

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, November 22, 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 Rahrack via telephone.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda with hearing agenda item 9.2 Community Center Owners Representative Services before agenda item 9.1 Community Center Construction Manager Selection. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

During open discussion Danny Klous of 2407 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Doug Willner of 4 Forgotten Lake Road spoke in opposition of proposed **Ordinance 2021-03**. They encouraged the City Council to vote no on the ordinance. Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood spoke in favor of the ordinance and asked the council to vote yes.

Council Member Lubenow 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 November 8, 2021 City Council Meeting and November 2021 Accounts Payable.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2021-03**, Fairmont City Code Chapter 27 – Rental Housing. Council Member Kawecki 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 the adjustment of the certified assessments for parcels 232040090; 232040130 and 232040140. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Kawecki made a motion to authorize staff to enter into direct negotiations with Tegra as an owner's representative for the community center project. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller and Peters all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding the selection and negotiation of a contract with Kraus Anderson for Construction Manager services for the community center. No action was taken. Council Member Peters made a motion to move onto the next agenda item. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to confirm that the City of Fairmont does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding one council members request for data. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on the joint work session scheduled for December 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This will be a joint meeting with the Martin Soil and Water, County Commissioners and City Council. This will be a comprehensive overview of what is going on in the Fairmont Chain of Lakes Watershed, with input from the MPCA and DNR.

Nemmers stated that construction projects are winding down for the winter. They are working hard to get the Public Works Building enclosed for the winter, so they can get it heated to continue work.

Hoye reminded everyone that the December 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., as this is the budget hearing meeting.

Reynolds reminded everyone of the Joint Work Session on the Fairmont Chain of Lakes Watershed scheduled for December 16, 2021. There will be no meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 Boards and Commission appointments will be coming up in January. Anyone interested in serving on a Board or Commission should complete an application which can be found on the City's website. The completed forms should be sent to City Clerk Monsen. Brady Powers has been offered the position of Water and Wastewater Superintendent.

Council Member Hasek stated that the Airport Board had sent out a flyer to the airport tenants asking what improvements should be done at the airport. The Board discussed the comments on the flyers and made a list of common improvements recommended.

Council Member Hasek stated the PUC approved their budget and talked about rates.

Council Member Kawecky stated that the Safety Committee continued talk about the speed limit on Albion Avenue, no hunting in city parks and biking versus walking on the paths.

Council Member Lubenow stated that the Library Board received fifteen applications for the Children's Librarian position and will be doing interviews soon. The Park Board reported that all parks are now closed for the winter and repairs are being done to picnic tables and park benches. Discussion was held about building a basic shelter at Veteran's Park. A good example of a simple park shelter can be seen at the St. James Deer Park.

Council Member Miller reported that CER would like to thank the community partners and all those who came to their open house. New holiday break offerings are now available on CER's website.

A motion was made by Council Member Lubenow, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk