

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, July 27, 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 Hasek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

No public discussion or comment was received.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: City Council minutes from July 13, 2020; Accounts Payable for July 2020; Purchase Card Policy; Event Permit for Cedar Creek Classic Disc Golf Tournament; **Resolution 2020-32**, authorizing the City Engineer to complete the Point Source Implementation Grant application through the MN Pollution Control Agency.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2020-09**, an ordinance establishing a franchise fee on natural gas companies operating in the City of Fairmont. No public comment was received. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that the street department has been crack sealing the streets. This morning the Lake Avenue reconstruction project began. A new policy for the tree dump site will be coming to the next council meeting.

Hoye presented the semi-annual investment report and a quarterly budget status report.

Reynolds reported that building permits continue to exceed from where they were in 2019. A ribbon cutting will be held for the opening of Adventure Playground on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate. Minnesota Housing Partnership puts on an institute that looks at the needs for affordable housing in a community and works with local communities to help provide that affordable housing. The City, HRA and members of the local business community will be participating in the eighteen-month program. The City and Human Services are jointly working on a grant from the CARES Housing Grant. The City will draft the grant application with the County Human Services administering the grant if it is received. Candidacy filings open tomorrow. There are three seats open for election.

Cyphers reported that the Airport Board met on July 14th. The T-hangar is close to completion and work on the taxi lanes and aprons are proceeding. Discussion was held regarding capital improvements at the airport.

Lubenow reported that the Park Board worked on budget priorities. They are requesting an estimate for the restoration of the Sylvania Park Band Shell, a trail to the Band Shell, cost for air conditioning and making the Lincoln Park Shelter handicapped accessible, Amber Lake Boat landing and parking lot. The Kids Just Want to Have Fun group met with Park Board and expressed their desire to expand the mini golf course to be 18 holes. They would be asking the City for \$5,000 to \$10,000 in the future for the expansion. The Park Board also had discussion on naming the park by Lake View Methodist Home after the founder of Avery Weigh Tronix, Richard Bradley.

Lubenow reported on the Library Board. The library is now open to the public. The new elevator, which was a cost share with the County has been installed and is working. The library will begin sending out past due notices again. Street Fleet is the new book carrier for the library, and they are back serving the library.

Cyphers reminded citizens of the Martin County Veterans Memorial Dedication Event taking place on August 1st and the Cedar Creek Classic Disc Golf Tournament on August 7th-9th.

There was discussion regarding candidacy announcements.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk