

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2018 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 with the addition of item 15.7 Board and Commission Appointments. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Zarling and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 11, 2017.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2017-09**, an ordinance approving the sale of 1218 North Elm Street for the sum of \$1,000.00 to Joseph and Christina Thate. No public comment was received. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2017-09**. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Bruce Peters, Jim Zarling, Ruth Cyphers, Wayne Hasek and Tom Hawkins all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2018-01**, a resolution waiving the reading of resolutions before a vote, except and unless a request is made by one or more council members or citizens for the resolution to be read. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Ruth Cyphers, Wayne Hasek, Tom Hawkins, Bruce Peters and Jim Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2018-02**, a resolution declaring the official designations of Mayor Pro-tem: Tom Hawkins; Newspaper: The Sentinel; Council Secretary: Patricia Monsen, City Clerk; Depository of City Funds: Bank Midwest. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Wayne Hasek, Tom Hawkins, Bruce Peters, Jim Zarling and Ruth Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adopt the Elected Officials Out-of-State Travel Policy, dated January 1, 2018. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the Fairmont Fire Department's officer election. The results of the election are as follows: Chief: Brandon Scott; Assistant Chief: Bryan Kastning; Captain: Tom Hilpipre; First Lieutenant: Mark Drever; Second Lieutenant: Colby Whitmore; and Secretary: Matt Streit. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to schedule a public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2018-01**, an ordinance to increase the softened water service rates, for January 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-03**, declaring that Dayton Asmus and Andrew Kuester meet all the Police and Fire Plan membership requirements. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Tom Hawkins, Bruce Peters, Jim Zarling, Ruth Cyphers and Wayne Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the re-appointments and the new appointments to Boards and Commissions as follows: Police Commission: Dan Thiesse; Park Board: Jodie Whitmore, Vicky Schulte and Monica Shelgren; Public Utilities Commission: Mary Jo Moltzen and Brian Johnson; Planning Commission: Jordan Lampman and Tom Lytle; Board of Zoning Appeals: Rich Wolf and Mark Wescott; Safety Council: Richard Schaefer; Airport Board: Jeff Varboncoeur; Fairmont Economic Development Authority: Andy Noll; and Housing and Redevelopment Authority: Ron Kopischke. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the payment of the December 2017 bills. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers thanked the City for the Joe Schmidt Day proclamation. The event was very successful with Joe Schmidt speaking to all of the high school students in Martin County and to the public.

Mayor Foster thanked and recognized the Fairmont Fire Department for their great work on the Northrop fire. She also thanked the Street Department for their help.

Council Member Cyphers asked about creating a committee to look into snow removal. Mayor Foster stated that a discussion will be coming to the council soon.

A motion was made by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk