

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, April 10, 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, Officer Jaime Bless and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

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

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

There was no open discussion.

Heather Hawkins, Tammy Hestad and Angie Gregory, members of Focus on Fairmont, gave an update on the hanging flower baskets and banners displayed in Fairmont. They thanked the Street and Park Department for watering the flowers throughout the summer.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2017-01**, the sale of 812 North Park Street to Fairmont Housing and Redevelopment Authority through a quit claim deed for the development of a new duplex. There was no comment from the Public. Council Member Zarling made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2017-01**. 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 passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve an Event Permit for Martin County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Freedom 5K Race/Color Dash to be held July 4, 2017. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the transient merchant license for TNT Fireworks from Florence, AL, to sell fireworks at the Wal-Mart parking lot, 1250 Goemann Road between June 20, 2017 and July 5, 2017. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the modified staggered ending dates for the Housing & Redevelopment Authority Commissioner's terms. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Lisa Olson for another five-year term to the Housing & Redevelopment Authority. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hawkins Peters and Zarling all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Roni Dauer of Fairmont Community Education and Recreation presented the Summer Free Play Ground and Park Program proposed for 2017. Council Member Zarling made a motion to provide CER Free Summer Play Ground and Park Program \$5,500.00 to assist in operating the program. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ed Willett, Member of 1590 “Kids Just Want to Have Fun” presented the proposed project of creating an indoor play area in the Five Lakes Centre. Council Member Peters made a motion to direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the “Kids Just Want to Have Fun” project. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to declare unused inventory as excess property to be sold. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-11**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a MnDOT Cooperative Construction Agreement for Trunk Highway 15. Council Member Peters 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 Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-12**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign MnDOT Detour Agreement for Trunk Highway 15. 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 passed.

Councilor Cyphers reported on Region Nine activities and invited citizens to contact her if they had something they wanted her to take to Region Nine.

Councilor Cyphers questioned when the appropriate time in the council meeting would be for councilors to speak, since they no longer would be doing so during open discussion. Mayor Foster stated that it could be done under Council Agenda item #12 Reports of Boards, Committees and Department Heads, or under item #17 Status Reports/Council/Staff Information.

Councilor Cyphers also wanted to know if there was a spread sheet or something to share regarding comments and complaints received by Council Members. Humpal stated that most generally, when a Councilor receives a comment or complaint, they send it to him and he will assign the appropriate staff person to address the matter. The person then receives an answer, which is copied to the councilor for their information. Humpal stated that he would look into this.

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

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Deborah J. Foster  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk