

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, March 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 Hawkins to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 27, 2017.

During open discussion, Council Member Cyphers, Council liaison for Region 9 Development Commission, advised that there was a Grant Opportunity Forum on March 21<sup>st</sup> in Mankato. This is an opportunity to learn more about grants.

Council Member Hawkins, Council liaison for the HRA Board, reported that beginning June 1st, all federal housing will be going smoke free.

Council Member Hawkins also wanted to remind all citizens that Fairmont has a leash law and that all pets need to be on a leash. He also reminded everyone to pick up after your pets.

Mayor Foster proclaimed March 12-18, 2017 as Girl Scout Week in the City of Fairmont. Fourth grade Girl Scout Troops 34353 and 34729 were present with their leaders Michele Nelson and Chelsie Hinz.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on the 2017 Improvement Program. Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers presented information on the proposed projects. Several citizens spoke regarding projects affecting them. Robert Minscer, 1001 N. North Avenue; Nancy Fetters, 930 North Main; Josh Newville, 102 N. Main; Kathy Jones, 935 N. North Avenue; David Bair, 230 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street; and Dwight Olson, 226 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street all spoke about the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Street projects. Janet Waletich, 209 E. Margaret; Randy Fretty, 534 Interlaken Road; Dale Wedel, 1477 208<sup>th</sup> Ave; and Kent Barker, 2040 Knollwood Drive spoke about the Margaret Street project. Deb Survis and Roger Swanson, 1313 Camelot Court and Jim Harley, 1509 Charles St. spoke about the Resurfacing projects. John Johnson, 2103 Sylvia spoke about the overlay project. Council Member Zarling made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Zarling made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-05**, Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Council Member Peters made a request to amend the motion, but then rescinded the request. Nemmers stated that he would work with the property owners on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> street projects regarding sidewalks. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hawkins and Peters all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-09**, designating fund balances for specific purposes. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Zarling, Cyphers, Hasek and Hawkins all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve an Intoxicating Liquor License for D & S Promotions, LLC, d/b/a Fairmont Raceway. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve a permit for the Freedom 5K & 10K race event on September 9, 2017. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve the renewal of a Consumption & Display license application by the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve an Event Permit for Borderline Cruisers Car Club for a car show on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-07**, reinstating the appeal and equalization powers of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Council Member Hawkins 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 carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-06**, restricting parking on the north side of Margaret Street. Council Member Hawkins 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 carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-08**, a Municipal State Aid Street Funds Advance. Council Member Zarling 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 carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to call for a Town Hall meeting on March 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall to give citizens an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the development of bike trails. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. Council Members Cyphers and Hasek voted aye. Council Members Hawkins, Peters and Zarling voted nay. Mayor Foster declared that the motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

---

Deborah J. Foster  
Mayor

---

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk