

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah J. Foster called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen and Attorney Mark Rahrick.

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

Meaghan Slama, Betsy Tino and Ed Willette of Kids Just Want to Have Fun addressed the Council and shared news about the grand reopening of the miniature golf course. It is now an eighteen-hole course, and each hole is sponsored by a business or family in the community. The course is free to the public.

During Public Discussion/Comment, Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood Drive commented on the time limit during open discussion and how it related to Roberts Rules of Order.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes from the June 14, 2021 City Council Meeting; June 2021 Accounts Payable; Outdoor Public Fireworks Display by Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Fairmont Raceway; Event Permit for Fairmont Cardinal Power Fastpitch Classic Tournament on July 10 and 11, 2021 at Winnebago Sports Complex; Event Permit for St. John's UCC and First Congregational UCC worship service at Sylvania Park Bandshell on July 11, 2021; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Truman Fire Department Relief Association at the Martin County Fair for August 17, 2021 through August 22, 2021; Reappointment of Mike Wubbena to a second term on the FEDA Board beginning July 1, 2021.

Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(a), Mayor Foster gave a summary of the closed session held on June 14, 2021 for the one-year evaluation and performance of the City Administrator. Mayor Foster reported that there was overall satisfaction with the City Administrator and after the closed session, the Council approved a 3.5% pay increase for the City Administrator.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the modification to the Conditional Use Permit for a salvage yard and auto business at 440 Winnebago Avenue for Car Parts Direct. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a salvage yard at 1313 North Hampton Street for Car Parts Direct. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-37**, awarding the CR 39 Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Extension Project, Project 2021-I, to Holtmeier Construction of Mankato, Minnesota in the amount of \$714,564.37. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that the Line Department has been installing electric vehicle charging stations at Winnebago Sports Complex and by City Hall. The industrial water tower painting project is coming to a completion. Work on the Public Works Facility is continuing, and the foundations will be poured soon. The Street Department has been busy doing bituminous patching on the roads. Nemmers also recognized the Park Department employees for all their hard work with several events in the City over the past couple of weekends.

Reynolds gave the Finance Department update, as Hoye was absent. Auditing Request for Proposals have been posted on the League of Minnesota Cities website, City of Fairmont's website and have been sent directly to ten firms. Staff is hoping to have a recommendation to Council in August.

The City anticipates receiving approximately one million dollars from the American Rescue Plan. Half will be paid this Summer and the other half in the Summer of 2022. Staff will be looking at options on how the funds can be utilized.

Reynolds advised that the Liquor Store is accepting applications for part-time employment. The Liquor Store has been temporarily closed on Sundays due to a shortage of employees.

Reynolds reminded everyone that there will be a Fourth of July fireworks display in Fairmont.

Council Member Hasek reported on the Public Utilities Commission stating that the North Grant Street project has began and the electric car charging ports are being installed. Council Hasek also reported that the Lion's Fly-in Breakfast at the Airport was a success. Nemmers stated that they had 948 people at the breakfast and 40 airplanes flew in.

Council Member Kawecki reported that she had a prior commitment and was unable to attend Region 9, but Elliott Belgard has been assigned to be her mentor. She also stated that the Planning Commission held the Car Parts Direct public hearings and approved the two conditional use permits which were presented to council today.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the Park Board met at Gomsrud Park. Mowing has slowed so other maintenance projects are being done. There have been several events in town and the Park Department has been busy moving tables and benches around for the events.

Council Member Peters reported that Visit Fairmont has a job posting for a new director.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk