

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah Foster called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Hawkins to approve the agenda with the addition of item 15.8 and a presentation by Mike Sheplee. Council Member Cyphers 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 November 27, 2017.

Mike Sheplee of the Martin County Assessor's Office gave a presentation to educate the public on the process of how property owner's tax amounts are determined. Mr. Sheplee went through the process and explained the timing of the notices which are sent.

Mayor Foster proclaimed January 3, 2018 as Joe Schmit Silent Impact Day in the City of Fairmont. Steph Johnson from the Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition spoke about Joe Schmit coming to Martin County schools to present. She also welcomed the public to come to a free presentation at the Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center on January 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Foster then moved agenda item number 15.6 Naming of "Joe Burns Trail" to the next item of business. Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve naming the trail segment, which runs from the Aquatic Park to Interlaken Road, "Joe Burns Trail". Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Joe Burns, along with many friends and supporters were present. Joe thanked the city and stated that the only thing he asks of everyone is to not let it be a dead end.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the 2018 license renewals for cigarette, refuse hauling, theater and taxi. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to schedule a public hearing for January 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. on proposed **Ordinance 2017-09**, an ordinance to sell 1228 North Elm Street to Joseph and Christina Thate for \$1,000.00. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster opened the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing. Finance Director Paul Hoye explained the proposed property tax levy increase, the 2018 proposed budget and the proprietary fund budgets. No comment was received 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 Hawkins made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-41**, adopting the 2018 Property Tax Levy and ordering its certification to the Martin County Auditor by December 29, 2017. Council Member Cyphers 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 adopt **Resolution 2017-42**, adopting the 2018 Budget. 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.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2017-43**, approving the 2018 Proprietary Fund Budgets. Council Member Zarling 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 Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-44**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign MnDOT Delegated Contracting Process Agreement No. 1029945. Council Member Hasek 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 adopt the updated Personnel Policies governing the administration of all personnel employed by the City of Fairmont. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve an Employment Agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services calling for 3% wage increase in 2018, 3.25% in 2019 and 3.5% in 2020. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal stated that in January 2018 he will be bringing to the City Council information on snow plowing.

Council Member Cyphers stated that on December 21st, the Hockey Association will be celebrating Bacon Capital of the USA day at the hockey arena. Council Member Cyphers also thanked Joe Burns and all the members of the trail committee for their work.

Mayor Foster announced that Green Plains of Fairmont and Royalty Rides will be offering free rides in Martin County on New Year's Eve.

Council Member Zarling wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Years.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk