

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, July 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, Police Chief Mike Hunter, and City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, via telephone. Finance Director Paul Hoye and City Clerk Patricia Monsen were absent.

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

During Open Discussion, Mike Katzenmeyer, Chair of the Charter Commission, 465 W. Amber Lake Drive spoke in support of the proposed charter amendments. Dale Martens of 101 Albion Avenue, Unit 105 urged the council to support the proposed campground, would like to see economic development money going towards the redevelopment of existing properties in each ward and he also stated that he is a member of the Charter Commission and encouraged citizens to support the proposed charter amendments. Garth Carlson, Carlson Walters Group, 132 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.E., Winnebago, MN spoke in favor of the proposed campground. Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood, also a Charter Commission member encouraged citizens to vote no on the proposed charter amendments. Liz Wheeler, Emily Wheeler, and Stephanie Johnson, representing Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition encouraged the council to consider a moratorium for edible cannabinoid products and to establish a policy to prevent them from being available to our youth. Terry Riggs of 210 S. Elm Street spoke about her concerns with the Incubator and a possible rent assistance program.

Council Member Hasek 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 July 11, 2022 city council meeting; July 2022 Accounts Payable; Event Permit for Fairmont Soccer Association to hold Scrimmage Fest to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jeffery Kot Soccer Fields; and approval of Purchase Order 14343 for terminal/CFR exterior rehab work at the airport.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2022-09**, an ordinance amending **Ordinance 2021-02** establishing a rural and urban service district within the municipal limits of the City of Fairmont. No public comment was received. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-30**, approving the form of questions and directing the Martin County Auditor/Treasurer to place on the ballot. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Miller and Peters voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Discussion was held on edible cannabinoid products. The majority of the Council gave staff direction to work on licensing requirements for edible cannabinoid products.

Nemmers reported that the street department has started crack filling on the streets. This will continue for a couple weeks. He is working on getting pricing for shade structures and lighting for Veteran's Park. The overall budget for the new public works facility is close to be finalized. There are still a few items that are being worked on. Currently, the project is \$80,000 under budget.

Reynolds stated that the Planning Commission will hold a meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to consider the rezoning request from Carlson Walters Group. She reminded citizens if they are planning on doing a building or redevelopment project, they need to come to the City and talk with staff to help them through the process. The Community Center is moving forward with a target date of November for some final decisions to be made.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the Park Department worked on recommendations for the 2023 budget. He also reported that Kids Just Want to Have Fun are proposing to purchase loaner bicycles to be placed in Fairmont. Council Member Lubenow also stated that the Community Center Advisory Board has been talking about the whole process with Tegra and 292. They would like to be able to meet more often and to be able to keep all parties involved informed as to the progress.

Council Member Miller reported that summer classes at CER are wrapping up and the fall catalog will be coming out the first part of August.

Council Member Peters stated that FEDA has hired a part-time, contracted person and that has been working out well. FEDA has approved selling the Incubator building.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk