

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, December 10, 2018 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 J. Monsen and Police Chief Mike Hunter.

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

It was moved by Council Member Zarling, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on November 26, 2018.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of Geraldine Street. Terry Leiding of 1218 Woodland Avenue and Jeff Ziemer of 400 Geraldine Street spoke in opposition of the vacation. Eric Johnson of 923 Martin Street and Chuck Northwick of 1001 Martin Street spoke in favor of the vacation. There was a lot of discussion. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-36**, vacating a portion of Geraldine Street. 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.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2018-18**, an ordinance adding language to Fairmont City Code, Chapter 3. Alcoholic Beverages, Article I. In General, to include Social Host Liability. No public comment was received. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Zarling seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2018-18**. 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.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on a potential tax abatement for Arthur Andrews Properties for a business expansion by Great Plains Transportation Services, Inc. No public comment was received. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-38**. Council Member Cyphers 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 Hawkins made a motion to approve the 2019 renewals for cigarette, refuse hauling, theater and taxi licenses. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve a One Day Temporary Liquor License for the Fairmont Opera House located at 45 Downtown Plaza for December 31, 2018. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief Hunter introduced new Patrol Officer Chelsea Yeager. City Clerk Monsen gave Yeager her Oath of Office and Yeager gave some background information on herself. Chief Hunter also announced the promotion of Detective Eric Tonder to Captain. Captain Tonder addressed the Council.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the State Grant Agreement and **Resolution 2018-37**, for the design and construction of airfield pavement rehabilitation at the municipal airport. 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 Peters made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Utility Easement Agreement with Martin County Fair as part of the easement acquisitions along CSAH 39 to extend infrastructure services to the new industrial park. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Finance Director Hoye presented the 2019 Budget. Betty Wiederhoeft stated that they own property on Tenth Street and questioned the big increase in property value and the change of classification to their property. Deb Kelly, owner of Picture This Scrap That located at 115 Downtown Plaza also questioned the big increase to her property value. Council Member Zarling explained that valuation and classification of properties in the City of Fairmont are done by the County Assessor's Office and that they would need to talk with them. There was much discussion by the council about the proposed budget. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-39**, adopting the 2019 Property Tax Levy and ordering its certification to the Martin County Auditor by December 28, 2018. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Zarling, Cyphers and Hawkins all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Zarling made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-40**, adopting the 2019 Budget. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Zarling, Cyphers, Hawkins and Peters all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2018-41**, approving the 2019 Proprietary Fund Budgets as presented. Council Member Hawkins 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 Hawkins made a motion to approve hiring Bolton & Menk for the professional engineering services on the Winnebago Avenue reconstruction project. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Zarling wished everyone a blessed Christmas and a joyous and prosperous 2019. Council Member Peters thanked Zarling for his many years of service to the City. Mayor Foster also thanked Zarling and wished everyone a blessed Christmas.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk