

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro-tem Michele Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Wayne Hasek, Randy Lubenow and Bruce Peters were present. Mayor Foster and Council Member Britney Kawecky were 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 Mark Rahrck via telephone.

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

Chief Michael Hunter presented the 2021 Fairmont Police Annual Report.

During Open Discussion, Richard Bradley, Jr. of 601 Shoreacres Drive spoke about the upcoming survey for the proposed Community Center and his concerns for potential bias in the survey. He appealed to the council to make an unbiased survey that the citizens can vote yes or no for the Community Center, lakes, trails and parks on an individual basis.

Council Member Hasek 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 February 14, 2022 city council meeting, payment of the February 2022 accounts payable; renewal of consumption & display (set-up) permit for the Chain of Lakes Yacht Club; and approval of an Event Permit for the Fairmont Soccer Association to hold Shakeout Soccer Tournament on May 21, 2022.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve an Information Technology Support contract with Martin County IT for the Fairmont Police Department. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve \$6,000 in funding to Interlaken Heritage Days Committee for the 2022 community festival. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried. Rachel Greeley, Treasurer/Secretary for the Interlaken Heritage Committee was present and spoke about the upcoming event.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-08** Reestablishing Wards, Precincts and Polling Place for the City of Fairmont. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that the City was not selected to receive funding from the Safe Routes to School Grant which the City applied for. Work at the Yard Waste Site has been ongoing with two grinders operating and burning will begin when the weather cooperates. Contractors have been working at the Lime Pond decommissioning site covering the westerly pond. A request for proposals has gone out for the demolition of the houses the City purchased on the foreclosure sale list from the County. Finish work at the new public works building is happening with plans to begin start up and training the first part of March. The building is on schedule and on budget. An open house will be scheduled in the near future.

Reynolds reminded Council and citizens of the public hearing scheduled for March 14th on proposed Charter Amendments. An all-employee meeting was held on February 23rd to explain the compensation and class study being done and to give employees other updates.

Council Member Hasek reported that the Public Utilities Commissions held their officer elections. David Segar is the Chair, Mary Moltzen is Vice Chair and Brian Johnson is Secretary.

Council Member Peters reported that the Visit Fairmont meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. FEEDA news was the resignation of Economic Development Coordinator Linsey Preuss.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk