

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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.

It was moved by Council Member Zarling to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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 January 23, 2017.

During open discussion, Council Member Cyphers reported as the council liaison for the CER Board. CER has videos on facebook, the new catalog will be going to print soon, and there are many upcoming events for the community including: February 24<sup>th</sup> Putting STEAM into STEM; March 31<sup>st</sup> Family Fun Fair; April 12<sup>th</sup> Area Career Exploration and April 20<sup>th</sup> Youth Activity Expo.

Council Member Cyphers reported as liaison for Region 9 that they are currently working with the Lakes Foundation looking for grants; they have agreed to work with the 1590 Committee on marketing and surveys, if needed; and there is a Human Service Transit Planning Workshop coming up in Mankato. Cyphers has forwarded this information to the transit systems in the county. Dahmon Gullord of Royalty Rides has offered to attend and provide rides for others interested.

Council Member Hawkins stated that he has met with building contractors, business owners and home owners who have been affected by the way code enforcement has been done in our community. He will be setting up a meeting with Mike Humpal and the building officials to talk about the comments he has received.

Council Member Hawkins reported that he had a meeting with members of Focus on Fairmont and Fairmont City Staff to discuss Code Enforcement and specifically the rental housing code.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 18, 2017, Kids Against Hunger Day in the City of Fairmont. Karen Sanders was present and spoke.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 20-24, 2017 as School Board Recognition Week in the City of Fairmont.

Linsey Preuss, Economic Development Coordinator, presented the FEDA 2016 Annual Report.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve a One to Four Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for the Martin County Preservation Association to hold a fund raiser on April 21 and 22, 2017. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Hooka Lounges. The Council decided to leave Fairmont's Ordinance as is and not allow Hooka Lounges.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to appoint Council Member Wayne Hasek to serve on the negotiating committee to create a new Fire Service Agreement with the townships. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. Council Member Hawkins expressed his desire to also attend these negotiations, stating that the townships wanted him to be a part of the discussions. Discussion was held regarding the open meeting law. Councilor Zarling moved the question and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to keep the negotiations with the townships for a new Fire Service Agreement closed. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. There was discussion and Councilor Zarling moved the question. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hasek, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. Council Member Hawkins voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-03** Ordering Preparation of the Report on the 2017 Improvements. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hawkins, Peters, Zarling, Cyphers and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-04** Receiving Report on 2017 Improvement Program and Calling for a Public Hearing to be held in the city hall council chambers on March 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Zarling, Cyphers and Hawkins all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the contract for winter geotechnical exploration at the City's lime ponds. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Zarling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk