

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 14, 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, Jay Maynard and Michele Miller were present. Also in attendance: Finance Director Paul Hoye, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen, Director of Public Works/Utilities Matthew York, Police Chief Mike Hunter, Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing, and City Attorneys Cara Brown and Robert Scott.

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

Richard Bradley representing Citizens 4 a Strong Fairmont gave a presentation entitled “What We Would do Differently.”

Mayor Baarts shared that the Martin County Fair begins this week and runs through Sunday. He also gave a list of all the events happening in Fairmont in the next two weeks. Mayor Baarts reported that the tree dump looks very organized and in the southwest corner are wood chips that are free to citizens. Mayor Baarts also reminded council members that council liaisons are to attend the board and commission meetings to listen and bring information back to the council.

During Open Discussion, Ann Osborn as a member of Citizens 4 a Strong Fairmont shared all the organizations that she and her husband are involved with in the city.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: Minutes from the July 24, 2023 City Council meeting; BevComm Service Agreement; Motion to reappoint Aaron Speltz to the Fairmont Economic Development Authority; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce for September 28, 2023; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for the Arts for September 23, 2023; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for the Arts for November 4, 2023; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for the Arts for December 8, 2023; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for the Arts for February 10, 2024; Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Martin County Preservation Association, d/b/a Red Rock Center for the Arts for May 11, 2024; Event Permit for Indulge, August 25, 2023; Event Permit for Early Childhood Initiative, August 18, 2023 to September 18, 2023; Event Permit for Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce, September 28, 2023; Event Permit for Fairmont Soccer Association, August 19, 2023; and Event Permit for Ledyard Tractor Ride to Martin County Fair, August 18, 2023.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve a License Agreement with Douglas R. Gerhardt and Tamara L. Gerhardt for the use of public street right-of-way to reconstruct a new parking lot at Tamis on the Avenue, 2710 Albion Avenue. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve a License Agreement with Fairmont Ford for the use of public street right-of-way to reconstruct a new parking lot at Fairmont Ford, 700 Blue Earth Avenue. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to temporarily allow the City Clerk to give written permission for special deer hunting for archery on agricultural transition lands within the city limits. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the One Watershed One Plan Committee. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. A committee representative and alternate will be appointed at the next city council meeting.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-27**, declaring the official intent of the City of Fairmont to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the city. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Baarts and Council Member Miller reminded council of a workshop Thursday, August 17, 2023, to review resumes of possible candidates for the city administrator position.

York stated that all the seal coats were complete. He reminded citizens to contact the city to get their water meters changed out. If you haven't gotten that done yet, you will be receiving a postcard from the city and you may see fines on your utilities bill. This is something that must be done.

Hoye presented the June 30, 2023 Investment Report and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

Council Member Hasek reported that the Public Utilities Commission took a tour of the wastewater plant. The Board of Zoning Appeals granted a variance for Tami's on the Ave to place parking stalls 7 feet from the public street, granted a variance for Ross Campbell at 227 W 9<sup>th</sup> St to place a front landing 3 feet from the front property line, and denied a variance for Scott and Monica Burtis at 236 Krahmer Dr to cover 28.2% of the lot with impervious surfaces. The Burtis' will be amending their proposal and the Board will meet again August 15.

Council Member Kawecky reported that the summer reading program had 30,000 check outs. The roof project is complete, and the library has been making some shelving changes. They have also added a Minnesota section in the library.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the HRA passed a resolution to raise cable rates. They approved a tax levy. They also had a presentation by Three Rivers Community Action.

Council Member Maynard reported that work has begun in the Airport terminal. They held a discussion on future visions for the airport. FEDA had discussions on purchasing the property on County Road 39 and I-90.

Council Member Miller stated that CER will be holding registration for the fall activities.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At 6:33 p.m. the closed session began. At 7:33 p.m. the city council returned to open session.

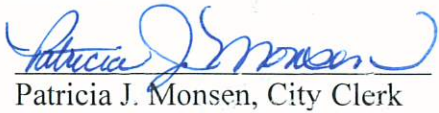
A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



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Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk