

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Deborah Foster, Council Members Ruth Cyphers, Tom Hawkins, Wayne Hasek, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling were present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

Mayor Foster noted an addition to the agenda, item 15.3 a resolution to approve the advertising of the 2017-B construction project. It was moved by Council Member Hawkins to approve the agenda with the noted addition. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to approve the revised minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 10, 2017.

Charles Lund of 500 Home Street, Apt. 17D, addressed the council during open discussion. His first concern was the condition of Burton Lane and the under-sized storm sewer. City Staff advised that Bolton & Menk engineers are currently in the process of evaluating Burton Lane and the City is in the process of updating the City's Storm Water Master Plan. Mr. Lund's second concern was with the members of the Housing & Redevelopment Authority. He expressed his frustration with trying to navigate the HUD website and trying to get answers to his questions. Humpal stated that the Housing & Redevelopment Authority undergoes yearly audits and he could provide Mr. Lund with the audit.

Mayor Foster proclaimed April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day and the month of May as Arbor Month in the City of Fairmont.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the Event Permit application of the Martin County Preservation Association/Red Rock Center to block off a portion of Elm Street for a Memorial Day Community picnic on May 29, 2017. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-13**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a MnDOT Detour Agreement for I-90 ramps. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hawkins, Peters, Zarling, Cyphers and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding Sunday liquor sales at the municipal liquor store. Citizens were encouraged to contact their council representatives or Mike Humpal to express their opinions. Humpal advised that if the City decides to have the liquor store open on Sundays in the future, it does not need to take any formal action to change the City Code.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-14**, approving advertising of the 2017-B construction project. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Zarling, Cyphers, Hasek and Hawkins all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to pay the bills for the month of April, 2017 in the amount of \$563,790.98. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Humpal advised that the fishing pier at Wards Park was damaged by ice this past Winter and it is out for repairs. Since the dock is twenty years old, it is being totally rehabbed and should be back in the water by the first or second weekend in May.

Mr. Humpal stated that the boat landing dock at Wards Park will be replaced by a floating dock, similar to that at Gomsrud Park. This should be completed in late May or early June.

Citizens of Fairmont who pay utilities should be receiving an informational flyer and disposal coupons the first part of May. Cleanup events are scheduled for June 13, June 17, September 12 and September 16. The coupons may be used at Prairieland Disposal in Truman during their working hours. Humpal urged local civic and church organizations who would be willing to help people who are unable to transport their disposal to the drop off sites, to contact him. Hopefully, there will be organizations interested in helping and the City can coordinate with people who are in need.

Mr. Humpal advised that the City is in the process of updating the Fairmont Charter Commission. Citizens who are interested in serving on the Charter Commission should send letters of interest or fill out a form on the City's website entitled "Apply for an Advisory Board". Members of the Charter Commission are appointed by the Chief District Court Judge. Councilor Hawkins requested that the members of the Charter Commission who were in place at the last meeting be contacted to see if they wished to serve an additional term. City Attorney Bloomquist said she would send them letters.

Council Member Cyphers reported that she has been appointed to serve on two committees of Region 9. She will be on the Legislative and Communications Committee and the Community and Economic Development Planning Committee.

Councilor Cyphers also shared that she had sent a problem that someone had to Mr. Humpal, who refereed the problem to the appropriate staff. The person with the problem sent Councilor Cyphers an email saying how great the employees of the City were to work with and thanked everyone. Council Member Cyphers stated that she also had a person stop by her office and state that it had been a joy to work with Linsey Preuss the City's Economic Development Coordinator.

Council Member Zarling reminded the Council that the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization hearings are Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The City needs to have a quorum at the hearing.

Nemmers stated that as part of the Arbor Day/Month Celebration, there is a ceremony on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Steve Pierce Park. Mrs. Striemer's fourth grade class at St. John Vianney will present a program and help plant an oak tree in the park.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Cyphers and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk