

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 24, 2022, 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, Bruce Peters, and Michele Miller were present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Cathy Reynolds, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Assistant Finance Director Chris Ziegler, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen and City Attorney Mark Rahrlick.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Council Member Kawecki requested to remove items 6.B.1 Accounts Payable, January 10, 2022, 6.C.2 Authorize Purchase and Installation of New Pump and Equipment at East Side Lift Station, and 6.C.4 Authorize Ordering a New Skid Loader and Attachments for the Line Department. Council Members Peters and Miller consented to amend the motion to approve the agenda subject to the removal of the items Council Member Kawecki wanted. On roll call vote: Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted aye. Council Members Hasek, Miller and Peters voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion failed. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. Council Member Kawecki voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 12, 2022 as Kids Against Hunger Day in the City of Fairmont. Karen Sandhurst was present and spoke about the event.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 7-14, 2022 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Fairmont. Hailee Greeley was present and spoke about congenital heart defects.

During Open Discussion, Dan Kastner of 702 Burton Lane spoke in favor of having a yearly permit for Food Trucks to operate in city parks. Todd Smith of 827 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street made comment regarding former City Attorney Bloomquist and the city. Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood gave his opinion on council minutes.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. Council Member Kawecki voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Items on the Consent Agenda were: minutes from the January 10, 2022 city council meeting, approval of the January 2022 accounts payable in the amount of \$649,644.89, request for demolition assistance from Joe Rosol, authorize the purchase and installation of new pump and equipment at east side lift station, authorize work to repair transformer bus at the old power plant (Fairmont Energy Station), and authorize ordering a new skid loader and attachments for the Line Department.

Assistant Finance Director Chris Ziegler presented the 2022 Pay Equity Report. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the 2022 Pay Equity Report. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the Community Center Owners Representative Contract with Tegra Group, Inc. Council Member Lubenow seconded the

motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters, Kawecki and Lubenow all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a contract with Terry Tonneson for building official services. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Hasek, Kawecki and Lubenow all voted aye. Council Member Miller voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the Rental Housing Policy. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-04**, establishing rental housing registration and inspection fees. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the contracts with Lily Creek Home Inspections, LLC and Four Diamonds Home Inspections for rental housing inspection services. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the licensing of mobile food trucks/trailers. The majority of the Council choose to leave the current practice in place.

Nemmers reported that he is working on one of the smaller projects of updating screens at the Wastewater Facility and will be advertising that project in February and it will be coming to council for approval. He has also sent out Requests for Qualifications for a contractor for the Memorial Drive bridge replacement project.

Ziegler presented the December 31, 2021 Investment Report. He also reported that the Public Utilities Commission reviewed their annual report for distributed energy resources. There are currently five customers who are connected to the grid and there is one new application.

Reynolds reminded council members that the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization hearings are scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. Council needs to let City Clerk Monsen know if they are available to attend. She also advised that the City has stayed the implementation of the COVID policy due to the Supreme Court's ruling. FEDA has approved and posted a RFP for the sale of 8 lots at Whitetail Ridge. The RFP for the sale of the Aquatic Park has also been posted. The public hearing on proposed TIF District 28 is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and there is another work session scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Council Member Hasek reported that sales of fuel at the airport have increased, and the airport is hoping to get more COVID grant money. The PUC talked about the solar units and an incident which occurred at the Wastewater Facility.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the Community Center Advisory Board reviewed the Tegra agreement.

Council Member Miller shared several classes being offered through Community Education and Recreation.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk