

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, October 25, 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, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen, and City Attorney Mark Rahrlick.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to remove item 10.1 Discussion of Professional Services Solicitation and Construction Solicitation from the agenda. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Miller and Peters all voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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.

Mayor Foster declared the week of October 23 - 31, 2021, as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Fairmont. Steph Johnson, Kate Kallenbach and several students were present for the proclamation.

Economic Development Coordinator Linsey Preuss presented the 2021 Q3 Community Development Report.

During public comment, Dortheye Copley of 110 Lake Park Boulevard asked Council to consider reviewing and changing the City Code to allow five dogs versus three. Donna Johnson of 503 South Prairie also asked if there was a distinction between having dogs or service dogs. She stated that they have two pet dogs and two service dogs.

Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood commented on the proposed updated Rental Housing Ordinance. He supported the changes and encouraged the Council to make a decision on it.

Jen Kahler of 103 E. Interlaken Road spoke about the 12Ks of Christmas Fun Run on December 12, 2021. This will be a free event with donations of food or money to be given to Heaven's Table. Volunteers for the event are welcomed.

Danny Klous of 2407 82nd Street expressed his frustration with proposed changes to the Rental Housing Code. He feels that there is nothing wrong with the current code and that it just needs to be enforced. He also stated that having to produce proof of insurance, proof of paid real estate taxes and utilities was an invasion of privacy.

Doug Willner of 4 Forgotten Lake Road, stated that he is frustrated that he has not received a response from the City Administrator Reynolds, Planner/Code Enforcement Technician Bode, and the Council on phone calls he has placed and emails he has sent.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes from the October 11, 2021 City Council Meeting; October 2021 Accounts Payable;

Event Permit for Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to hold Empower Fall Fest on October 29, 2021; Event Permit for Jen Kahler to hold “The 12K’s of Christmas” Fun Run on December 12, 2021; and the purchase of pneumatic system for the Public Works Building.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to table the vote on proposed **Ordinance 2021-03**, Fairmont City Code Chapter 27 – Rental Housing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters, Hasek and Kawecki all voted aye. Council Member Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Discussion was held. Council Member Kawecki made a motion to schedule a two-hour meeting, open to the public, for discussion of the rental ordinance. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed. November 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers was chosen for the date and time of the meeting. The Council encourages citizens and renters to contact council with comments and concerns.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approved proposed **Ordinance 2021-04**, Fairmont City Code Chapter 28 – Vacant Building Regulation. 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 2021-2022 LELS Labor Contract and Memorandum of Understanding. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reynolds stated that the parks and shelter houses are closed for the season with the exception of Cedar Creek Park, which stays open throughout the year. The city leaf pickup begins in Section 3 on November 1st; Section 1 on November 8th and Section 2 on November 15th. All leaves should be windrowed on the boulevard on those Mondays. The yard waste site will be closing on December 1st.

The State Building Code Informational Session scheduled for October 25th has been rescheduled to Monday, November 22, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Member Hasek reported that PUC discussed purchasing some new switch gear. The Airport has received a \$60,000 grant for improvements to the inside of the facility.

Council Member Lubenow reported that there was not a quorum at the Park Board meeting. The library has posted the children and young adults librarian position. The Community Center Advisory Board has received the RFPs for the Construction Manager and four board members will be reviewing them.

Council Member Miller reported that CER has been reviewing future programming and looking to include more adult programs. They are also looking at replacing the current brochure and have classes listed on the web store.

Mayor Foster reported that the HRA continues their discussions on forfeitures, property purchases and loan programs.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk