

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, April 25, 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 proclaimed April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day and the Month of May 2022 as Arbor Month in the City of Fairmont. City Forester Chad Streimer will be planting a tree with the fourth-grade class from St. John Vianney School at Holden Park on Arbor Day.

Mayor Foster recognized that the City of Fairmont received a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability from the American Public Power Association in recognition that the City of Fairmont has significantly exceeded the average for all U.S. electric utilities for reliable electric service.

Reynolds presented the 2021 City Annual Report.

During Open Discussion, Bill Cieslinski of 517 Independence Drive voiced his concerns about the proposed Community Center.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: Minutes from the April 11, 2022 city council meeting, payment of the April 2022 accounts payable, Event Permit for Kiwanis Early Risers Pancake Supper to be held on May 16, 2022 at Gomsrud Park Shelter House, Event Permit for Going Hog Wild Unveiling Ceremony to be held on May 26, 2022 on West First Street, Event Permit for the American Legion Post 36 and VFW Post 1222 for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 30, 2022, Event Permit for Fairmont Opera House to sponsor a concert by Head Games at the Sylvania Park Band Shell to be held on June 7, 2022, Event Permit for the Fairmont Lions Club to hold their Fly In Breakfast on June 26, 2022 at the Fairmont Airport, Event Permit for the Fairmont Opera House to sponsor a concert by Roll On at the Sylvania Park Band Shell on August 9, 2022, Event Permit for Red Rock Center to have music at the Sylvania Park Band Shell on August 11, 2022, Event Permit for Easy Automation, Inc. to hold a company picnic at Gomsrud Park on August 12, 2022, Transient Merchant Permit for TNT Fireworks to sell fireworks in the Walmart parking lot from approximately June 20-July 5, 2022, Authorize the purchase of a used 2021 crack fill material melter, Authorize purchase of transformers for the line department, and approval of **Resolution 2022-19** appointing election judges for the 2022 elections.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on the rezoning of 1800 State Hwy. 15 South from R-1 to R-3. No public comment was received. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve Purchase Order 14242 and 14243 for digester cover removal and clean-out at the wastewater treatment plant. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the selection of 292 Design Group as the architect/engineer for the Community Center project. Council Member Kawecki seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller and Peters voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the selection and negotiation of a contract with Krause Anderson for Construction Manager Services for the Community Center. Council Member Miller 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.

Nemmers reported that the Street and Park Departments are working on getting moved into their new facility. An open house for the new Public Works Building is planned for May 19th. All docks have been installed and all parks will be open for the first weekend in May.

Reynolds reminded the council that the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization will hold their meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. A Work Session has been scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for a Strategic Plan Review to begin 2023 budget preparation. Vacant Building Notices have been going out and the City is working towards enforcement of that Ordinance. Reminder to all citizens to get your outside spring cleanup done. Reynolds also encouraged citizens to get their Event Permits turned into the City at least thirty days in advance so coordination with staff can be done prior to bringing the permit to council for approval.

Council Member Hasek stated that the Airport Board talked about the Fly In Breakfast. The Public Utilities Commission reported that new meters were being installed.

Council Member Kawecki stated that she missed the Library Board meeting. She reported that the Safety Council met and talked about the new lighting at Veterans Park and about safety surrounding parking during the Glows Parade and the throwing of candy.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the Park Board talked about rental fees of the shelter houses and about requiring a damage deposit. They also talked about Food Trucks being allowed in city parks. The Community Center Advisory Committee talked about hiring an Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager and moving forward on the project.

Council Member Miller reported that CER did not meet this month. FEDA talked about the Economic Development Coordinator position, Direct Funding for the Industrial Park and Fairmont Area Succession Planning. Council Member Miller also attended Region 9 where presentations on Foreign Direct Investments and Trade and Introduction to Energy Goals for Communities were given.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Peters 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