

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 23, 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, Randy Lubenow, Michele Miller and Bruce Peters were present. Council Member Britney Kawecki 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 City Attorney Ben Cass.

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

Mike Katzenmeyer, President of the Fairmont Lakes Foundation gave a historical background and update of activities performed by the Fairmont Lakes Foundation.

Ned Koppen, President of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce gave an update.

Nemmers recognized the City of Fairmont Electric Utility for receiving a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability from the American Public Power Association.

No public comment was received.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes from the August 9, 2021 City Council Meeting; Approval of the Accounts payable August 2021; On Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Fairmont Channel Inn, Inc.; Appointment of Aaron Speltz to the FEDA Board; Closure of Woodland Avenue for Halloween; BevComm Purchase Order Approval for a Main Server; Oquawka Boats & Fabrications, Inc. Purchase Order Approval for a Rescue Boat for the Fire Department; Purchase Order approval for contract work for Wastewater Belt Press PLC Replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Discussion was held on the current lake levels and water use restrictions. It was decided to continue to educate citizens and to continue the voluntary water use restrictions.

Nemmers gave project updates stating that milling had begun on Holland Street, the new Public Works Building continues and can be monitored on the City's website, the County Road 39 utility extension will begin in September. The Amber Lake boat landing and parking lot are progressing. The path from the concession stand to the band shell at Sylvania Park has been paved.

Hoye presented the June 30, 2021 financial report.

Reynolds reported that the 2020 Census results showed Fairmont's population at 10,487, which is great news. She reminded citizens that on August 26 at 5:00 p.m. Conversations with the City will take place at Wards Park. This is an opportunity for citizens to meet with city staff to ask questions and get answers.

Council Member Hasek reported that while he was at the Airport meeting there were six spray planes there. Fuel sales are up at the airport, and everything is running well. He also reported that PUC worked on the budget.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the library has offered the Children's Librarian position to someone. The library is getting back to normal operating hours, and they have hired two Pages. Lubenow reported that the Park Board is working with the baseball association on batting cages. CER is working on new class ideas. The Community Center Advisory Board voted Brandon Edmunson as their Chair and are working on the RFP process.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk