

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, November 28, 2016 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Wallace 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, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, Sergeant Mike Hunter and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 28, 2016.

During open discussion, Jennifer Royston of Eight Downtown Plaza asked the Council if a path could be shoveled to the Dog Park this Winter and asked about lighting at the park. Royston stated that someone had purchased solar lights and they were wondering if they could put them up. Nemmers stated that he has been working with Marty Meixell on the lighting and that staff would get back to Royston or someone with the Dog Park Committee.

Humpal introduced Sergeant Mike Hunter as the newly hired Police Chief for the City of Fairmont.

Mayor Wallace encouraged all citizens to participate in Red Bag Day on Saturday, December 5th.

Humpal congratulated Finance Director Paul Hoye and his staff for receiving a Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2016-39** approving an off-site gambling permit for the Fairmont Fire Department Relief Association at The Marina Lodge located at 501 Lake Avenue. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Zarling, Anderson, Askeland and Clerc all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Wallace declared said motion passed.

Council Member Clerc 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 Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Hoye presented the 2017 proposed Public Utilities Budget.

Steve Hawkins a member of the Housing & Redevelopment Authority and Gail Diede, Executive Director for Fairmont HRA addressed the council with concerns of flooding in and around Friendship Village, which has been a problem for several years. City Staff will look into the possibility of including an analysis study in the 2017 budget.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the sell back of 65 hours of vacation by the City Administrator. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement with Police Chief Michael Hunter. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the November bills in the amount of \$637,900.41. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal reminded everyone that the next council meeting is the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Clerc, seconded by Council Member Anderson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Robert Wallace
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk