

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, September 12, 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 Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

During Public Comment, Marlene Johnson of 1426 Holland Street voiced her dissatisfaction with the repair of her boulevard/lawn from the resurface project on Holland Street. Chuck Omvig of 806 Albion Avenue read a letter on behalf of the Charter Commission supporting their request for additional funding. Leanne Erickson and several members of Arc Southwest requested that the city consider getting the Human Rights Commission started again. Joe Loughmiller of 207 Sisseton Drive, representing a local citizens' group called Keep Fairmont Functional spoke on educating voters about the proposed Charter amendments. Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood thanked the City Street and Electric Department for their dedication and work on during a recent storm. Jeff Schuett of 1306 Holland Street voiced concerns with the proposed campground in that neighborhood.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the Consent Agenda were: minutes from the August 22, 2022 city council meeting; Transient Merchant Application for Country Fresh Farms; Event Permit for the Fairmont Student Council for the Homecoming Parade; Closure of Woodland Avenue for Halloween; Temporary On-Sale Liquor Licenses for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for November 4, 2022 and December 16, 2022; Purchase of lift station equipment for Johnson Street (Purchase Order 14388); and Purchase of lift station equipment for Woodland Avenue/Lake Park Boulevard (Purchase Order 14389).

Mayor Foster opened the public hearing on proposed **Ordinance 2022-11**, an ordinance updating Chapter 25; Article IX Stormwater Management. Jay Maynard of 1831 Oakwood stated that he hopes that the changes won't make it harder for people to do projects. Council Member Peters made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Kawecki made a motion to approve the Charter Commission's request for additional funds due to the fact that they requested certain documents and entire binders were produced and they were charged for the entire cost. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Member Lubenow voted aye. Council Members Hasek, Kawecki, Miller and Peters voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion failed. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Council Member Kawecki seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow, Miller, Peters and Hasek voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-36** awarding the screen modification project at the wastewater treatment plant to Beemer Companies of Fairmont in the amount of \$688,990. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to authorize the purchase of shade structures at the Winnebago Avenue Sports Complex and the Jeffery Kot Fields. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the adoption of position pointing and non-union pay scale. Council Member Hasek 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.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-33** approving the HRA levy and forwarding it to the Martin County Auditor. Council Member Peters seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-34**, adopting the proposed tax levy with the addition of \$50,000 for debt service for 2023. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Miller, Peters and Hasek voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve **Resolution 2022-35**, adopting the proposed budget with the addition of \$50,000 for debt service for 2023. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Peters, Hasek and Miller voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Foster declared said motion passed.

Nemmers reported that the AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) Project should be started in October. The City is asking for the public's assistance in getting into their homes to access the meters.

Reynolds reported that FEDA entered into a preliminary agreement with a developer for the sale of eight lots in the Whitetail Ridge Subdivision. The developer is planning on building five twin-homes and is hoping to begin yet this Fall. There has already been five new home building permits this year. A special thank you to the Fire Department for their Taps Ceremony in Remembrance of 911.

Council Member Peters reported that FEDA is also still working on trying to get ready to sell the Incubator building.

Council Member Miller reported that the CER Fall catalog has been delayed from the printer and that classed being offered can be found online.

Council Member Lubenow reminded citizens that the city-wide cleanup is tomorrow and if anyone needs help, to give him a call. His information is located on the city's website.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk