

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 8, 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 Monsen and City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, via telephone.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of 6.C.1 from the consent agenda. Council Member Kawecki seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Kawecki, Lubenow and Peters all voted aye. Council Member Miller voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

During Open Discussion, Roger Henrikson of 3706 West Amber Lake Dr., Marvel Snyder of 262 Krahmer Drive, Paul Sandoz of 405 South Hampton, John Madsen of 912 Home Street, and Greg Zierke of 617 Shoreacres Drive all spoke in opposition of the proposed Community Center. Blake Potthoff, Executive Director of the Fairmont Opera House requested the City's financial support for the Opera House. Council Member Randy Lubenow of 217 South Hampton Street thanked the community and the Fire Department for the support the family received on the death of Shawn Wiederhoeft. Lubenow also encouraged people to volunteer for the Fire Department. Council Member Kawecki of 1210 Albion Avenue stated that she had received a request from Lee Baarts to honor the City of Truman's seasonal pool passes at the Fairmont Aquatic Park for the remainder of the season.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. The only item on the Consent Agenda was: minutes from the July 25, 2022 city council meeting.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve 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. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Member Peters voted aye. Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller and Hasek voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion failed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve vegetation management contracts with RES for wetland bank and Dutch Creek Habitat sites. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-31**, approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the 2022-C Wastewater Treatment Screen Modifications. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve P.O. #14351 for the purchase of two sets of tools for the mechanic shop. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters and Hasek voted aye. Council Members Lubenow and Kawecki voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Nemmers reported that the shade structures project and the design for lighting at Veterans Park are still ongoing.

Hoye presented the June 30, 2022, Investment Report.

Reynolds stated that the Fire Department is recruiting and will be accepting applications until the end of August. FEDA and the City of Fairmont will be having a booth at the Martin County Fair.

Council Member Kawecky reported that the Planning Commission approved a rezoning request from Carlson Walters Group to rezone a portion of their parcel from R-1 - Single Family Residential to A – Agricultural Transition.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the HRA agreed to share an Economic Development Coordinator with the City with the HRA sharing 40% of the cost. The HRA received bids for a retaining wall and renewed a CD for two years.

Council Member Peters reported that Visit Fairmont is looking to do advertising promoting the Fairmont lakes. They are looking for billboards and have directed staff to get pricing on owning a billboard themselves.

At 6:40 p.m., Council Member Miller made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The closed session began at 6:47 p.m. At 7:02 p.m. Council Member Miller made a motion to return to open meeting. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk