

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, October 23, 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, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

It was moved by Council Member Zarling to approve the agenda with the addition of Agenda Item No. 15.2 Local Road Improvement Program Application. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 9, 2017.

During Open Discussion, Marilyn Forstrom of 406 Woodland Avenue addressed the Council asking to close Woodland Avenue from Albion Avenue to Lake Park Boulevard to automobile traffic on October 31, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jodie Geerdes of 310 Woodland Avenue spoke in support of the requested closure. Council Member Peters made a motion to allow the Fairmont Police Department to limit traffic on Woodland Avenue on Halloween evening to their discretion. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief Hunter introduced a draft Body Worn Camera Policy and invited the public to review the policy on the Fairmont Police website. Public opinion/comments will be taken on the draft policy at the November 13, 2017 City Council meeting during open discussion.

Mayor Foster proclaimed October 30, 2017 as Edwin (Eddie) Murphy Day and recipient of the Golden Deeds Award by the Fairmont Exchange Club. Don Richards from the Fairmont Exchange Club spoke.

Mayor Foster proclaimed November 9, 2017 as Community Education and Recreation Day in the City of Fairmont. CER Director Roni Dauer thanked the City for its support and invited everyone to the CER Open House on November 9, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Foster opened the continued public hearing on the 2017 Improvement Program Assessment Hearing. Nemmers explained that the hearing was continued to check the assessable footage on Parcel ID # 231560120, 1624 North North Avenue. The footage was correct, and the homeowners were advised. No one else spoke at the public hearing. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-35**, adopting special assessments for the 2017 Improvement Project No. 5717001 on Parcel ID #: 231560120. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a One Day Temporary Liquor License for the Fairmont Opera House located at 45 Downtown Plaza for December 31, 2017. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve a parade permit for the Glows' parade on November 17, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the On-Sale Liquor/Sunday Liquor License for Jessie's Smokehouse, LLC. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Monica Shelgren of 1428 Oak Beach Drive addressed the council regarding an insurance claim for a sewer backup in her home, which occurred on May 15, 2017. Ms. Shelgren is not happy with the offer of settlement from the City's insurer, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. Upon the advice of City Attorney Bloomquist, Ms. Shelgren was encouraged to file a claim with her own home owner's insurance company and have her insurance company deal with the City of Fairmont's insurance company to finalize a settlement.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-36** authorizing city staff to submit the necessary information for a Local Road Improvement Program grant application for Winnebago Avenue from TH15 east approximately 2,500 feet. Council Member Zarling 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 Cyphers made a motion to pay the October 2017 bills in the amount of \$1,072,522.03. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal stated that the city parks are now closed. He also stated that the Fall leaf pickup will be starting on the north side of town the week of October 30th. He reminded citizens that no sticks, branches, rocks or bricks should be in with the leaves. Also, no bags will be emptied by city employees. All leaves need to be wind rowed on the boulevard.

Council Member Cyphers reported on her attendance at the presentation in Mankato entitled the Impact of Aviation on Economic Development. Council Member Hawkins also attended the presentation with other city employees and city business people.

Council Member Cyphers reported on her attendance at CER's Time to Talk, a forum on race. Cyphers stated that the forum was very good, and some important discussion took place.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk