

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, July 10, 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, Chief of Police Mike Hunter and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Zarling to approve the agenda. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Cyphers and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 26, 2017.

Bradley Peterson, Senior Attorney/Lobbyist of Flaherty & Hood, gave a presentation and update on the work the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities has been doing this past year.

Council Member Peters made a motion to schedule a public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2017-07**, an Ordinance amending Fairmont City Code Chapter 26. Definitions and Sections 26-152 (e)(2), 26-153 (e)(2) and 26-205 (5) and (9)c regulating building height, for July 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. Council Member Hawkins expressed his concern with rushing to make changes to the Zoning Code. He feels the City should hire an expert in zoning to review the entire Zoning Code. Much discussion was held. On a roll call vote: Council Members Cyphers, Hawkins, Hasek, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Mayor Foster gave a summary of the City Administrator's evaluation, which was held during a closed session on June 26, 2017. The overall summary rating was 6.1, which is fully satisfied. The majority of the City Council felt that Humpal was doing a very good job. Two council members have overall concerns with Humpal's job performance and these concerns were shared with Humpal. The two veteran council members continue to see improvement in all areas of Humpal's job performance. It should be noted that this evaluation was done after only six months on the job for three new council members and a new mayor. Humpal stated that it takes a team and thanked all city employees, the Mayor and Council for the support.

Humpal pointed out the great article in the Sentinel about the Fairmont Foods expansion.

Nemmers gave an update on the status of the Canyon Drive drainage project.

Councilor Hasek received a complaint about the parking lot behind the Congregational Church. Hasek wanted to know if this parking lot was on the schedule for repair. Nemmers stated that the parking lot would be having significant patch work and restriping done this year.

Mayor Foster shared her excitement in seeing the City of Fairmont so busy last weekend. The aquatic park, Winnebago Sports Complex, the City Parks and lakes, businesses and restaurants were all busy.

A motion was made by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk