

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the peace time emergency declared by Governor Walz, the meeting was held by teleconferencing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

Mayor Deborah J. Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Foster advised the public that the newly elected City Council Members Michele Miller and Britney Kawecki and re-elected Council Member Wayne Hasek were given their Oaths of Office on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Council Members Wayne Hasek, Britney Kawecki, Randy Lubenow, Michele Miller 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 Mark Rahrack.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of 6.C.2 from the Consent Agenda and addressing it as item 9.11 under new business and item 9.2 being addressed prior to item 9.1. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

There was no public comment during open discussion.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes from the December 14, 2020 City Council Meeting; Payment of the December 2020 Accounts Payable; **Resolution 2021-01**, waiving the reading of resolutions unless a request is made to read the resolution; Council Committee Appointments; Appointing James R. (Jay) Maynard III to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Approval of Agreement with SMMPA regarding WAPA delivery costs; Authorization for the Mayor to sign the FAA pre-application grant for FY2021.

Mayor Foster opened the Public Hearing on the Fairmont Forward 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Peter Bode, Planner/Code Enforcement Technician and Tom Ramler-Olson of WSB both gave an overview of the plan process. No public comment was received. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters, Hasek and Kawecki all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Mayor Foster thanked Bode for his leadership on creating this plan. Bode commented that this is the community's document.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-14**, reducing the number of members on the Planning Commission from six to five. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters, Hasek and Kawecki all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-15**, reducing the number of members on the Board of Zoning Appeals from six to five. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-05**, advertising the public works facility. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Hasek, Kawecki and Miller all voted aye. Council Member Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Discussion was held to seek additional bids for pre-cast construction; however, no motion was brought forth.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the C132-2009 (CMa) Agreement with Krause-Anderson for the new public works facility. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters, Hasek, Kawecki and Lubenow all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the Purchasing Policy. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-06**, advertising for the industrial water tower coating project. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-07**, advertising for the water treatment lime pond closure project. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters, Hasek and Kawecki all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-03**, ordering preparation of report on the 2021 improvements. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters, Hasek, Kawecki and Lubenow all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-04**, receiving report on 2021 improvement program and calling for a public hearing on January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Hasek, Kawecki, Lubenow and Miller all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-08**, an increase of water rates. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller and Peters all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-09**, an increase of sewer rates. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki,

Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the AFSCME and IBEW contracts as negotiated for 2021 and 2022. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters, Hasek and Kawecki all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-02**, adopting the official designations of the City of Fairmont. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Member Miller, Peters, Hasek, Kawecki and Lubenow all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk