

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah J. Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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, Interim City Attorneys Robert Scott, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen and Police Chief Mike Hunter.

It was moved by Council Member Peters to approve the agenda with revised proposed Ordinance 2019-15. Council Member Hawkins 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 July 8, 2019.

During Open Discussion, Brandon White of 1205 Victoria Street, shared concerns from the residents of Fairmont Square Apartments concerning their rents being increased.

Terry Riggs of 210 South Elm Street told the Council that she had went out to several homes in Ward 3 with a simple sheet of paper with a statement in support of Mike Humpal as City Administrator. 86%-88% of the residents in her small sampling signed the paper in support of Mike Humpal. Riggs stated that the message she received was, "Don't cut Mike Humpal".

Todd Smith of 305 E. First Street, Sherburn, Minnesota spoke of his concerns about the cases which were not charged by the former City Attorney.

John Madsen of 912 Home Street stated that he owns a surveying company in the City and has worked with the City and Mike Humpal on several plats and other projects. Humpal has always been fair and good to work with. Madsen stated that Humpal has his full support and it would be a mistake to let him go. Madsen stated, Humpal has been good for the City.

Mayor Foster recognized the following employees for their years of service with the City: Ten Years – Dean Thom, Scott Becker; Fifteen Years – Betsy Steuber, Craig Fowler, Chad Sanow, Nick Lardy; Twenty Years – Chad Striemer, Todd Thiesse; Thirty Years – Patty Monsen, Miles Heide, Duane Mosloski, Renae Janssen and Brian Paradis.

Staff from Bolton & Menk gave a presentation on the results of public input received for the preferred layout of the Lake Avenue reconstruction project.

Staff from ISG gave a presentation on the status of the planning and design of a new Public Works Facility for the City's Street and Park Departments.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2019-15**, an ordinance amending Chapter 27 – Rental Housing Standards. Humpal gave an overview of the proposed changes. The following citizens and landlords voiced their concerns regarding the proposed ordinance: John Madsen of 912 Home Street, Russ Luedtke of 1216 Albion Avenue, Leland Leitchnam of 10112 E. Fourth Street, Doug Willner of 4 Forgotten Road, Lois Johnson of 601 Shoreacres Drive, James Ness of Winnebago, Jodi Whitmore of 1394 Oak Beach Drive, Tina

Jette of 168 W. Belle Vue Road, Danny Klaus of 2407 82<sup>nd</sup> St. and Carl Vlieger of 904 Woodland Avenue. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried. After much discussion, Council Member Peters made a motion to postpone deliberation of proposed **Ordinance 2019-15**. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried. A work session will be scheduled on this topic and landlords and tenants will be invited to share in the discussion.

Humpal presented the June 30, 2019 Investment Report.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the Event Permit for Faber's Plumbing Softball Tournament scheduled August 2-4, 2019 at Winnebago Avenue Sports Complex. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Event Permit for a tractorcade "parade" on August 17, 2019. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the Event Permit for the Cedar Creek Disc Golf Association Tournament and camping at Cedar Creek Park for August 9-11, 2019. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license for the Truman Fire Department Relief Association at the Martin County Fair for August 13-18, 2019. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve one day temporary on-sale liquor licenses for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for events scheduled for August 21, 2019; September 13, 2019; October 12, 2019; November 15, 2019 and December 13, 2019. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster gave a report of the closed session held on July 8, 2019, which was a continuation of the City Administrator's annual performance evaluation. Mayor Foster stated that the Council did not reach a consensus on any conclusions regarding the performance of Mike Humpal in the closed session.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-31**, awarding the new Airport T-Hangar project to Everstrong Construction of Redwood Falls, Minnesota in the amount of \$902,166.91, contingent on receiving a federal grant for the project. Council Member Hawkins 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 authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a letter of support for the Lakeview project on behalf of the City Council. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow recognized Mr. (Joe) Burns as a great teacher and supporter of bike trails and the City of Fairmont.

Council Member Hawkins read a statement he prepared for the citizens of Fairmont.

Humpal announced that Albion Avenue from Interlaken Road to Lake Aires Road is now open. The resurfacing project is complete.

Mayor Foster reminded everyone of the scheduled work session on Monday, July 29, 2019 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the payment of the July 2019 bills in the amount of \$957,245.80. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Lubenow, seconded by Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk