

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, September 28, 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 Attorney Ben Cass via telephone.

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

Council Member Lubenow stated that he would like to talk about removing the Accounts Payable from the Consent Agenda at the next meeting.

During public comment, Vicki Schulte of 313 South Prairie Avenue addressed the Council to make sure that a Proclamation would be done for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Foster stated that the Proclamation would be presented at the October 12th City Council meeting.

Council Member Randy Lubenow encouraged members of the public to follow the COVID-19 safety guidelines and to unite to help keep our community safe.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: Minutes from the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting and September 2020 Accounts Payable.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2020-10**, amending the Zoning Code to include kennels as a conditional use of the I-1 Light Industrial Zone. No public comment was received. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Resolution 2020-38**, vacating a 10' drainage easement at 808 Timberlake Road. No public comment was received. Council Member Hasek made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Finance Officer Paul Hoye presented the 2021 Proposed Budget and Tax Levy. Council Member Peters made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-39**, adopting the proposed tax levy for 2021. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call vote: Council Members Lubenow, Peters, Cyphers and Hawkins all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-40**, adopting the proposed budget for 2021. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that the community has had three solar installations in the past year and that there is talk about other's coming.

The Lake Avenue Reconstruction project is coming along well and will be moving into Phase C this week which will cause some traffic and access changes.

The parks will be closing on or around October 15th.

The annual Fall Leaf Pick-Up for 2020 will begin the week of November 2nd. Information will be going out on this soon.

Reynolds stated that the small business grant applications and information is on the City's website. Applications are due October 2nd.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the Park Department has done work on the Gomsrud Park beach.

Council Member Peters reported on the Convention and Visitors Board and stated that revenues are down considerable because of COVID-19. The Board is working on their budget with cost cutting as a goal.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk