

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

City Administrator Mike Humpal called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Clerk Patricia Monsen administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Deborah Foster, At Large Council Member Tom Hawkins, Ward 2 Council Member Ruth Cyphers and Ward 4 Council Member Wayne Hasek.

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, Chief of Police Mike Hunter and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

Mayor Foster acknowledged an addition to the agenda, item 12.1 a Solid Waste Collector License Application. It was moved by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the agenda with the addition.

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 December 12, 2016.

During open discussion Council Member Cyphers reported that she had attended a Region Nine Development Commission Board orientation in Mankato. Cyphers was impressed by the Commission and was especially interested in the Revolving Loan Fund program that they offer. She will attend her first official meeting on Wednesday, January 11th and has asked Council Member Hawkins to attend the meeting as her guest. Cyphers thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to serve on the Region Nine Development Commission.

Council Member Hawkins stated that he has been in discussion with Mayor Foster regarding an issue identified during campaigning for city council. The issue is with the City's building inspection process. He has met with some contractors and discovered through his research that this issue is a lot bigger than he had originally thought. He stated that he and Mayor Foster will be setting up meetings with contractors and business owners to get more information. They then plan to meet with Humpal and city staff to work on fixing the problems. He plans to report on the process in the future.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Collector License for B & B Sanitation and Recycling, LLC. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-01** permanently waiving the reading of resolutions, unless a request is made by one or more council members or citizens for the resolution to be read. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-02** adopting the official designations of the City of Fairmont. The official designations are: Mayor Pro-tem – Tom Hawkins; Newspaper – The Sentinel; Council Secretary – Patricia Monsen, City Clerk;

Depository of City Funds – Bank Midwest. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Hawkins, Peters, Zarling and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt the Elected Officials Out-of-State Travel Policy dated January 1, 2017. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Fairmont Fire Department held their annual elections on December 14, 2016. The election results were: Chief – Brandon Scott; Assistant Chief – Bryan Kastning; Captain – Tom Hilpiper; First Lieutenant – Mark Drever; Second Lieutenant – Colby Whitmore; Secretary and Foreman of the Hose – Matt Streit. Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the officer election of the Fairmont Fire Department. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Don Kislingbury to the Park Board. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. During discussion, Council Member Hawkins asked that for future appointments to Boards and Commissions, that the entire council be made aware of the openings and that they be given time to advise and consent on the Mayor's appointments. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the appointment of Greg Gellert to the Park Board. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Ziemer to the Public Utilities Commission. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the appointment of David Segar to the Public Utilities Commission. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Ed Willett to the Planning Commission. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the appointment of Margaret Dillard to the Planning Commission. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the appointment of Scott Unke to the Planning Commission. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the appointment of Ron Davison to the Zoning Appeals Board. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Kent Unke to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Roesner to the Safety Council. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Paul Carlson to the Safety Council. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the appointment of Brad Malmanger to the Building Code Appeals Board. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the appointment of Jim Frisch to the Building Code Appeals Board. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the appointment of Greg Mitchell to the Building Code Appeals Board. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the appointment of Tina Jette to the Building Code Appeals Board. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the appointment of Wendy Voss to the Fairmont Economic Development Authority. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the multi-city letter requesting a meeting with the Governor regarding the new phosphorus limits set by the MPCA. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the payment of the December, 2016 bills in the amount of \$1,598,229.52. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Cyphers and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk