

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 25, 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 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 Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

It was moved by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 11, 2019.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2019-04**, the sale of 26 Downtown Plaza to Neil and Jane Jensen through a quit claim deed. 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 2019-04**. Council Member Lubenow 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.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2019-05**, the sale of 30 Downtown Plaza to Mark and Jeanne Atkinson through a quit claim deed. No public comment was received. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2019-05**. Council Member Hasek 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.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2019-06**, the sale of 304 Woodland Avenue to Troy and Lisa Fritz through a quit claim deed. No public comment was received. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2019-06**. Council Member Peters 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.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2019-07**, the sale of 507 North Prairie Avenue to Lon and Heidi Luhmann through a quit claim deed. No public comment was received. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2019-07**. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Hawkins, Lubenow, Peters and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2019-08**, amending Section 26-152: R-1 Single Family Residential District as it pertains to permitted conditional uses. The amendment would include nursing home facilities as a permitted conditional use in a R-1 Single Family Residential District. The amendment would also eliminate the site area requirement language in Section 26-152(d)(3)a. 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 Lubenow made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2019-08**. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hawkins, Lubenow, Peters, Cyphers and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Economic Development Coordinator Linsey Preuss presented the Fairmont Economic Development Authority's 2018 Annual Report.

Chief of Police Mike Hunter presented the 2018 Fairmont Police Department Annual Report.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve a Transient Merchant License for TNT Fireworks from Florence, AL to sell fireworks at the Walmart parking lot. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Right of Entry Permit and Temporary Construction Easement for the Construction of Bridge R0805 (Pioneer Bridge) between the City of Fairmont and Lakeside Cemetery Association. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2019-07**, awarding the 2018-D Improvement Project (Bridge No. R0805, Pioneer Bridge) to Phoenix Corp of Spring Grove, Minnesota. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Hawkins, Lubenow, Peters and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the Community Center Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fairmont and the YMCA of Albert Lea and Worthington. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hawkins, Lubenow and Peters all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the February 2019 bills in the amount of \$629,647.48. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal praised the Fairmont Street Department for their hard work removing all the snow this winter and urged citizens to be patient, as the City is doing the best they can do under the circumstances.

Hawkins stated that he is hearing good feed back from citizens that people are moving their cars from the downtown area, which is making it easier for snow removal. He has also heard that citizens would like more snow emergency areas in town.

Lubenow encouraged citizens to dig out fire hydrants and suggested that the fire department put flags on the hydrants so people can see their location.

Hasek extended thoughts and prayers to the Jones family on the death of Scott. Scott's wife Darcy is a City employee.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk