

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, November 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, Britney Kawecki, Randy Lubenow, Jay Maynard and Michele Miller were present. Also in attendance: Interim City Administrator Jeff O'Neill, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Director of Public Works/Utilities Matthew York, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen, Police Chief Mike Hunter, Zoning Official Peter Bode and City Attorney Cara Brown.

Mayor Baarts announced that agenda items 8.1 Resolution to Deny Rezone Request at 800 East Margaret Street and 8.2 Emergency Ordinance Establishing Study Period and Moratorium would be removed from the agenda.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of items 8.1 and 8.2. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Baarts proclaimed November 13-17, 2023 as American Education Week in the City of Fairmont. Superintendent Andy Traetow was present at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

There were no comments during Open Discussion.

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 October 23, 2023 City Council meeting; 3.2 Off Sale License and Tobacco License for United Fuels Midwest, LLC, 2023 Double Frontage Assessment Agreements; and 2023 Assessment Deferral Agreements for Undeveloped Properties.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve Bolton & Menk Task Order #4 for the Design and Construction Proposal for the Ground Storage Tank. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2023-39** authorizing pursuit of 2023 Local Road Improvement Program Funding for the Lake Avenue Reconstruction Project. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Kawecki made a motion to approve the community center design. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kawecki, Lubenow and Maynard voted aye. Council Members Miller and Hasek voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed.

York reported that the leaf pickup is nearing completion. If anyone still has leaves to dispose of, the tree dump will be open until December 1st.

O'Neill stated that he would like to schedule a goal setting session with the city council soon. He is working on getting an employee evaluation program, having the city code and charter updated and

getting a work group together to review, focus on community development improvement, seeking grant opportunities and the community center agreements.

Mayor Baarts gave an update on all the events happening for the 2023 Glow's celebration on Friday, November 17th. City Hall will be closed November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. He also asked citizens to consider signing up for a city boards or commissions.

Council Member Hasek reminded citizens to not feed the deer. He reported that the PUC held a work session where Dave Berg came to discuss the Electric cost of service and rate design study. The Board of Zoning Appeals denied a corner yard variance request on Reiman Court and invited the applicant to reapply with a more workable request. The Board will hold a special meeting for the new request November 21.

Council Member Lubenow stated that the HRA is investigating a new 32-unit apartment complex in Lake City. Director Gail Diede will be getting more information on this development to hopefully build something similar in Fairmont.

Council Member Maynard stated that FEDA will be closing on the purchase of the County Road 39 and I-90 property at the end of this week or early next week. They also approved the extension of a redevelopment agreement for Whitetail Ridge.

A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk