

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 14, 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 Kaweck, Randy Lubenow, Bruce Peters, and Michele Miller were present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Cathy Reynolds, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoyer, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen and City Attorney Mark Rahrck.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item 10.1 Food Trucks in City Parks. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster proclaimed February 21-25, 2022 as School Board Recognition Week in the City of Fairmont. Superintendent Andy Traetow was present and spoke.

During Open Discussion, Joseph Loughmiller addressed the Council with his concerns on the hiring of an Owners Representative for the Community Center and allowing food trucks to operate in City Parks.

Council Member Hasek 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 January 24, 2022 city council meeting, Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Chapter Pheasants Forever to hold an event at the Martin County Fairgrounds on April 23, 2022, Event Permit for Interlaken Heritage Days on June 10 and 11, 2022, Approval of **Resolution 2022-06**, a Premises Permit for Charitable Gambling for Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. at The Blazer Bar & Grill, Inc., and Facility Use Agreement with Independent School District #2752 for the use of the council chambers.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed Tax Increment Financing District 28. No public comment was received. Council Member Miller made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-06**, Establishing Tax Increment Financing District 28. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve FAA Airport Rescue Grant Agreement (3-27-0029-021-2022). Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve an Agreement with AE2S for SCADA/server upgrades for the water treatment plant. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve Purchase Order No. 14148 the purchase of Rosenbauer Pumper for the Fairmont Fire Department. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the agreement with Dude Solutions for SmartGov community development software. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve agriculture leases with Tenhassen Farms, Inc., Mike Gerken, Timothy Maschoff, Kevin Thate and David Shumski. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-05**, submitting names to the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District for consideration in making appointments to the Charter Commission. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote: Council Members Hasek, Miller and Peters all voted aye. Council Members Kaweck and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to have the Park Board review having Food Trucks licensed and allowed to operate on public property. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call vote: Council Members Kaweck, Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Nemmers reported that a contractor has been lined up to do some burning at the tree dump site this week if the weather cooperates. Construction on the public works building is on schedule and the city is looking at the first two weeks in March for start up and training. A leak has been detected on South Orient Street. Repairs will be happening in this location. The City is still advertising for an Operations Supervisor for the Water Plant and an Engineering Technician. Requests for Qualifications for a consultant for the Memorial Park Bridge project has been posted. The City is also looking for a contractor to resurface the basketball and tennis courts at Veterans' Park. This project would include making some pickle ball courts at the tennis courts.

Hoye presented the quarterly financial report.

Reynolds reported that a Request for Qualifications for the update of the Zoning Code has been sent out. A Request for Proposals on the Whitetail Ridge Development is still out. The Request for Proposals on the sale of the Aquatic Park is also still out.

Hasek reported that the Airport Board discussed the \$36,000 Grant and other grants which they can apply for. Hasek reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals denied one variance request.

Lubenow reported that he attended his first HRA meeting and they talked about potential land purchases for development. The HRA also hired a person to help provide some guidance. Lubenow reported that the Community Center Advisory Board now has TEGRA on board and will be doing a survey to help with decisions that may need to be made based on the projected cost of the project.

Miller reported that CER will be celebrating 50 years and is looking to do something to celebrate in March or April. The Spring/Summer brochure will be out soon. CER is looking for programming ideas for different age groups. If anyone is interested in teaching a class, they should contact CER.

Peters reported that the variance which was denied at the Board of Zoning Appeals was one which was tabled a couple of months ago and the BZA brought it back for formal denial.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk