

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 26, 2018 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, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

It was moved by Council Member Cyphers to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Zarling and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 12, 2018.

Vern Sprague of 230 South Prairie Avenue addressed the Council during open discussion with his concerns about an insurance claim he has filed with the City for alleged damage to his residence from city water. The Council advised Mr. Sprague to continue working with the League of Minnesota Insurance Trust claims adjuster.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing to take input on the issue of snow removal in the City. Teri Larson of 1520 Charles Street, Abby Gibson of 1311 North Elm Street and Dan Kastner of 702 Burton Lane all felt that the City needed to have a city-wide snow emergency and all vehicles that are not removed during a snow emergency should be towed. Vickie Schulte of 313 South Prairie Avenue stated that she felt the City needed better equipment and better training. She also felt that the plows go by too fast and push the snow into the driveways. Ed Willett of 316 Stade Lane stated that he does not want to see the City over react after one major snow storm by purchasing additional equipment. He would like to keep taxes low. Mr. Willett suggested a city-wide snow emergency plan. Brian Paradis of 204 Sisseton Drive, a 30-year city employee who is a heavy equipment operator, stated that he would welcome a city-wide snow emergency policy. Councilors Hawkins and Cyphers each expressed their concerns and desire for the City to look into better ways to accomplish snow removal. Council Member Peters stated that he heard from a few citizens and the consensus was to not spend more money and don't raise taxes. Council Member Hasek made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-09** in support of the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant for 50 % of the total project cost to extend infrastructure to the new industrial property at CSAH 39 and I-90. Council Member Hawkins 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 Zarling made a motion to schedule a public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2018-11**, an updated Stormwater Ordinance for March 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-10**, authorizing the Mayor to sign MNDOT Grant Agreement #1030626 for a new maintenance vehicle at the airport. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional service contract with ISG for a new public works building. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the payment of the February 2018 accounts payable in the amount of \$901,543.89. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster reminded the public of the first of four citizen listening sessions scheduled for March 17, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus.

A motion was made by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk