

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, October 12, 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 and Randy Lubenow were present. Council Member Bruce Peters was absent. 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 Mark Rahrlick via telephone.

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

Mayor Foster proclaimed October 2020 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Fairmont. CADA's (Committee Against Domestic Abuse) Martin County Advocate Laura Moreno was present and spoke.

Mayor Foster proclaimed October 15, 2020 to be Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Fairmont.

During public comment, Vicki Schulte of 313 South Prairie Avenue addressed the Council and read a statement she prepared regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried. The only item on the consent agenda was the minutes from the September 28, 2020 City Council meeting.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on the 2020 proposed assessments for the Lake Avenue Reconstruction Project, a part of the 2019 Improvement Program. John and Marilyn Hovick of 115 & 123 Blue Earth Avenue appeared and appealed their proposed assessments. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-41**, adopting the assessments for the Lake Avenue Reconstruction Project. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The second reading of proposed **Ordinance 2020-10** amending Fairmont Zoning Code to include kennels as a conditional use of the I-1 Light Industrial District was held. Council Member Hasek made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2020-10**. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hasek, Hawkins and Lubenow all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

The second reading of **Resolution 2020-38**, vacating a 10' drainage easement at 808 Timberlake Road was held. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-38**. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At the request of Council Member Lubenow, a discussion regarding having the accounts payable on the consent agenda was held. The Council decided to keep the accounts payable on the

consent agenda and if anyone had questions, they should contact Reynolds prior to the council meeting.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve **Resolution 2020-42**, declaring K-9 Titus to be surplus property and authorizing the sale to Sergeant James Tietje for \$1,000.00. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Cyphers made a motion to approve the Springbrook order form in the amount of \$27,940.00 for upgrading the City's current custom software to the latest version. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Cyphers, Hasek and Hawkins voted aye. Council Member Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the purchase agreement to sell 35 acres to Dick Gerhardt as part of the Dutch Creek water quality projects. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call vote: Council Members Hasek, Hawkins and Cyphers voted aye. Council Member Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the purchase agreement to purchase 36.81 acres from Dick and Sarah Gerhardt. Council Member Cyphers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers stated that the Lake Avenue project is moving forward. Asphalt is scheduled for next week. Nemmers shared that fill has been placed and will be monitored for settlement on the Margaret Street I-90 Pedestrian Bike Trail. The project will be completed in the Spring of 2021.

Hoye announced that Sue Lynch, Assistant Finance Director is retiring, and the City will be advertising for her position.

Reynolds advised that there will be a special City Council meeting on November 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to canvass the results of the Municipal Election.

Reynolds stated that the City has a "near final draft" of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan which is on the City's website for public comment until October 30th. Peter Bode, Planner/Code Enforcement Technician will be working with WSB to review the public comments and make any changes needed with the goal to have the final draft on the council agenda by the end of the year.

Reynolds gave an update on the CARES grant funding. Eighty-six grant applications were received, and the City and County will jointly review the applications this week. City staff will bring a resolution for the approval of the grants to the next council meeting.

Council Member Cyphers reported that the CER Fall and Winter catalog is posted on their website. The catalog will not be mailed out this year. There are a lot of offerings in the catalog so citizens should look at it as well as the community calendar.

Council Member Hawkins reported that the Planning Commission approved the plat for the Gerhardt purchase and sale of property and reviewed one home occupation permit.

Council Member Hawkins stated that the HRA did not meet on their normal date due to COVID concerns, but the meeting may be rescheduled to next week.

Council Member Hawkins shared FEDA reviewed a revolving loan fund request for Fairmont Glass and Sign, reviewed five loan requests for the 0% loan program and they watched a video prepared by Remax marketing the Whitetail Ridge lots.

A motion was made by Council Member Cyphers, seconded by Council Member Hawkins and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk