

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 10, 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 with removing item 6.C.3 from the consent agenda and moving it to item 9.4 for discussion. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marty Seifert representing the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities gave a presentation and update on the work of the Coalition on behalf of their member cities.

During public comment, Dave and Doug Pederson spoke regarding the change of ownership of the Bowlmor and the cost of their respective liquor licenses. Dave submitted a letter to the council for consideration.

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 July 27, 2020; Event Permit for Red Rock Center for Arts to hold an event at Sylvania Park Band Shell on August 20, 2020; and approval of a request from Kids Just Want to Have Fun to install nine more holes at the mini-golf course.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-09**, an ordinance establishing Franchise Fee on Natural Gas Companies Operating in the City of Fairmont, Minnesota. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Peters, Cyphers and Hawkins all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Nemmers presented a policy regarding the use of the yard waste recycling site located west of Fairmont at 1880 100th Street. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the policy. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reynolds presented a policy to standardize the process and the handling of blighted properties and the availability of affordable housing within the City. Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the adoption of the Housing Demolition Program Policy. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Bowlmor Lanes, LLC pending the completion of a satisfactory background investigation and the required documents. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to refund David and Nancy Pederson operating Bowlmor Lanes, Inc. the unused portion of their liquor license fee. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that the reconstruction of Lake Avenue is moving along very well.

Hoye reported that he has been working on the 2021 budget and a budget workshop will be held on August 24th at 4:00 p.m. to get the council's priorities for 2021.

Reynolds stated that the City has the initial monthly report for the CARES Act Funding ready to be submitted, reporting on expenditures. The City will be looking at this and analyzing the needs of the City and community.

FEDA CARES Act money for revolving loan funds will be opening soon for businesses. Businesses will work through Linsey Preuss, Economic Development Coordinator for these funds. Once the program is set up, information will be posted on the City's website.

Hasek reported on the Public Utilities Commission stating that water usage is down 3%, but expenses are also down 3%.

Hawkins reported that FEDA will be offering Economic Development CARES Act revolving loans to businesses affected by COVID. Businesses in Martin County can get up to \$25,000 at 0% interest over 5 years. Personal guarantees are required.

Hawkins stated that the HRA has a lot of interest in the sale of Poetter's Circle and Burton Lane properties.

Hawkins stated that the Planning Commission approved one home occupation permit at the last meeting.

Lubenow reported that at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on August 4th failed to have a quorum so the meeting was not held.

Peters reported on Visit Fairmont and that the Governor's Pheasant Opener has been postponed until next year and will be held in Fairmont.

Peters stated that August 19-23 is the Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo and Rodeo at the Martin County fairgrounds.

Peters reminded citizens to look at the Fairmont Community Calendar for events in the area, fairmontareacalendar.com.

A motion was made by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk