

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2024, 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, Economic Development Coordinator Ned Koppen, Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing, Airport Manager Lee Steinkamp, Police Chief Mike Hunter, City Engineer Wes Brown and City Attorney Cara Brown.

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

There were no comments received 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 December 11, 2023 Special City Council meeting; Minutes from the December 11, 2023 Regular City Council meeting; December 2023 Accounts Payable; 2024 Fairmont Fire Fighters' Officer Election; Event Permit for Fairmont Lakes Foundation for an Ice Fishing Tournament on January 27, 2024; and Event Permit for Martin County Pheasants Forever for a Youth Ice Fishing Tournament on February 17, 2024.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-02**, declaring the official designations of the city as: Council Member At Large, Michele Miller as the Mayor Pro-tem; City Clerk, Patricia J. Monsen as the Council Secretary; Bank Midwest as the Depository of City Funds; and the Sentinel as the Newspaper. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-01**, ordering the preparation of an engineering report for 2024 street improvements. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the Master Agreement for designated City Engineer and Project Task Orders with Bolton and Menk, LLC. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Kraus-Anderson Construction Manger at Risk Contract. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Maynard and Miller voted aye. Council Members Hasek, Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion failed. Council Member Kawecki made a motion to have Taft provide legal options moving forward. This motion failed for lack of a second. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to reconsider agenda item 9.4 approving Kraus-Anderson Contract Amendment due to discussion held. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Maynard and Miller voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Hasek voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed. Council Member Lubenow made a motion to

approve the Amendment to the Kraus-Anderson Construction Manager at Risk Contract. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Lubenow, Maynard and Miller voted aye. Council Members Kaweck and Hasek voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve Airport Pavement Maintenance Project Grant Request Package. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the appointment of Betsy Steuber to the position of City Clerk upon the retirement of the current City Clerk. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Lubenow made a motion to approve the amended Demolition Program Guidelines as presented. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the Earned Sick and Safe Time Policy. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion carried.

York reminded citizens to drive safely and to be watchful of city snow removal crews. He also reported that the Gomsrud Park Channel Project is going well and should be completed in 2-3 weeks.

O'Neill thanked the council for looking at the agenda packet prior to the meeting. He is working on scheduling workshops for the council. Looking at January 22nd prior to the council meeting for the first one. O'Neill also stated that staff is continuing to work on an evaluation program.

Council Member Maynard stated that the tree removal project at the airport has been completed. The City is still waiting for the FAA to close a couple projects. The surveys for the new Master Plans are complete. They are starting to work on a taxiway lighting project for 2025. Council Member Maynard reported that FEDA had an update and presentation from Retail Coach on ways they were marketing Fairmont. FEDA also approved a revolving loan fund for Cornerstone.

Mayor Baarts stated that city offices were closed on January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. He also asked citizens to keep fire hydrants and sidewalks clear of snow.

A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.


Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk