

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, March 27, 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 and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

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 Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 13, 2017.

Open Discussion was taken off the Agenda for this meeting by Mayor Foster. Mayor Foster explained her reasons for removing it and introduced a new form entitled "Open Discussion or Agenda Item Request Form". After much discussion, Council Member Hawkins made a motion to keep the open discussion process the same. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers and Hawkins voted aye and Council Members Hasek, Peters and Zarling voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion failed. Council Member Zarling made a motion to implement a new process by using the "Open Discussion or Agenda Item Request Form" and adding a statement to the form that it needed to be submitted to the City Clerk by noon, the Wednesday prior to the City Council meeting. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Peters and Zarling voted aye and Council Members Hawkins and Cyphers voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Mayor Foster proclaimed the month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in the City of Fairmont. Brenda Lubenow, Social Services Supervisor for Human Services of Faribault and Martin Counties spoke on the topic.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve an Event Permit for Interlaken Heritage Days to be held June 9 – 11, 2017. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to set a public hearing for April 10, 2017 regarding the sale of 812 N. Park Street to Fairmont Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve \$6,000.00 in funding to the Interlaken Heritage Days Committee for the 2017 community festival. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-10**, Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Grant Application. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers and Hawkins all voted aye. Council Members Hasek and Peters voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the March, 2017 bills in the amount of \$782,068.12. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk