The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on September 22, 2014, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Randy J. Quiring called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council Members Terry Anderson, Chad Askeland, Wes Clerc, Joe Kallemeyn and Darin Rahm were present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Police Chief Greg Brolsma and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 8, 2014.

During open discussion Steve Hawkins and Jodie Whitmore gave an update on Project 1590. The public is invited to learn more about Project 1590 at an event to be held on October 8th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Five Lakes Centre.

Troy Nemmers introduced Doug Rainforth the new Water and Wastewater Superintendent. Rainforth presented the City with a championship trophy which was won at the Minnesota State Fair Tap Water Taste Test.

Council Member Anderson said that he has received several calls with complaints about the train whistles in the City. Mayor Quiring also stated that he has also received calls. Humpal said that he would make contact with the railroad and get information.

Council directed Humpal to do a cost analysis of having an in-house attorney versus contracting out for legal services.

Council Member Rahm asked about concerns with the Mayo Clinic and where the City was at on this issue. Humpal stated that Mayo was not interested in having an additional public meeting. Humpal stated that Senator Rosen met with representatives of Mayo. Humpal also stated that since then, he, Council Member Clerc and Mayor Quiring met with Bob Bartingale, the Mayo Fairmont Administrator. Humpal stated that last week Council Member Clerc had contacted him to schedule a meeting with Dr. Nesse of Mayo. Humpal is still waiting to hear back from Bartingale on when Dr. Nesse could meet. Humpal will keep the Council advised.

Mayor Quiring opened the public hearing on the proposed assessments for the 2014 improvement projects. Kathy Kary, Operations Manager of the Shell gas station located at 1552 Albion Avenue addressed the Council concerning the economic impact that the last three years of construction has had on their business. She was also concerned about the design of the driveway going into the Shell station. Council instructed Nemmers to work with the Shell business to remedy the driveway issues. Michael Harder of 1355 Oak Beach Drive addressed the Council asking about the Limited Access Agreement with the City. Nemmers explained the Limited Access Agreements to the Council and confirmed that Mr. Harder was on the list. Council Member Rahm made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Kallemeyn seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Rahm made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-21** adopting special assessments for the 2014 Improvement Projects and miscellaneous assessments and to resolve the driveway issue with the Shell gas station. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Rahm, Anderson, Askeland, Clerc and Kallemeyn all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve a permit for the homecoming parade on September 26, 2014. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Rahm made a motion to approve a parade permit for Our Story Productions. The parade will be held on September 28, 2014. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-23** awarding the 2014-E Woodland Avenue Bridge Channel Improvements to Minnowa Construction, Inc. in the amount of $749,999.00. Council Member Clerc seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Askeland, Clerc, Kallemeyn, Rahm and Anderson, all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve the County classification of five parcels as non-conservation lands, so that the tax forfeited properties could be sold. Council Member Kallemeyn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Kallemeyn made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on October 27, 2014 to take public input on the topic of open burning of leaves in the City limits. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-24**, adopting the proposed tax levy for 2015. Council Member Kallemeyn seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Clerc, Kallemeyn, Rahm, Anderson and Askeland all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Askeleand made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-25** adopting the proposed budget for 2015. Council Member Rahm seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kallemeyn, Rahm, Anderson, Askeland and Clerc all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Kallemeyn made a motion to approve the list of election judges for the November 4, 2014 general election. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. Council Members Askeland, Clerc, Kallemeyn and Rahm all voted aye. Council Member Anderson voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve the hiring of KLJ as the municipal airport consultant for the City of Fairmont. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Representatives from KLJ were present and introduced themselves to the Council.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the payment of the September, 2014 bills. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk