

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, October 9, 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, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

It was moved by Council Member Peters to approve the agenda with a replacement page to Agenda Item No. 15.1b. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Cyphers and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 25, 2017.

During Open Discussion, the City took public input on the Fairmont Police Department's Body Camera Program. Two citizens spoke. Molly Wolter stated that she felt this was a great idea. Marge Johnston asked about on-going expenses for the program and if each officer needed a camera. Chief Hunter answered all questions. Mayor Foster read a letter she had received from a citizen, Chris Olson, who could not be at the meeting. Mr. Olson was in favor of the program.

Mayor Foster proclaimed October 15, 2017 to be Pregnancy & Infants Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Fairmont.

Mayor Foster opened the 2017 Improvement Program Assessment Public Hearing. Nemmers explained each project and offered an opportunity for citizen input. Doyle and Carol Schweiger of 1624 North North Avenue questioned the accessible footage on their property and filed a formal appeal. Kent Barker spoke on behalf of his mother, Orel Barker, who owns agricultural property along Margaret Street. Dale Wedel spoke and filed a formal appeal of the assessments on the agricultural land he owns along Margaret Street. The City also received a formal appeal from Krueger Realty. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Zarling made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-28**, adopting the special assessments for all of the 2017 improvement projects and miscellaneous assessments, except for Doyle and Carol Schwieger's assessments for Parcel ID: 231560120. 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 Cyphers made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-32**, an order to re-establish the Charter Commission. Council Member Hasek 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.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a five-year contract with United Township Coop Fire Association. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve funding the community center business plan in the amount of \$125,000.00 and place the funds with Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation as the administrator. 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.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-33**, requesting a sale or conveyance of properties for sale as tax forfeited property to the City. 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 Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-34**, requesting approving the County classification of non-conservation lands for sale as tax forfeited property. Council Member Hasek 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 Zarling made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Cedar Creek trail loop grant contract with the State of Minnesota. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve a demolition grant for 50% of the cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the property at 710 North North Avenue. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Fiscal Sponsor Agreements with Focus on Fairmont, Project 1590, Adventure Playground, Mall Playground and iPaddlePort. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers is council liaison for Community Education and Recreation. She advised that the CER Fall Catalog is now available and there are lots of great things to take advantage of. She specifically mentioned a Time to Talk Forum on Race scheduled for October 11, 2017 and a Community Conversation – What Our Future Can Be on October 25, 2017.

Council Member Cyphers is the council liaison for the Airport Board and will be attending a presentation on October 11, 2017 in Mankato entitled the Impact of Aviation on Economic Development in Minnesota. Humpal stated that our Airport Manager Lee Steinkamp and local businessman Wayne Kahler will be speakers at this event.

Council Member Hawkins, liaison for Fairmont Economic Development Authority, stated that FEDA now has a new website: [fedamn.com](http://fedamn.com). He encouraged citizens to visit the website.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk