

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Deborah J. Foster called the meeting to order at 5:35 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, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Police Chief Mike Hunter and City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen.

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

Water Resources Technician Tyler Cowing gave a presentation and update on the City of Fairmont's MS4 Permit.

During Public Discussion/Comment, Nancy Feters and Lawrence Laue from the Carl Nettifee Memorial Animal Shelter/Martin County Humane Society spoke about their upcoming fund raiser, Walk for Animals. The event will be held on September 12, 2021 at Cedar Creek Park beginning at 2:00 p.m. This is the 27th year for the walk. Laue thanked the City of Fairmont for its financial support over the years.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes from the July 26, 2021 City Council Meeting; Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchant Application by Aleksandra Kovalova; and the authorization of contract work for Woodland/Summit lift station upgrades.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve contracting with Prokore Inspections, LLC for supplemental building official services. Council Member Peters 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 the Service Agreement with BevComm for IT support for the City. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the proposal from BerganKDV for audit services. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Finance Director Paul Hoye presented the June 30, 2021 Investment Report.

Nemmers gave a construction update stating that the Amber Lake boat ramp and parking lot project will begin this week. Construction on the Dutch Creek Watershed project has begun. Construction of a trail from the concession stand to the band shell at Sylvania Park has begun. And, installation of the electric car charging station on Downtown Plaza by City Hall has also begun.

Reynolds reminded everyone of the Budget Work Session scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Reynolds also advised of Conversations

with the City scheduled for August 26, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Ward Park. This is an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and get answers from City Staff.

Mayor Foster reported that the HRA continues to talk about forfeited properties available. Reynolds attended the meeting to share the Letter of Understanding from Community Asset Development Group, which was approved by the City Council.

Council Member Hasek stated that the PUC took a field trip to view the lime ponds and the Dutch Creek Watershed project.

Council Member Peters stated that FEDA renewed the listing agreement with Remax for the Whitetail Ridge properties. FEDA approved a CARES Act loan and two childcare forgivable loans. Anyone interested in these types of loans can get more information at FEDAMN.com or contact Linsey Preuss, Economic Development Coordinator.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Lubenow, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk