

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, August 28, 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: Director of Public Works/Utilities Matthew York, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen, Police Chief Mike Hunter and City Attorney Cara Brown.

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

Mayor Baarts shared that Grace Lutheran Church will have their Wednesday worship service at Sylvania Park on August 30th and that city offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th.

During Open Discussion, Sandy Meschke, a member of Citizens 4 a Strong Fairmont shared information about the organization.

Council Member Maynard 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 14, 2023 City Council meeting; August account payables; approval of the 2024 Addendum to Section 1 of the City/County Law Enforcement Center Lease Agreement; and the appointment of Council Member Britney Kawecki as the City's representative and appointing Council Member Michele Miller as the City's alternate to the One Watershed One Plan Committee.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the guaranteed maximum price with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company of Rochester, Minnesota in an amount not to exceed \$1,577,271 for the refrigeration replacement at the Martin County Arena. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Lubenow, Maynard and Miller all voted aye. Council Member Kawecki voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Gag Sheet Metal, Inc. of New Ulm, Minnesota in the amount of \$106,450 for the first phase of the Sylvania Park Bandshell roof replacement. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Baarts reported that the city is hoping to interview three potential city administrators the week of September 11th. Two of the candidates have other interviews this week.

York reported that they are finishing up road projects and are hoping to be done by the first week in September. He reminded all citizens that if they have not gotten their water meter and electric meter changed out to please call the city to schedule an appointment immediately to avoid a \$50 service fee.


Council Member Hasek reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals approved an amended variance for 236 Krahrmer Drive. He also reported that the Public Utilities Commission reviewed a financial statement for the Electric Department .

Council Member Lubenow stated that the Park Board talked about the condition of the newly painted pickleball courts. They also discussed the band shell renovations and agreed that it was a top priority for the board.

Council Member Miller shared that Visit Fairmont will be sponsoring an event to be held October 15-21 at the Opera House. As part of this event, the band will be playing at other venues. The public is welcome to partake in all. More information will be posted on their website.

Council Member Lubenow reminded citizens that school will be starting and to please be watchful of children and school buses.

A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk