

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2020 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: 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 Lubenow requested that two additional items be added to the agenda, Investigation Update and Discussion on the Roundabout. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions of 15.4 Walterman Assessment Agreement; 15.5 Investigation Update and 15.6 Discussion on the Roundabout. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 City Council meeting. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

During celebration time, Linsey Preuss, Economic Development Coordinator shared that FEDA has a new Child Care Loan Program, where caregivers can get \$1,000.00 interest free loans for the needs of childcare. For more information, contact Preuss.

Mayor Foster reported on the results from the Presidential Nomination Primary held on March 3, 2020 and thanked City Clerk Monsen and the election judges for the administration of the election.

There was no open discussion.

Mayor Foster proclaimed March 2020 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Fairmont. Dr. Kendra Kamlitz of the Mayo Clinic was present and spoke about colorectal cancer.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on the sale of 110 Webster Street to Brady and Sara Anderson through a quit claim deed. There was no public input. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing to approve a facility plan for the lime pond closure. There was no public input. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-14**, Receiving and Accepting the Facility Plan. Council Member Cyphers 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.

Finance Director Paul Hoye explained the interfund transfers for year end 2019 and the Year End Fund Balance Designations. Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the interfund transfers for 2019. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-13**, designating fund balances for specific purposes. 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.

Interim City Administrator Mark Sievert gave the Council an update on the City Administrator Search.

Dennis Dieser and Whitney Sauer with the YMCA gave an update on the YMCA's involvement in the community.

Sievert gave an update on the Civil City Attorney search. Council Member Cyphers made a motion of schedule a Special City Council meeting for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to continue the selection process. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-17**, an agreement between the City of Fairmont and Marlyn and Beverly Walterman for a revised assessment amount and a senior citizen deferral of the principal on the 2019 Albion Avenue construction project assessments. Council Member Peters 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 asked Attorney Robert Scott if the Council could vote to make the investigation transcripts or parts of them public information to be shared. Scott stated that he thought it was private personnel data on past and current employees and he did not think so, but he would do research and let the Council know. Scott encouraged Council Member Lubenow to contact him to further discuss his questions.

Council Member Lubenow asked if the roundabout being proposed as part of the Lake Avenue project had gone to the Safety Council for their consideration and recommendation. Nemmers replied that it had not and that the Safety Council does not evaluate the design of projects.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-15**, a grant agreement with MNDOT to be eligible to receive funds for the Winnebago Avenue project (SAP 123-105-005). Council Member Peters 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.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 to be given to the Fairmont CVB for the 2020 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Abbie Nesbit, Emergency Management Director for Martin County and Chief Hunter presented an updated Fairmont Emergency Operations Plan. Council Member Peters made a motion to

approve **Resolution 2020-16**, adopting Fairmont Emergency Operations Plan. 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 Cyphers made a motion to approve demolition assistance at 50% of the actual cost up to \$5,000.00 for Mark Atkinson, owner of property located at 931 Albion Avenue. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sievert advised Council that the agenda for the March 23, 2020 City Council meeting will be going out on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Council Member Peters shared that Stephanie Busiahn, Executive Director of Visit Fairmont recently was in Chicago for a Travel and Adventure Show promoting Fairmont.

Council Member Cyphers congratulated the Opera House and all the people involved in the production of The Odd Couple.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk