

## City Launches Comprehensive Planning Process

### ***What is a Comprehensive Plan?***

A comprehensive plan is a futuristic vision of City developments, goals and aspirations. It reflects the community's collective vision and provides direction for the future development. The written plan compiles policy statements, goals, standards and maps for guiding the physical, social and economic development for Fairmont.

City officials, land owners and business developers use the plan to help guide them as they make decisions about development of the City. The plan provides justification for the City's future land use and zoning districts. The most recent comprehensive plan for Fairmont was adopted in 2008 and needs updating.

### ***Engineering/Planning Firm WSB & Associates, Inc. will assist with the process***



WSB is a consulting firm *providing engineering, planning, design, and construction services*. They assist cities in determining community specific goals and identifying realistic methods to achieve those goals. Jim Gromberg, Economic Development Coordinator at WSB, has more than 25 years of experience in working with state and local governments to attract new business. Molly Patterson-Lundgren, Land Use Planner with WSB, specializes in downtown redevelopment and day to day planning and zoning. Jim and Molly will be leading WSB experts in GIS mapping, housing and engineering to develop Fairmont's Comprehensive Plan.

### ***Steering Committee Kick Off & Public Involvement***

The City established a steering committee to collaborate with staff and WSB throughout the planning process. They kicked off the first of several meetings on August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending future meetings or becoming a member of this committee, please contact Megan Boeck with the City of Fairmont.

### ***Stay Informed***

Track the comprehensive planning process by visiting the "Comprehensive Plan" link under "Popular Links" on the City of Fairmont homepage ([www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org)). Additionally, notices of upcoming events and opportunities for public participation will be posted on this page.

### ***For More Information Contact:***

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# CHILD CARE

Child care is an economic driver for rural communities. The Fairmont Economic Development Authority (FEDA) realizes this and has begun work to alleviate our local shortage of 172 licensed full-time childcare slots in Martin County – 72 of which are within the City of Fairmont. This is not just a child care issue, it is also a workforce issue. Those unable to find acceptable childcare may decide to exit the workforce.

Due to these challenges, a Core Team from Fairmont has assembled to develop solutions. Initially, this group seeks to better understand the local opportunities and challenges of a child care shortage. If you are a parent/guardian of children under the age of 5, please take a moment to complete a childcare survey. Your responses will provide insights of the childcare needs in Fairmont/Martin County.

**Access the survey today at [www.FedaMN.com](http://www.FedaMN.com)!**



## New Officer Joins Fairmont Police Force

Fairmont has a new officer, but he isn't one of the typical "boys in blue". He is furry, four-legged and his nose is his best weapon. Titus, a 22 month old German Shepherd, recently completed a 12 week K-9 training program with the Minneapolis Police Department. He reports for duty with Sergeant Tietje and with Tietje's lead, Titus can track, conduct article searches, apprehend criminals and sniff out controlled substances. In addition to working together, Titus and Tietje train monthly for a minimum of 16 hours and participate in an annual certification process through the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).

Titus is anticipated to be on duty for the next 8 years, after which he will retire and enjoy life as a pet.

WELCOME TO THE FORCE! 

### City Council

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers

Debbie Foster	235-5826	Mayor
Tom Hawkins	238-3678	Council Member At-Large
Bruce Peters	238-4507	Ward 1
Ruth Cyphers	236-2710	Ward 2
Jim Zarling	238-9303	Ward 3
Wayne Hasek	235-3974	Ward 4

### City Hall

Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont

Mike Humpal	238-3936	City Administrator
Elizabeth Bloomquist	238-3939	City Attorney
Paul Hoyer	238-3934	Finance Director
Patty Monsen	238-3935	City Clerk
Troy Nemmers	238-3942	Public Works Director/City Engineer
Michael Hunter	238-3178	Police Chief