

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, January 22, 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, Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing, 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.

Mayor Baarts proclaimed February 10, 2024, as Kids Against Hunger Day in the City of Fairmont. Karen Sandhurst was at the meeting and talked about the Martin County event.

Mayor Baarts proclaimed February 2024 as National Mentoring Month in the City of Fairmont.

During Open Discussion, resident Joe Loughmiller commented on the actions of the council from the January 8, 2024 city council meeting.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: Minutes from the January 8, 2024 City Council meeting; January 2024 Accounts Payable; Event Permit for Fairmont Triathlon Committee and Bacon Capital to hold the Fairmont Triathlon, Marty's Youth Triathlon on June 14, 2024; and Event Permit for Fairmont Triathlon Committee and Bacon Capital to hold Fairmont Triathlon and Bacon Run 5K on June 15, 2024.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-03**, receiving report and calling for a public hearing on the 2024 Improvement Program on February 12, 2024. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve a temporary easement with Randy Miller for the Memorial Park Bridge Project. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve a temporary easement with John and Jane Thate for the Memorial Park Bridge Project. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve engineering services with Bolton & Menk for the Park Street project. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Interim City Administrator O'Neill stated that unfortunately, the YMCA will not be able to enter into an operations agreement for the Aquatic Park operations at this time.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the following appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Police Commission – Bryan Boltjes
Park Board – Jodie Whitmore and Vicky Schulte
Public Utilities Commission – Michael Sharp
Planning Commission – Doug Pederson
Housing & Redevelopment Authority – Debra L. Goerndt
Fairmont Economic Development Authority – Chris Pierce

Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Finance Director Hoye presented the December 31, 2023, Investment Report.

O'Neill congratulated Hoye and his staff for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting from Government Finance Officers Association. The League of Minnesota is having a Day at the Capital and if any council members are interested in attending, please let O'Neill know. Prior to the council meeting a council workshop was held on the fee schedule. The City Code recodification is still progressing, and staff will be reaching out for more clarification on one of the bids that was received. Two bids were received. A training session for city staff will be scheduled for conducting good evaluations.

Council Member Hasek stated that the Public Utilities Commission held a discussion on an underground trencher and reviewed the budget.

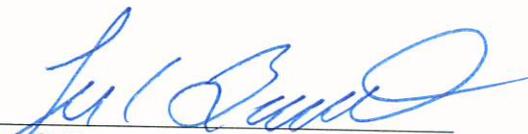
Council Member Kawecki stated that the library reviewed the budget, and it was noted that they were under budget for 2023.

Council Member Maynard reported that airport management fixed taxi way lights and found out he could order FAA certified parts off Amazon and get the parts in three days versus six weeks for about one-third of the cost. Fuel sales at the airport for 2023 were down about 10% from 2022, but still up from 2021. Maynard also reported that the Charter Commission passed a motion in support of the recodification of the city code and charter.

Council Member Miller stated that CER is working on summer programming and that it would be all online.

Mayor Baarts reminded citizens to not push their snow across the city streets and to please keep their sidewalks cleared.

A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Miller and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk