

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 22, 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, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Clerk Patricia Monsen, Planner & Zoning Official Peter Bode and City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, via telephone.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.2 Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Preservation Association. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was no public comment received.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: minutes from the August 8, 2022 city council meeting; August 2022 accounts payable; Service Agreement with BevComm; and Law Enforcement Center Lease Agreement.

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2022-10**, rezoning a portion of a parcel of land north of George Lake and west of Holland Street in the City of Fairmont, Martin County, Minnesota from R-1 Single Family Residential to A Agriculture Transition. Brandon Edmundson, attorney from the law firm of Krahmer, Schaffer and Edmundson, representing Carlson Walters Group spoke in support of the rezoning of parcel 23.037.0150. Rob True of 1435 Holland Street; Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood; Kathy Gronewald of 1447 Larsen Lane; Jeff Schuett of 1306 Holland Street; James Marushin of 1420 Holland Street; Paul Miller of 1905 Memorial Park Drive; Mike and Marlene Johnson of 1426 Holland Street all spoke in opposition of the rezoning request. Sonja Fortune of 1414 Holland Street spoke in favor of the rezoning request. 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 2022-32** denying the request to rezone a portion of parcel 23.037.0150 from R-1 Single Family Residential to A Agriculture Transition. Council Member Hasek 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.

Leah Davis of Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP presented the Compensation and Classification Study for the City of Fairmont. Council Member Peters made a motion to accept the Compensation and Classification Study. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for an event on September 16, 2022. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Hoye presented the Quarterly Financial Report.

Reynolds presented the 2022 Quarter 2 Community Development Report. Guillermo Lopez has been hired as the Assistant Manager for the Fairmont Liquor Store. An open house on the Gomsrud Park Concepts is scheduled for August 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Southern MN Educational Campus, 115 S. Park Street in the Community Room. This is an opportunity to view the construction concepts and speak with City Staff and construction consultants. The public is encouraged to attend.

Councilor Hasek stated that the Public Utilities Commission discussed wholesale electricity costs. The Airport Board talked about upgrades to lighting and that due to lack of contractors it will probably be next year.

Councilor Kawecky stated that she was unable to attend the Library Board meeting.

Councilor Lubenow reported that the Community Center Advisory Board talked about the schedule and are hoping to have cost estimates to the council by November. The Park Board talked about the Gomsrud Park project.

Councilor Miller stated that there was no CER meeting.

Councilor Peters reported that FEDA negotiated a couple loans and talked about the sale of the Incubator Building. No proposals have been received on the potential sale.

A motion was made by Council Member Hasek, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk