

The minutes of the Special Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor 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 Troy Nemmers and Police Chief Mike Hunter.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an update on COVID-19. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ned Koppen, President of Fairmont Chamber of Commerce; Joe Brown, Fairmont Area Schools Superintendent; Mark Sievert, Interim City Administrator; Mike Hunter, Chief of Police; and Abbie Nesbit, Emergency Management Director for Martin County all spoke and gave the most current updates on the emergency measures being implemented in lieu of the COVID-19 crisis.

Discussion was held by the Council and management staff regarding the three site visits of civil law firms who have bid on the Civil City Attorney's position with the City of Fairmont. After much discussion, Council Member Lubenow made a motion to interview three law firms: Smith, Tollefson, Rahrlick & Cass of Owatonna; Christian, Keogh, Moran & King of Le Center and Flaherty & Hood, P.A. of St. Paul. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. During discussion, it was determined that Sievert would contact the three law firms and advise them of the Council's intent to interview tentatively in April. The motion carried.

The Council discussed plans moving forward with city council meetings. It was decided that council meetings would be held, but the Council will deal only with items that are time sensitive and cannot wait.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk