

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, November 27, 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, and City Attorney Robert Kringler.

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

Mayor Baarts proclaimed December 10, 2023, as Human Rights Day in the City of Fairmont. Tara Eisenmenger and Jerry Miller spoke and accepted 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 November 13, 2023 and November 21, 2023 City Council meetings; November 2023 Accounts Payable and a Tobacco License and License to Sell Edible Products Infused with Tetrahydrocannabinol for Fairmont Smokes, LLC.

York reminded citizens to drive with caution during Winter conditions. He also thanked the Street Department for their work in clearing the streets on Sunday.

Hoye presented the third quarter financial report and reminded citizens that the December 11, 2023 meeting is the truth in taxation meeting and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

O'Neill announced that City Clerk Monsen will be retiring on April 26, 2024. He reported that he would like to set up regular work sessions for the council. He has been working on an evaluation system for city employees to be evaluated once a year on their hire anniversary date. He is hoping to have that implemented by January 1<sup>st</sup>. He is working with the building and zoning departments to develop a pre-design worksheet to help streamline the process for developers. The city has not received agreements from the Foundation for the community center yet. He is working with the ambulance service and the Fire Department to compensate the Fire Department for services provided to the ambulance service.

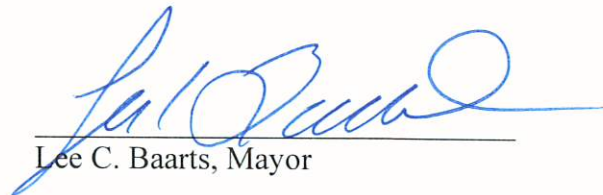
Mayor Baarts gave an update on events happening in the city in the next two weeks. He also advised that Union Pacific Railroad will be closing Fairlakes Avenue on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Hasek reported that the Public Utilities Commission reviewed chemical bids and reviewed the financial budgets for 2024.

Council Member Kaweck reported that the library added more book club books for adults and juniors. They also hired two more pages.

Council Member Maynard stated that the airport is waiting for the FAA to close out a couple projects. He also reported that obstructions at the airport have been removed and that project is almost completed.

A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Hasek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m.



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk