

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro-tem Michele Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members Wayne Hasek, Britney Kawecki, Randy Lubenow and Jay Maynard were present. Mayor Baarts was absent. 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, Economic Development Coordinator Ned Koppen and City Attorney Cara Brown.

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

Chief Mike Hunter presented the 2023 Fairmont Police Department Annual Report.

Economic Development Coordinator Ned Koppen gave a FEDA Update.

During Open Discussion, Betsy Tino representing Kiwanis thanked the City Council for partnering with them to build a shelter at Cedar Creek Park. She also invited citizens to come to the Kiwanis Pancake Fundraising Supper on May 6, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the mall.

Council Member Hasek made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were Minutes from the February 26, 2024 city council meeting; Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety/Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Fairmont Police Department; Taproom License with Sunday Sales and a Brewer Off-Sale License with Sunday Sales for FBC Operations, LLC, d/b/a Fairmont Brewing Company, pending a satisfactory background investigation; Intoxicating Liquor License and Sunday Liquor License for Interlaken Golf Club, Inc., pending a satisfactory background investigation; and Event Permit for Fairmont Lions Club Fly In Breakfast on June 23, 2024.

Finance Director Hoye presented the 2023 Year End Fund Balance Designations. Council Member Kawecki made a motion to table the item to a later date until staff can give the council more detailed information to have a discussion on what to spend the reserves on. Council Member Lubenow seconded the motion and the motion failed. Council Member Maynard made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-10** designating fund balances for specific purposes. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the interfund transfers for 2023 as listed on the schedule attached to the agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve the purchase of an Open Shelter for Cedar Creek Park West in a joint project with the Kiwanis Club. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council Member Maynard made a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-11** accepting a donation of \$25,000 from the Kiwanis Club for an Open Shelter at Cedar Creek Park West. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

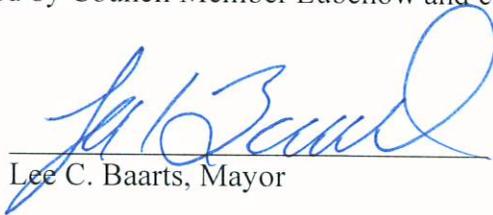
York reported that the street sweepers have been out the last couple of weeks. The Channel project is continuing. He reminded citizens that if they have not gotten their water meters changed, to please do so.

O'Neill shared that ISG is putting on a Lakes Conference in Mankato on April 12 and 13, 2024. A goal setting workshop will be scheduled in late March. The Community Development Survey is complete and will be sent to all contractors towards the end of their project. A cover sheet has also been created to be provided with all development projects. The employee evaluation process has been implemented. The City has hired an Aquatics Park Manager. Many applications have been coming in for the HR Director position.

Council Members Hasek and Maynard attend the League of Minnesota's City Day on the Hill. Both shared their concerns with a proposed Planning and Zoning Bill.

Council Member Miller shared that Visit Fairmont has a new director and they will be meeting regularly again.

A motion was made by Council Member Maynard, seconded by Council Member Lubenow and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk