

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, June 22, 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: City Administrator Cathy Reynolds, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Attorney Mark Rahrlick and City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service: Ten years – Amy Bejarano, Michael Beletti and Tegan Quade; Fifteen years – James Bohlsen, Kevin Brockmann, Dean Sandberg, Shawn Schaefer and Todd Steuber; Thirty years – Michael Munsterman.

The following citizens spoke during public discussion/comment:

Doug Landsteiner, Verlys Burkhart and Steve Chase from the Martin County Veteran's Memorial Committee called and spoke about the upcoming Dedication of Bell Cobra Helicopter 327 to be held on August 1, 2020.

Lowell Abelson of 522 N. Elm Street, Connie Sathoff of 309 E. Fifth Street and Staci Thompson of Habitat for Humanity of Martin and Faribault Counties gave comment regarding the sale of 512 North Elm Street.

Todd Smith of 827 East First Street questioned why the Charter Commission was not currently meeting.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes from June 8, 2020; Resolution to Change Polling Place for 2020 General Election; Truman Fire Department Relief Association – Temporary On-Sale Liquor License; Airport Board Appointment; Event Permit for Pubic Reading of Tolstoy's "The Death of Ivan Ilyich"; Event Permit for Opera House "Her Crooked Heart"; Event Permit for Opera House July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Events; Event Permit for Dayna Johnson, Greenbriar Consulting for July 4<sup>th</sup>; Event Permit for Red Rock Center for the Arts – Music in the Park; Event Permit for Jamie Kueker – Extreme Tour 2020; Fairmont Economic Development Authority Board Appointment; Award 2019-A Contract for I-90 Pedestrian/Bike Trail and Event Permit – Parade Permit & Dedication of Bell Cobra Helicopter 327.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2020-08**, an ordinance amending **Ordinance 2019-12** Establishing a Rural and Urban Service District Within the Municipal Limits of the City of Fairmont. No public comment was received. Council Member Cyphers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-05**, an Ordinance to sell 512 North Elm Street to Habitat for Humanity of Martin & Faribault Counties. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Cyphers, Hawkins and Lubenow all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve funding for the Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee in the amount of \$8,500.00. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that Fourth Street and Winnebago Avenue are now open to traffic, signage has been removed and sod has been laid. He is waiting to hear from the Contractor on the Lake Avenue project and once he is aware of their construction schedule, neighborhood meetings will be planned.

Hoye reported that the Aquatic Park's Preparedness Plan was approved today, the pools are filled with water and hopefully by Wednesday training of staff can begin. The pool is scheduled to be open July 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Reynolds stated that she has received many inquiries regarding placing lifeguards on the beaches. Currently, the City does not have any lifeguards who are trained for open water and all outside training facilities have been closed due to COVID.

The City received a \$885,500.00 grant to assist with owner occupied housing and commercial rehabilitation in the Downtown area. The grant will be administered through Minnesota Valley Action Council.

Reynolds will be hosing a meet and greet on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Citizens Plaza Park to get to know the community.

Council Member Cyphers reported that she attended an Airport Board meeting last night and they got to tour the new T-Hangar. Cyphers thanked Reynolds for attending. The Board is working on developing a strategic plan.

Council Member Cyphers also reported on Region Nine.

Council Member Lubenow stated that the Park Board received an update from CER and is working on prioritizing items for the upcoming budget.

Council Member Hawkins reported that the HRA received bids from four realtors for marketing the Burton Lane and Poetters Circle properties. Hawkins also thanked Rich Johnson for his six years of service on the FEDA Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk