

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 11, 2016 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, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Chief Greg Brolsma and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Clerc, seconded by Council Member Askeland and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 14, 2015.

During open discussion, Vicky Schulte of 313 South Prairie Avenue addressed the Council with safety concerns of traffic traveling fast in the 300 block of South Prairie Avenue. Mayor Quiring stated that this concern would be given to the Safety Committee for their investigation.

Linsey Preuss, Economic Development Coordinator presented and reviewed the Annual Report of the Economic Development Authority.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve **Resolution 2016-01**, waiving the reading of resolutions, except and unless a request is made for the resolutions to be read. Council Member Peters 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 Askeland made a motion to approve **Resolution 2016-02**, declaring that the Mayor Protem is Wes Clerc, the official newspaper is the Sentinel, the Council Secretary is the City Clerk and the Depository of City Funds is Bank Midwest. 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 Peters made a motion to adopt the Elected Officials Out-of-State Travel Policy dated January 1, 2016. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to schedule a public hearing on January 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to consider proposed **Ordinance 2016-01**, calling for an increase to softened water service rates. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign three year rental agreements for crop years 2016-2018. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Discussion directed the City Administrator to look into the possibility of entering into government leases for some of the small land areas around the airport for the next farm land leasing period.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the bills for the month of December, 2015 in the amount of \$1,728,958.14. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Clerc and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk