

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2019 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, Wayne Hasek, Tom Hawkins, Randy Lubenow and Bruce Peters were present. Also, in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen and Police Chief Mike Hunter.

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

It was moved by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Lubenow and carried to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 28, 2019.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 18-22, 2019 as School Board Recognition Week in the City of Fairmont.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 16, 2019 as Kids Against Hunger Day in the City of Fairmont. Karen Sandhurst, Chair Member for Kids Against Hunger spoke about the event.

Paul Hoye, Finance Director and his staff received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. This honor is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. The City, under Hoye's guidance has received this award for the last ten years.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Resolution 2019-04**, a resolution vacating a portion of an easement at 116 Water Street. No public comment was received. Council Member Hasek 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 2019-04**. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Peters, Cyphers, Hasek and Hawkins all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the One Day Temporary Liquor License for Martin County Chapter Pheasants Forever for April 13, 2019. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal gave an update regarding outdoor music, based on research conducted with other cities in the state that have establishments on the lake and a review of loud music complaints received in the past. Much discussion was held. The Council decided that they would leave the City Code as it is and re-evaluate if more complaints are received.

Council Member Peters made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 25, 2019 at 5:30 in the City Hall Council Chambers, to consider proposed **Ordinance 2019-04**, an ordinance selling 26 Downtown Plaza to Neil and Jane Jensen for \$2,250.00. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 25, 2019 at 5:30 in the City Hall Council Chambers, to consider proposed **Ordinance 2019-05**, an ordinance selling 30 Downtown Plaza to Mark and Jeanne Atkinson for \$2,250.00. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 25, 2019 at 5:30 in the City Hall Council Chambers, to consider proposed **Ordinance 2019-06**, an ordinance selling 304 Woodland Avenue to Troy and Lisa Fritz for \$2,250.00. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 25, 2019 at 5:30 in the City Hall Council Chambers, to consider proposed **Ordinance 2019-07**, an ordinance selling 507 North Prairie Avenue to Lon and Heidi Luhmann for \$2,250.00. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-05**, Ordering Preparation of Report on the 2019 Improvements. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins and Lubenow all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Nemmers presented the 2019 Improvement Program Preliminary Report and answered questions. Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-06**, receiving the Report on the 2019 Improvement Program and calling for a public hearing on March 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins, Lubenow and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to set a public hearing for February 25, 2019 to consider proposed **Ordinance 2019-08**, an ordinance amending Section 26-152: R-1 Multiple Family Residential. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal reminded citizens to be mindful to the mail carriers and to clean out by their mail boxes. The City has received a lot of snow and Humpal asked that citizens be patient with the City's snow removal, as we are doing the best we can.

Mayor Foster also reminded citizens to clean their sidewalks of snow and ice.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Lubenow and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk