

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, September 11, 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, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling were present. Council Member Wayne Hasek was absent. Also in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

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 Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 28, 2017.

Greg Broelsma, Associate Director; Anna Garbers, Executive Director; and Katy Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Fairmont Area Kinship gave a presentation about the Fairmont Area Kinship program and thanked the City for its support.

Mike Edman and Brandon Edmundson, representatives of the Community Center Action Committee gave a presentation and asked the Council for \$125,000 to hire Tegra Group, an Owner's Representation Company, to help guide and manage the process of planning, building and operating a Community Center. This funding request will be brought back to the City Council in the near future.

Economic Development Coordinator Linsey Preuss and Margaret Dillard of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce gave an update on Fairmont Area Life.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve an Event Permit for the Fairmont Homecoming Parade. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-26** declaring costs for the 2017 Improvement Program and ordering the assessment roll to be prepared. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, 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 2017-27** calling for a public hearing on proposed assessments for the 2017 Improvement Projects to be held on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fairmont City Hall Council Chambers. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hawkins, Peters, Zarling and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve a conditional use permit for MVAC for a nursery school at 625 Johnson Street. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-30**, adopting the Proposed Tax Levy for 2018. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hawkins and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-31**, adopting the Proposed Budget for 2018. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hawkins, Peters and Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Joint Powers Agreement for the South Central MN Computer Consortium. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers advised that the City is working with Bolton & Menk, Inc. to update the Active Transportation Plan. He invited citizens to take part in an Online Open House, which is accessible on the City's website from September 11-29, 2017. There are also paper handouts which can be picked up at the Martin County Library and at Fairmont City Hall.

Humpal advised that the City is still looking for more residents to serve on the Charter Commission. He encouraged citizens to complete an Application on the City's website or an application can be picked up at City Hall.

Cyphers stated that Region 9 would be holding a Forum on Race on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Elementary School. Participants should register by October 2, 2017.

Hawkins stated that the HRA new housing on North Park Street should be complete in mid-October and that an open house for the public will be held.

The City Council took a short break and then returned to Closed Session, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, to discuss Labor Negotiations.

A motion was made by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk