

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro-tem Tom Hawkins 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. Mayor Deborah J. Foster 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 by speaker phone Interim City Attorney Robert Scott.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 16.3 Advertise for Bids for 2020-B Construction Project. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 City Council meeting. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow wished the Red Bulls Wrestling Team good luck at the State Tournament.

There was no open discussion.

Chief Mike Hunter presented the 2019 Fairmont Police Department Annual Report and thanked the City Council for their support.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the One Day Temporary Liquor License for the Fairmont Opera House located at 45 Downtown Plaza for March 28, 2020. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the renewal of the Consumption & Display (Set-Up) license application for the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jennifer McCoy and Aaron Warford, Engineers with Bolton & Menk presented information to the Council regarding the proposed mini-roundabout at the intersection of Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza.

Discussion regarding Local Option Sales Tax for use on street projects was held. Consensus from the Council was to continue to move forward with the goal to generate more money for street improvements.

Marlys Brummond, Chairperson for the Interlaken Heritage Days Committee shared events planned for the weekend and asked for the continued support of the City. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve \$6,000.00 in funding to the Interlaken Heritage Days Committee for the 2020 community festival. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign agreements with Aclara for the AMI conversion project contingent on the City Attorney's final review. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-11**, approving advertising of the 2020 -B Construction Project (Ward Park parking lot). 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 Pro-tem Hawkins declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the bills for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$551,064.95. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem reminded Council of the Special City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing on the 2020 Small Cities Development Program Full Application and Designation of Slum and Blight District.

Mayor Pro-tem reminded Council of the work session scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to review proposals received for the Civil City Attorney.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk