

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, June 27, 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 Miller 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: David Schiltz, Wastewater, 30 years; Sgt. James Kotewa, Police, 25 years; David Hinz, Electric, 25 years; and Tyler Cowing, Engineering, 10 years.

Matt Mayer, a representative from Bergan KDV presented the results of the 2021 financial audit. Council Member Hasek made a motion to accept the 2021 audit and approve the distribution of the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

During Open Discussion, the following citizens spoke in favor of the proposed emergency interim ordinance moratorium on spreading of manure in city limits: Rob True, 1435 Holland Street; Joe Loughmiller, 207 Sisseton Drive; Jeff Schuett, 1306 Holland Street; Earl Meyer, 117 W. Margaret Street; Angie Simmering, 203 W. Christina; Dan Simmering, 1404 Holland Street; Jay Maynard, 1831 Oakwood; Jason Dunker, 1424 Holland Street; Gene Goerndt, 1345 Holland Street; and Jean Johnson, 1306 Lucia. Paula Bulfer of 709 S. Bixby Road voiced concerns about the ordinance, as their farm is within city limits. Patrick Summers, attorney with the DeWitt Law Firm, representing the Carlson Walters Group voiced his concerns about the proposed emergency ordinance. Terry Riggs of 210 South Elm Street voiced concerns about the operational costs of the proposed community center and if that cost would be the City's responsibility.

Council Member Peters 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 June 13, 2022 city council meeting; payment of the June 2022 accounts payable; approve \$1,500.00 funding for the July 4th fireworks; approve permit for outdoor public fireworks display by J & M Displays for July 4, 2022; Event Permit for Martin County Veterans Memorial Bell Dedication on July 4, 2022 at the Winnebago Sports Complex; Event Permit for Shepherd of Lakes Lutheran Church to hold vacation bible school at Gomsrud Park on July 22, 2022; and Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Truman Fire Department Relief Association to have a beer garden at the Martin County Fair August 15, 2022 through August 21, 2022.

Council Member Peters made a motion to amend proposed **Ordinance 2022-08** an Emergency Interim Ordinance, Moratorium on the Spreading of Manure in City Limits, to remove the specified zoning designations and replace that wording with "within the city limits". Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek all voted aye. Council Member Kawecki voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said

motion passed. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to further amend the proposed ordinance by changing the end date of the ordinance to read October 1, 2022 instead of June 1, 2023. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters, Kawecki and Lubenow voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed. Council Member Miller made a motion to approve amended **Ordinance 2022-08**. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Hasek, Lubenow and Miller all voted aye. Council Member Kawecki voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the Electronic Funds Transfer Policy. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the lease agreement with UHD for office space in the SMEC building starting September 1, 2022. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the contract with Kraus Anderson for construction manager services for the community center. Council Member Kawecki seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters, Kawecki and Lubenow all voted aye. Council Member Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a contract with Allegiant for Automated Meter Infrastructure installation. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nemmers reported that the Park Department has found Emerald Ash Borers in Ash trees located on Lake Avenue and at the Day Farm. The City is working with the Department of Agriculture and will be doing a press release to advise the public.

Reynolds stated that the City has been sending out renewals and updates for inspections to comply with the rental housing ordinance. The City has been actively working on the ordinance and its enforcement.

Reynolds attended the League of Minnesota Cities Conference last week in Duluth. The conference was very good and information was gained on communication ideas and suggestions to look at for our city.

The community center committee is working to plan a stakeholder meeting to begin working with 292 Group, the architects for the project.

Council Member Hasek reported that the PUC talked about the AMI installation contract with Allegiant Utility Services and about an upcoming switch gear expense.

Council Member Hasek reported that the airport hosted the Lion's Club Fly-in Breakfast last weekend. They also talked about some remodeling projects.

Council Member Kawecki reported that the activities hosted by the library have been well attended. She also reminded citizens to utilize the State Park pass at the library.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the Park Board talked about a buildings assessment for the Lincoln Park Shelter house and the band shell. They also talked about the Gomsrud Park revitalization project.

Council Member Miller reported that FEDA amended a revolving loan fund agreement with Well Minded Properties. They extended the agreement for five years.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk