

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, June 13, 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 and Michele Miller were present. Council Member Bruce Peters was 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 Rahrick via telephone.

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

During Open Discussion, Alex Young-Williams of 107 Downtown Plaza asked the Council to consider re-establishing the Human Rights Commission as a commission supported by the City of Fairmont. Young-Williams invited citizens to the Human Rights Commission meetings being held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin County Library. Mayor Foster asked Council to contact Administrator Reynolds and let her know if they would like to move forward with the request for the City of Fairmont to re-establish the Human Rights Commission. Council Member Lubenow thanked Young-Williams for his work in the City of Fairmont.

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 May 23, 2022 city council meeting; approval of 2022/2023 alcoholic beverage license renewal for Fairmont Brewing Company, LLC; Event Permit-Fairmont Rotary Club, Rotary Brews & BBQ, September 24, 2022; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Fairmont Rotary Club for September 24, 2022; and Request for Demolition Assistance, Valerie Hooper for house at 42 Cottage Street.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-29**, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the state grant agreement for Instrument Landing System replacement project at the Fairmont Municipal Airport. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers stated that a contractor began working last week on the digester that failed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The work is ongoing to get it cleaned out and repaired. The City hosted a surface water quality meeting today with several state agencies including MPCA, Dept. of Agriculture, Board of Water & Soil Resources, Soil & Water Conservation and DNR. A couple presentations were made and they took a tour of the new bio reactor and habitat project. Nemmers stated that if council wished to tour the site, he would make arrangements for that to happen. The city wide clean up begins tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Street patching has begun and will be ongoing. Council Member Lubenow asked Nemmers about the shelters at Veteran's Park, Winnebago Diamonds and the soccer fields. Nemmers stated that the quote came in over budget for the Veteran's Park shelter and they are evaluating to see what could be done with the funds that were budgeted for these three locations. Mayor Foster thanked the Street and Park Departments for all their work with several events in town and keeping our parks and city clean.

Hoye presented the first quarter financial report. The City's auditors, Bergan KDV will be presenting the annual comprehensive audit report at the June 27th meeting.

Reynolds thanked the committees of IHD, Opera House, Going Hog Wild, and others for bringing all the events to Fairmont. She thanked the Street and Park Departments and announced the upcoming events for this week. The Community Center kick-off meeting with the Architect is this week discussing concept design and options. As this project moves forward the city will be looking for community engagement and input on the different designs and options that are being evaluated. Last week the contractors who we are working with for the Gomsrud Park renovation and Summer Intern, Derek Hughes were at Gomsrud Park for the IHD events getting input on the concepts for the renovation. Reynolds welcomed two new employees with the City, Mitch Nowak, Engineering Tech and Janelle Schomberg, Public Utilities Customer Service. Council Member Lubenow also thanked the police department for their extra work at the special events.

Council Member Kawecki reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the Carlson Walters Group for the proposed campground in a residential area. They were asking to be rezoned to a B-1 and the commission decided to deny the request because they thought the B-1 was too broad. Carlson Walters will be putting together a new proposal to submit to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the HRA dealt with concerns from two residents today.

Council Member Miller reported that CER offers a written driver's license permit test for Driver's Education now. CER is still working on plans to celebrate their 50th year. Summer Intern Emily Lubenow spoke about the Park Playground Program which is Monday-Thursday from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. There are approximately 70 kids from grades 1-5 attending. The Fairmont Football Association donated new flags for the flag football program. Miller highlighted some of the programs running in June and July and stated that the T-ball program is looking for volunteers.

A motion was made by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk