

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on March 9, 2015 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Randy Quiring called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Terry Anderson, Chad Askeland, Wes Clerc, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling 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, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and Chief Greg Broolsma.

It was moved by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 23, 2015.

During open discussion, Council Member Peters addressed an email that Staff sent out regarding junk ordinances. Peters stated that he would like to re-visit this topic again.

Mike Humpal stated that he received notification from Senator Amy Klobuchar's office that her staff will be at the Martin County Library on Thursday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. to hold a Forum highlighting resources that are currently available to Senior Citizens to help with health and financial needs, to identify fraud scams that target senior citizens and steps to take to protect themselves.

Mayor Quiring read a proclamation proclaiming the month of March as Heaven's Table Food Shelf Month in the City of Fairmont. Board Members from Heaven's Table Food Shelf were present and spoke.

Mayor Quiring read a proclamation proclaiming March 8-14, 2015 as Girl Scout Week in the City of Fairmont. Several girl scouts were present and spoke.

Mayor Quiring opened the public hearing to take citizen input on the issue of leasing or selling City owned property to individuals for lake access boat lifts and docks. Nemmers identified each location and gave staff recommendation. Several citizens gave input during the hearing. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried. Each location was addressed separately.

Location A, North end of George Lake: Council Member Clerc made a motion to lease to abutting property owners the land identified as Location A. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location B, Eleventh Street: Council Member Askeland made a motion to remove Location B from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Peters second the motion and the motion passed.

Location C, Tenth Street: Council Member Askeland made a motion to lease the land identified as Location C, giving the person who has been using this area the first right of refusal until such time as the lease lapses. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location D, Ninth Street: Council Member Peters made a motion to remove Location D from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Location E, Eighth Street: Council Member Askeland made a motion to remove Location E from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location E.1, South end of George Lake, Bull Head Park: Council Member Askeland made a motion to lease the land identified as Location E.1 to those properties that abut this land. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location F, Southeast side of Sisseton Lake along Lake Park Boulevard and Wards Park: Council Member Peters made a motion to direct City Staff to pursue selling a portion of the property identified as Location F, that land which abuts Lake Park Boulevard. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Council Member Askeland made a motion to lease the 260 feet which is part of Wards Park and identified as a portion of Location F to the abutting property owners. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Location G, Southeast side of Sisseton Lake along Woodland Avenue: Council Member Askeland made a motion to remove Location G from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Clerc seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location H, North end of Budd Lake: Council Member Askeland made a motion to remove Location H from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location I, Lake Street: Council Member Zarling made a motion to remove Location I from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location J, Lakeview Street: Council Member Peters made a motion to remove Location J from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location K, Alton Street: Council Member Peters made a motion to remove Location K from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location L, Cedarwood: Council Member Peters made a motion to remove Location L from the list of land to lease or sell. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Location M, Lake Aires Road: No action was taken on the land identified as Location M, as the City does not own this land.

Mayor Quiring opened the public hearing on the proposed 2015 Improvement Program. Nemmers reviewed the proposed projects and gave opportunity for citizen input after each project. Christine Rupp, Dennis Smith and Bryan Wendland all made inquiry into projects. Council Member Askeland made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Peters

seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Askeland made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-06**, ordering improvement and preparation of plans for the 2015 Improvement Program. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Terry Anderson, Chad Askeland, Wes Clerc, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the transient merchant license for TNT Fireworks from Fargo, North Dakota. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve two applications for Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses for the Martin County Preservation Association for April 17 and 18, 2015 and for May 8, 2015. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the renewal of the Consumption and Display (Set-Up) license applications for the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3394. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Humpal advised that the Fairmont Local Board of Appeals and Equalization hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Budd Lake Public Fishing Pier Land Use, Operations and Maintenance Cooperative Agreement between the State of Minnesota and the City of Fairmont. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Dan Thiesse to the Police Commission. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the 28E Agreement for Sharing of Law Enforcement Officers and Providing Emergency Response Assistance (H.E.A.T. Tactical Team). Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-07**, designating fund balances for specific purposes. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Chad Askeland, Wes Clerc, Bruce Peters, Jim Zarling and Terry Anderson all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the interfund transfers for 2014 as outlined by Finance Director Hoye. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to call for a public hearing to be held on March 23, 2015 on proposed **Ordinance 2015-03**, amending Section 26.653 regarding off street parking. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve an engineering agreement with Bolton & Menk to complete evaluations of TH 15 intersections at Johnson and Margaret Street. Council Member Clerc seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Clerc and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Randy J. Quiring  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk