

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, November 27, 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, Wayne Hasek, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling were present. Council Member Tom Hawkins was absent. Also in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

It was moved by Council Member Peters to approve the agenda with revised 15.3 control sheet. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Zarling and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 13, 2017.

During open discussion, Chief Hunter introduced part-time Patrol Officers Dayton Asmus and Andrew Kuester. City Clerk Monsen gave them their Oaths of Office.

Dave Geschwind, CEO and Executive Director for Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) gave a presentation on the organization.

Mayor Foster proclaimed the City of Fairmont supportive of Toward Zero Deaths Program.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-40**, allowing the Fairmont Youth Hockey Association to apply to the State of Minnesota Gambling Enforcement Division for a Premises Permit to conduct charitable gambling at Jessie's Smokehouse, LLC located at 1500 Albion Avenue. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hasek and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to confirm that the City of Fairmont does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and staff to submit the FAA airport grant pre-application for the design of a new hangar at the Fairmont Municipal Airport. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve employment agreements with IBEW, AFSCME and non-represented employees calling for cost of living increases of 3% in 2018, 3.25% in 2019 and 3.5% in 2020. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the sell back of 40 hours of vacation by the City Administrator. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the November, 2017 bills in the amount of \$1,567,442.48. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal announced that the City was successful in acquiring eight vacant properties, which have become eye sores in the community. The City is in the process of having asbestos inspections done and five properties will be put out for demolition bids in the near future. Mayor Foster thanked City Staff for getting this process going.

Council Member Cyphers thanked the council for supporting the airport.

A motion was made by Council Member Zarling, 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