. Council Members Anderson and Clerc voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the Internet Service Agreement with Midcontinent. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-11**, giving preliminary approval to the proposed issuance of revenue refunding notes for Vista Prairie at Goldfinch Estates, LLC project under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C and calling for a Public Hearing on May 11, 2014 with respect thereto. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve moving forward with additional analysis at the intersection of TH 15 and Johnson Street. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

At 6:44 p.m. the City Council went into a closed session, based on Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), to discuss pending litigation, which is expressly authorized by the attorney-client privilege.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Clerc and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk