City of Fairmont 100 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN 56031

City Council Minutes

August 30, 2024
Special Meeting: Ice Compressor Installation & Ownership Agreement

City Hall, 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER The Fairmont City Council met in special session at Fairmont City Hall in

the Council Chambers. Mayor Baarts called the meeting to order at 12:30

p.m.

ROLL CALL Council present: Lee Baarts, Mayor

Wayne Hasek, Councilmember Britney Kawecki, Councilmember Randy Lubenow, Councilmember Jay Maynard, Councilmember

Absent: Michele Miller, Councilmember

Staff present: Matt Skaret, City Administrator

Paul Hoye, Finance Director

Matthew York, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Cara Brown, City Attorney, via telephone

(Flaherty & Hood)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council and all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Hasek, seconded by

Councilmember Maynard to approve the agenda as presented. All

present voted in favor. Motion carried.

ROTATING VOTES

Please note that votes taken by roll call are called by the City Clerk on a

rotating basis; however, the written minutes list the Councilmembers in

alphabetical order.

NEW BUSINESS MOTION

Item 4

Administrator Skaret introduced the proposed agreement with the Martin County Fair Board regarding the refrigeration equipment at the Martin County Arena. The initial agreement was drafted by Attorney Brandon Edmunson on behalf of the Martin County Fair Board. Document revisions were made by City Attorney Brown, with Attorney Edmundson and the Martin County Fair Board President (Robbin Celander) approving

said revisions. Administrator Skaret reviewed the key components and

equipment list, Exhibit A, of the agreement with Council.

Councilmember Kawecki expressed concern and offered revision suggestions pertaining to several issues with the proposed agreement, mainly on language, wording, and content. Attorney Brown provided explanation and legal reasoning to Council on the concerns and suggestions shared by Councilmember Kawecki.

Councilmember Maynard stated if Council were to modify the agreement, it (the agreement) would need to be reviewed/approved again by the Martin County Fair Board Attorney and Martin County Fair Board President and then Council would have this discussion again – thus further delaying the project.

Councilmember Hasek expressed support of the agreement since drafting, revision, and approval had been granted by both parties' attorneys and believed the agreement was straightforward.

Motion made by Councilmember Maynard, seconded by Councilmember Hasek to approve the agreement as presented with updates to Exhibit A: Equipment Listing and improvements at the Martin County Multi-Use Recreation Facility. Councilmembers Hasek and Maynard voted in favor thereof; Councilmembers Kawecki and Lubenow voted against the same. Mayor Baarts broke the tie vote, voting in favor thereof. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Hasek, seconded by Councilmember Maynard, to adjourn the special meeting, as there was no further business to come before the Council. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. The Fairmont City Council adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

ATTEST.

Betsy Steuber, City Clerk