

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Quiring was absent. Mayor Protem Wes Clerc called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Terry Anderson, Chad Askeland, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling were present. Also in attendance: City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Chief Greg Brolmsa and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Askeland and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 11, 2016.

During open discussion, Tim McConnell of 922 North North Avenue gave an update on the Reuse Re-imagine subcommittee of the 1590 group. The committee has completed their windshield survey of the City and will be working with the City to enter the information into a searchable data base for further use. If anyone in the community is interested in helping, they should contact Tim.

Councilor Askeland asked about the 506 Canyon Drive house the City purchased. The City is taking bids on the house until February 16th at 1:00 p.m. Appointments to see the house can be made through city hall.

Councilor Zarling asked City Attorney Bloomquist where the City was in the process with the Unruh properties. Bloomquist stated that she is waiting for the court to schedule the hearing date.

Jeremy Manahan, Transit Director for Prairie Lakes Transit updated the Council and citizens on the changes to the public transit system.

Chief Brolmsa presented the 2015 Fairmont Police Department Valor Award to Officer James Tietje for his actions in the High Risk Entry and Response Team operation in Westbrook, MN on March 13, 2015.

Mayor Protem Clerc opened the public hearing to adopt **Ordinance 2016-01**, increasing softened water service rates. There was no citizen input at the hearing. There was much discussion on how to keep costs down for citizens of Fairmont. Council Member Zarling made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2016-01**, amending **Ordinance 2013-02**, relating to softened water service rates. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Askeland, Clerc, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. Council Member Anderson voted nay. Mayor Protem Clerc declared said motion passed.

Finance Director Hoye presented the December 31, 2015 Investment Report for the City.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the 2016 Pay Equity Report for the City of Fairmont. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 8, 2016 on Fairmont's Small Cities Development Program application. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the bills for the month of January, 2016 in the amount of \$634,580.87. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk