

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, September 24, 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 and Jim Zarling were present. Council Member Bruce Peters was absent. 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 J. Monsen and Chief of Police Mike Hunter.

It was moved by Council Member Cyphers to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 10, 2018.

Mayor Foster proclaimed October 15, 2018 to be Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Fairmont.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve an Event Permit allowing Day Street to be blocked off between Albion Avenue and Redwood Drive for an auction on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. until approximately 7:00 p.m. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve demolition assistance for Unke, Inc. at 50% of the actual cost of \$4,341.00 to demolish the property located at 500 Lake Avenue. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-29**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign MNDOT Grant Agreement #1032092 for Hangar & Taxi-lane Construction (Phase 1) Design Only. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hasek and Hawkins all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for the municipal airport and authorize the Mayor to sign the policy statement. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Steve Hawkins, Amy Long and Brandon Edmundson, Members of the Community Center Committee gave background history of the work done by the Community Center Committee and a summary of the Community Center Business Plan.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to allocate \$600,00.00 of the local option sales tax to the Community Center. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. Much discussion was held. Council Member Zarling made a subsidiary motion to delay for 60 days the consideration of the allocation of the local option sales tax to the Community Center until the budget meeting in December, to allow time for a public forum on the Community Center. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. After much discussion, Mayor Foster called the question. On roll

call vote: Council Members Zarling and Hasek voted aye. Council Members Hawkins and Cyphers voted nay. Mayor Foster voted nay and declared said motion failed. The original motion was restated, to allocate \$600,000.00 of the local option sales tax to the Community Center annually. On roll call: Council Members Zarling and Hasek voted nay. Council Members Hawkins and Cyphers voted aye. Mayor Foster voted aye, declaring said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion declaring that the Community Center financial support is not eligible for Liquor Store funding. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-30**, a resolution committing \$14,000,000.00 for the construction of a Community Center when the Community Center Committee has raised an additional \$10,700,000.00 pledged to the construction of the Community Center. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. Much discussion was held. Council Member Zarling made a subsidiary motion to delay for 60 days the consideration of **Resolution 2018-30** until the citizens can have their questions about the Community Center answered. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. After much discussion, Mayor Foster called the question. On roll call: Council Members Zarling and Hasek voted aye. Council Members Hawkins and Cyphers voted nay. Mayor Foster voted aye and declared said motion passed.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to allow Kids Just Want to Have Fun Committee build a mini golf course on City owned property next to the Aquatic Park. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Finance Director Hoye presented the proposed budget and tax levy for 2019 to the Council. Council Member Zarling made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2018-31**, adopting the proposed tax levy for 2019. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins and Zarling all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2018-32**, adopting the proposed budget for 2019. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Hawkins, Zarling and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the payment of the September 2018 bills in the amount of \$822,426.85. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers thanked the community for the clean up after the storm. He advised that the alternative tree drop off sites will be closed Wednesday morning and citizens should begin using the tree dump site again. The Mayor and all the Council Members thanked the Line Department, Street and Park Departments for their outstanding work after the storm. Humpal thanked all City Staff for their work.

Humpal stated that the City of Fairmont has been reinstated for flood insurance through FEMA. Citizens of Fairmont can now purchase flood insurance.

Cyphers invited all to a learning session about inclusion in our community which is being held October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Fairmont Elementary CER room. This is being brought to Fairmont by Region Nine and a grant.

Cyphers also invited the citizens to an informative meeting being held on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont High School. The meeting is on Vaping.

At 7:30 p.m., the City Council took a ten-minute break before going into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) to discuss the City Attorney's performance evaluation.

A motion was made by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Cyphers and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster  
Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk