

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Council Members Wayne Hasek, Britney Kawecki, Randy Lubenow and Michele Miller were present. Council Member Jay Maynard was absent. Also in attendance: Finance Director Paul Hoye, Director of Public Works/Utilities Matthew York, City Clerk Patricia Monsen, Police Chief Mike Hunter, Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing, Zoning Official Peter Bode and City Attorney Cara Brown.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a lake update by Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Baarts recognized the following employees for their years of service: Ben Austin, Street Department, 10 years; Neal Becker, Water Department, 35 years; Jaime Bless, Police Department, 20 years; and Eric Schaefer, Park Department, 25 years.

Chief Hunter introduced three new police officers: Officer Justin Jobe, Officer Theodore Cromwell and Officer Jordan Slater. City Clerk Monsen administered the Oath of Office to each of them. Chief Hunter also introduced CSO-Cadet Derek Hughes.

Matt Mayer of Bergan KDV presented the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Council Member Miller made a motion to accept the 2022 audit and approve the distribution of the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing gave an update on the city's lakes.

Mayor Baarts shared that WCCO will be doing a story on Going Hog Wild in Fairmont. The news clip will be this Wednesday night at 10:00 p.m. This past weekend, the Fairmont Baseball Association hosted a 10U-14U tournament with 30 teams competing. The Fairmont High School Trap Team placed second at state. Mayor Baarts announced all the events happening in the city for the next two weeks.

No one spoke during Open Discussion.

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 June 12, 2023 City Council meeting; Payment of the June Accounts Payable; Event Permit for Cardinal Power Fastpitch Softball Tournament to be held July 8 & 9, 2023 at Cardinal Park and Winnebago Sports Complex; Event Permit for a Latin Festival to be held on July 29, 2023 on Downtown Plaza; On-Sale Liquor License for Bean Town Grill, LLC, d/b/a Bean Town Grill; and a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Forever Emmalyne to hold an event on July 22, 2023 at 83 Downtown Plaza.

Council Member Kawecki made a motion to authorize the City of Fairmont to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the 2023 Preparing for Emerald Ash Bore Grant in the amount of \$4,600. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Kawecki made a motion to approve Task Order #2 for the repairs to the Gomsrud Channel Wall. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-24**, Approval of the Preliminary and Final Plat of the Fairmont Industrial Park Twelfth Addition. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Kawecki, Lubenow and Miller voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-25**, Approval of the Planned Unit Development of the Fairmont Industrial Park Twelfth Addition. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Baarts and Council Member Miller gave an update on the city administrator/interim city administrator search.

York gave an update on the city's yard waste site.

Council Member Hasek stated that the Public Utilities Commission discussed transformers.

Council Member Kawecki reported on the clean up at the library from the recent fire.

Council Member Lubenow stated that the Park Board had a presentation regarding park items made from recycled windmill blades. Lubenow reported that the HRA has decided to hire their own person for community development and not partner with the city.

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



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk