

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah J. Foster called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Council Members Ruth Cyphers, Wayne Hasek, Tom Hawkins and Randy Lubenow were present. Council Member Bruce Peters was absent. Also, in attendance: Interim City Administrator Mark Sievert, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen, Police Chief Mike Hunter and Interim City Attorneys Robert Scott and Alissa Harrington.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of 16.3 Easement for Margaret Street Trail Extension and 16.4 Rules for Discussion at Council Meetings. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 City Council meeting. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

During open discussion, Marilyn Hovick of 2228 Stade Lane and Dave Scheppmann of 805 Burton Lane expressed their concerns for a round about being at the Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza Intersection.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 15, 2020 as Kids Against Hunger Day in the City of Fairmont. Karen Sandhurst spoke regarding the event.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2020-01**, an ordinance amending **Ordinance 2019-01** relating to softened water service rates. 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 Cyphers made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-01**. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members 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 2020-02**, an ordinance amending **Ordinance 2013-03** relating to the public utility wastewater rates. 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 Cyphers made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-02**. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Hawkins, Lubenow and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2020-03**, an ordinance amending City of Fairmont Zoning Map: rezoning parcels of land at 924 Lake Avenue in the City of Fairmont from I-2 Heavy Industrial to B-3 General Business. No public comment was received. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-03**. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hawkins, Lubenow, Cyphers and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Resolution 2020-09**, receiving and accepting the facilities plan for Wastewater Treatment Systems. Kris Swanson, P.E., Engineer from Bolton & Menk presented the proposed plan. 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 Cyphers made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-09**. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Cyphers, Hasek and Hawkins all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the Event Permit for Borderline Cruisers Car Club to barricade several downtown streets for their car show on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve a One Day Temporary Liquor License for Martin County Chapter Pheasants Forever for April 18, 2020. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve an Event Permit for Interlaken Heritage Days to be held June 12-14, 2020. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Interim City Administrator Sievert gave an update on the Civil City Attorney search. The Council agreed to schedule a work session on March 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to review and discuss proposals received.

Interim City Administrator Sievert asked and received direction from the Council on selling tax forfeited properties. The Council agreed to sell the lots for \$1,500 plus the cost of having the lots surveyed.

Council Member Lubenow asked for an update on the Lake Avenue Street Project and the Local Option Sales Tax for street and infrastructure funding. Nemmers provided the update on the Lake Avenue project and Sievert spoke on the Local Option Sales Tax for street and infrastructure funding.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to declare a list of obsolete property as excess property to be sold. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with KLJ for engineering services at the municipal airport, conditioned upon the satisfactory final review by Flaherty & Hood. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the permanent and temporary construction easement with TLC Properties for the Margaret Street trail extension. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion was held by the Council regarding rules for discussion at council meetings. The Council agreed to schedule another work session with Pamela Whitmore, a Collaboration and

Mediation Manager from the League of Minnesota Cities for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Lubenow congratulated the Girls Hockey Program for the increase in participation in the program.

Council Member Cyphers invited everyone to attend a presentation by Jason Anderson on Positive Leadership Transforming Communities on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. This presentation is being sponsored by Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Council Member Hawkins stated that he attended a joint meeting of FEDA, HRA, Lenders and Realtors where the new Housing Study was presented. Council Member Hawkins encouraged contractors or anyone thinking of building multifamily housing to look at the Housing Study and contact City Hall.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Lubenow and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk