

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Lee Baarts called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Wayne Hasek, Jay Maynard and Michele Miller were present. Council Member Britney Kawecki was absent. Also in attendance: City Administrator Cathy Reynolds, Finance Director Paul Hoyer, Chief of Police Mike Hunter, City Clerk Patricia Monsen and City Attorney Cara Brown, via telephone.

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

Mayor Baarts proclaimed the month of March 2023 as Heaven's Table Food Shelf Month in the City of Fairmont. Heaven's Table Board Members Deb Adams, Sue Redman and Diana Mosloski were present. Adams and Redman spoke.

Reynolds presented the 2022 City Annual Report.

During Public Comment, Residents Ken Craig and Jason Bremer spoke urging the city council not to approve the rezoning of the property on Margaret Street. Resident Terri Riggs asked residents of Ward 3 to consider applying for the vacant Ward 3 city council seat.

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 February 27, 2023 City Council meeting; Event Permit for Fairmont Triathlon & Bacon Capital to hold Marty's Youth Triathlon on June 16, 2023; Event Permit for Grace Lutheran Church to hold Wednesday Community Worship in Sylvania Park at the Band Shell during the months of June, July and August 2023; 3.2 Off Sale License for Kareem, Inc.; and Tobacco License for Kareem, Inc.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve **Resolution 2023-13**, accepting resignation and declaring vacancy in Ward 3 City Council Seat. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. Citizens were reminded that applications are being accepted for the appointment of Ward 3 city council member until Friday, March 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve **Resolution 2023-15**, DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Application. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. The grant would be used for the Gomsrud Park renovations.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the contract amendment with JLG for community center services. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority of the vote.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve **Resolution 2023-12**, authorizing the City of Fairmont to enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Hoye presented the interfund transfers for 2022. Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the interfund transfers for 2022 as listed in the agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve **Resolution 2023-14**, designating fund balances for specific purposes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reynolds reported that the City has been busy recruiting summer help for the parks, streets, water/wastewater and engineering departments and full-time positions of Engineering Tech, Director of Public Works/Utilities, part-time Liquor Store Clerks.

Council Member Hasek reported that the Public Utility Commissioners took a tour of the water plant at the last meeting.

Council Member Maynard stated that FEDA approved a six-month extension for the property on County Road 39 and I-90. FEDA also approved a proposal for the sale of the Incubator Building on Winnebago Avenue.

Council Member Miller stated that CER will be having a printed brochure for the summer programs. There are lots of new offerings. Meetings at the SMEC building have been on the rise, so the building is getting utilized a lot.

Council Member Miller also reported that she had attended the Advanced Leaders Training by the League of Minnesota Cities. She gained valuable information from the training. She also stated that wellness was a part of the training and how important city staff is to a city. Miller thanked city staff for their work.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member Maynard and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk

