

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on June 8, 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 Zarling and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 11, 2015.

During open discussion, James Marushin representative of The Gathering Group addressed the Council and shared their free Summer Event Series which will be taking place this summer at Fairmont parks.

Council Member Askeland asked if the City had ever looked into spraying for mosquitos. Council Member Zarling stated that that topic had been researched and because of all our lakes and water and the cost of application, it was not cost effective.

Council Member Askeland brought the topic of completing and connecting the bike trail. Council directed staff to prepare a plan and put this topic back on the council agenda for discussion in one month.

Council Member Askeland mentioned that he has noticed people still parking in their front yards on Blue Earth Avenue. He would like the new ordinance enforced.

Council Member Anderson thanked the Lakes Foundation and all the people who helped with the Amber Lake clean-up, which took place on the weekend. Anderson reported that the clean-up was a great success and a lot of debris was removed from the lake.

Jason Kuboushek, attorney for the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust addressed the Council regarding the lawsuit, Five Lakes Aviation v. City of Fairmont. The Council met in closed session prior to the council meeting. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a settlement with Five Lakes Aviation for \$90,000 with no admission of any liability of wrongdoing in exchange for a full, final and complete release of all claims Five Lakes Aviation has against the City, any City official or any City employee related to the lawsuit between Five Lakes Aviation and the City. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Cathy Pletta from the Minnesota Beverage Association presented the Fairmont Liquor Store with the 2014 Community Involvement Award. The City also received a check in the amount of \$250.00. Tom Donnelly accepted the award on behalf of the City.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service with the City: Ten Years – James Bohlsen, Kevin Brockmann, Jennifer Zieger, Todd Steuber, Dean Sandberg, Shawn Schaefer; Fifteen Years – Troy Olson, Scott Wolter; Twenty Years – Mike Humpal, Kevin

Kelly, Brad Buhmann; Twenty-five Years – Mike Munsterman; Thirty Years – Leanne Zarling; Forty Years – Gary Krumholz.

Mayor Quiring opened the public hearing for the consideration of **Resolution 2015-06**, amending City Code Section 16-90 Definition of All-terrain vehicle (ATV). There was no citizen input at the hearing. Council Member Clerc made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Askeland stated that he had been approached by several people of different ages who were all in favor of allowing ATVs to operate on City streets year round. Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-06**. Council Member Clerc seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Clerc and Zarling voted aye. Council Members Anderson, Askeland and Peters voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion failed. Council directed staff to do more research on the topic and bring it back to the Council at the July 27th meeting.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve a permit for the July 4th Fireworks Display by J & M Displays, Inc. of Urbandale, Iowa. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses in the City. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve a solicitor's license for American Exteriors, LLC. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a permit for the #lincolnstrong-athon event planned for September 13, 2015. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve a One Day Temporary Liquor License for the Eagles Club for July 31, 2015 for an event with an outdoor band. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of St. James for Ambulance/Fire Department Services. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding evaluating the City Attorney. Council directed City Staff to research this topic and put it back on a future agenda.

The City received a petition requesting the speed limit on Albion Avenue be reduced from 40 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. Discussion was held. Council directed Staff to research this topic and put it back on a future agenda.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to deny the request of Man Yu Zheng for demolition assistance. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the donation of \$1,500 to the Fairmont fireworks display. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-17**, setting a public hearing for July 27, 2015 to hear the request of Ingleside to amend Development District #1 and establish a redevelopment TIF District No. 26. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Askeland, Clerc, Peters, Zarling and Anderson all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve Task Order #2 with KLJ for airport services. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-18**, awarding the 2015-A Improvement Project to MR Paving of New Ulm, Minnesota in the amount of \$1,992,351.18. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Clerc, Peters, Zarling, Anderson and Askeland all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to pay the May, 2015 bills in the amount of \$1,284,456.62. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk