

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, April 11, 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, 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 Hasek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Foster recognized the following employees for their years of service: Jimmy Aust, Fire Department, 40 years; Travis Goerndt, Street Department, 25 years and Joseph Nygaard, Water Department, 10 years.

Mayor Foster proclaimed the month of April 2022 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in the City of Fairmont.

Reynolds presented the Community Development 2021 Quarter 4 Report and the 2022 Quarter 1 Report.

Reynolds presented the Community Center Survey Results. The survey will be utilized to assist the design team with the development of concept designs and options.

Fred Krahmer, Jr., Board Member of Fairmont Area Community Center, Inc. presented an overview of the work they are doing with the YMCA.

During Open Discussion, Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood spoke in support of the YMCA and voiced concerns about the community center being fiscally responsible.

Council Member Miller 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 March 28, 2022 city council meeting, approval of **Resolution 2022-13** declaring Carolyn Jacobson meets all of the Police and Fire Plan membership requirements; Event Permit for Fairmont Opera House, Midsummer's Night Dream, May 17-22, 2022 at the Sylvania band shell; approval of Fairmont Brewing Company, LLC On Sale Brewer's Taproom License and Brewer Off Sale Intoxicating Liquor License; and, approval of Demolition Assistance for Gerald W. Pleas for the house located at 614 North Hampton Street.

During old business, an appeal for a denied variance request by Troy and Jadee Menke at 2319 Albion Avenue was heard. Peter Bode, Planner & Zoning Official and Dan Girolamo, Area Hydrologist with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources spoke against granting the appeal of the Board's decision. Council Member Kawecki made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2022-14**, adopting findings of fact and granting the appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals Denial of the Variance Application of Troy Menke at 2319 Albion Avenue. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow and Miller voted aye. Council Members Hasek and Peters voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent with the Fairmont Area Community Center, Inc. and the YMCA. Council Member Kawecki 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 community center funding. A majority of the city council voiced that they would want Fairmont Area Community Center, Inc. to bring \$6M in cash to the project, which would provide the full \$6M in funding towards construction costs. Consensus from all was that a work session should be scheduled with the City, Fairmont Area Community Center, Inc. and the YMCA for more discussion on the funding of the project.

Council Member Peters made a motion to award 2022 housing demolition project to Beemer Companies. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed. The houses for demolition are located at 713 E. 4th Street, 724 E. 1st Street and 403 E. 5th Street.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-18**, awarding 2022-A CIPP project to Hydro-Klean of Des Moines, Iowa in the sum of \$247,926.50. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-16**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign MNDOT Airport Grant Agreement (#1050013). Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-17**, revocation of State Aid Route 123-104-010, a portion of Tenth Street from North Avenue to Prairie Avenue. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers gave an update on potholes and hydrant flushing.

Hoye shared a short video and talked about Local Government Aid.

Reynolds shared that Joe and Lea Rieman, owners of Fairmont Brewing Company, LLC wanted to thank and extend their gratitude to the city for their support.

Reynolds also shared that city employee Diane Theobald has given her notice of retirement and the city thanks her for her years of service.

Council Member Kawecki reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the request of Krueger Realty, Inc. to rezone 1800 State Hwy. 15 South (Parcel ID 23.037.0890) from R-1 Single-family Residential to R-3 Multi-family Residential. The request was granted.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the HRA renewed a CD and talked about getting a golf cart to be used by staff at Friendship Village.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Peters and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk