

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the peace time emergency declared by Governor Walz, the meeting was held by teleconferencing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

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, Interim City Attorney Alissa Harrington and Sharon Klumpp of Bakertilly.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hasek 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 made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 City Council meeting. Council Member Cyphers 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.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on the sale of 512 North Elm Street. Signs were posted on all doors of city hall indicating if a citizen was there for the public hearing, the City Clerk would allow them entrance to speak. There was no public input. Council Member Hasek made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Peters, Cyphers, Hawkins and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

There was one item on the consent agenda. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the appointment of Perry Struss to the Public Utilities Commission. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Cyphers, Hawkins, Hasek and Lubenow all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Nemmers gave an update on the 2019 construction projects.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-22**, approving advertising of the 2020-A construction project. Council Member Hasek 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.

Sharon Klumpp of Bakertilly gave an update on the City Administrator Search and process. Council agreed to reimburse travel expenses for the candidates. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to select candidate numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 for personal interviews. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hawkins, Hasek, Lubenow and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Members Hawkins and Cyphers complimented city staff for making the council meeting available by video.

Council Member Cyphers thanked Sharon Klumpp for all her work on the City Administrator search. It was very well done and there was a lot of information.

Council Member Lubenow commented that he felt the decision to open the aquatic park should be delayed until May 4th to see what the situation was with the COVID-19 emergency. Council Member Hawkins agreed and stated that if a decision needed to be made before this time, that City Staff should make the decision.

Mayor Foster reminded all citizens that dogs and cats need to be on a leash and to please clean up after your pets.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Hasek to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. On roll call: Council Members Hawkins, Hasek, Lubenow, Peters and Cyphers all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk