

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, July 13, 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 Clerk Patricia J. Monsen and City Attorney Mark Rahrack via telephone.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Economic Development Coordinator Linsey Preuss and Judd Schultz from Minnesota Valley Action Council updated the Council on the Small Cities Development Grant and program.

During public discussion/comment, Todd Smith of 827 East First Street asked if anyone took temperatures on the hot mix used on the Fourth Street project. Mr. Smith also asked about security cameras at City Hall.

Council Member Peters 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 22, 2020; Resolution approving Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; Professional Services Agreement for Lake Avenue Reconstruction and Professional Services Agreement for Wastewater Facility Improvements.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve **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. 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.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve recommended modifications to the terms of the lake access and dock lease with the addition to number 2 that the watercrafts/boats need to be registered to the same resident. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to schedule a public hearing for July 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. on proposed **Ordinance 2020-09**, an ordinance establishing franchise fee on natural gas companies operating in the City of Fairmont, Minnesota. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers advised that Lake Avenue is scheduled to begin on July 27<sup>th</sup> and a neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Nemmers also advised that he has received bids for the demolition of three blighted houses.

Hoye advised that the City received \$776,532.00 from the CARES Act Funding from the State to cover COVID-19 related expenses.

Reynolds reported on the Meet & Greet held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. At this event there was information on the Lake Avenue project along with a citizen input board for priorities for the City. Reynolds will be looking for additional events to continue gathering input from the community.

Reynolds advised that Presentation College has moved out of the Southern Minnesota Educational Campus and the City is looking at the building and where to go in the future with it.

Reynolds stated that the Council should get their thoughts on the 2021 budget to staff by July 20<sup>th</sup> and that there will be a budget work session on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled council meeting.

Council Member Peters reported that the Board of Zoning and Appeals approved three variance requests which were all nonconfrontational and denied one request at their July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The FEDA Board welcomed Sarah Gerhard as a new member. A new revolving loan fund is anticipated to be available through FEDA in the near future and anyone interested should contact Linsey Preuss. FEDA will be listing the Whitetail Ridge lots with a relator. Fairmont has been chosen to participate in a Housing Institute through Minnesota Housing Partnership.

Council Member Hawkins reported that the HRA will be listing the Poetter Circle and Burton Lane housing complexes with Exit Realty to sell.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk