

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor 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, City Clerk Patricia J. Monsen, Police Chief Mike Hunter, Civil Engineer Tyler Cowing, Airport Manager Lee Steinkamp 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.

Mayor Baarts proclaimed April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day in the City of Fairmont. He also invited the public to attend a Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Charlotte Park.

There was no public discussion/comment.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were: Approval of the April 8, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; April 2024 Accounts Payable; Event Permit for Fairmont Soccer Association to hold Soccer Shakeout Tournament on May 3, 2024; Event Permit for Jordan Fausch to hold a CdLS Awareness Event on May 11, 2024; Event Permit for American Legion Post 36 & VFW Post 1222 to hold the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024; and the Appointment of Steven Zoch to the Public Utilities Commission.

Mayor Baarts opened the public hearing to consider **Resolution 2024-13**, City of Fairmont Departmental Fee Schedule for City Services. No public comment was received. Council Member Maynard made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve a 3-year Enterprise Agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute for ArcGIS Products. Council Member Maynard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve a task order with KLJ Engineering for Taxiway Edge Light and Signage System Replacement. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Miller made a motion to reduce the Charter Commission from thirteen (13) members to twelve (12) members. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Hasek, Maynard and Miller voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed.

Council Member Miller made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2024-15**, resolution requesting the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Court to appoint members to the City of Fairmont Charter

Commission, reducing the number of Charter Commission members from thirteen (13) to twelve (12), and with the attached Appendix A as presented in the agenda packet. Council Member Hasek seconded the motion. Council Member Kawecki expressed her displeasure with this motion. On roll call: Council Members Maynard, Miller and Hasek voted aye. Council Members Kawecki and Lubenow voted nay. Mayor Baarts declared said motion passed.

Council Member Maynard made a motion to authorize City Administration to begin the process of hiring a Community Development professional. Council Member Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Interim City Administrator O'Neill said farewell to the city and thanked the city for the opportunity to assist it during the time without an Administrator.

Council Member Kawecki reported that the "Seed Library" at the library was a big hit. The library has introduced a virtual reality for kids and books called "IR". She attended the Blue Earth River One Watershed One Plan meeting. The project is still getting organized. The next meeting will be at the Yacht Club in May.

Council Member Lubenow reported that the parks will be opening early this year due to the good weather. He also stated that the city clean up coupons have gone out in the mail and if you are not going to use your coupons, please get them to Chief Hunter, Captain Tonder, City Clerk Betsy Steuber or him to be used for others in the community.

Council Member Miller reported that CER is looking for flag football and t-ball sponsors. The summer CER schedule is online. She attended a Lakes Conference meeting, and improvements start with the watershed. It was a great meeting that she wished everyone would have attended.

Mayor Baarts thanked O'Neill for his services. A groundbreaking event for Bravo Zulu House is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Baarts also thanked City Clerk Patty Monsen for her 35 years of service.

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

  
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Lee C. Baarts, Mayor

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Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk