

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in regular session in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Ward called the meeting to order.

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Fairbury Journal News, Fairbury, Nebraska, and the designated method of giving notice, as shown by affidavit of publication. The Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and pointed out by Mayor Ward as required by law.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Doug Brown, Rick Carmichael, Roger Bailey, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen. Brad Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis.

Mayor Ward called for the submittal of forms to request future agenda items. No forms were submitted during the meeting.

Mayor Ward read the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2017.
2. Approval of claims.

Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ward asked for a motion to set a public hearing for the Fairbury, Nebraska 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Plan for 2017 – 2022 to be held February 7, 2017. Kuzelka moved to set the hearing. Bailey seconded the motion. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the current business item, "Presentation of \$1,000 donation from Rembolt Ludtke, LLP to the City of Fairbury." City Attorney David Bargaen approached the Council and thanked the Governing Body for their confidence in the firm and as a sign of appreciation donated \$1,000 to be used at the Fairbury Community Building.

Next current business item was to, "Consider a \$4,000 contribution to the Fairbury Family and Youth Involvement (FYI) Center and hear a presentation by FYI" representatives. FYI participants updated the Governing Body on FYI activities and the variety of programs available to youth in the Fairbury community. Bailey moved to contribute \$4,000 to the FYI program. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of business, "Consider recommendation from the Finance/Keno Committee regarding development of a Fairbury brand and new website." Polson stated that the Finance & Keno committee met earlier to discuss the subject. Polson moved to accept the website development offer from CivicPlus for a premium website package and Brandchild Concept's branding proposal. Motion seconded by Davis. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

The next item of business, "Consider recommendation from the Public Safety and Finance/Keno Committee for the purchase of a 2017 Police Cruiser" was introduced by Mayor Ward. Friesen moved to accept the recommendation of the committees and approve the purchase of a 2017 Police Cruiser. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

The next item of business, "Authorize Mayor Ward to sign Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) Program Contract #16-TFHO-36012 with the Department of Economic Development for an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant" was introduced. Administrator Bielser explained that this was a federal grant the City received and approximately \$20,000 of the grant dollars could be allocated towards demolition of unsafe structures. Bailey moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the contract. Carmichael seconded the motion. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Bielser explained the succeeding business item, "Authorize Mayor Ward to sign a professional service agreement with SENDD for general administration of the owner occupied housing rehabilitation grant." Davis moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the professional services agreement. Motion seconded by Kuzelka. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Judi Meyer with the Southeast Nebraska Development District introduced the next business item, "Consider adopting revisions to the Housing Program Guidelines for a Housing Rehabilitation Program." Ms. Meyer informed the Council that the proposed changes are necessary to meet current Department of Economic Development requirements for owner occupied housing rehabilitation grants. Kuzelka moved to adopt the revisions as presented. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Judi Meyer with the Southeast Nebraska Development District explained the next business item, "Consider adopting revisions to the Demolition Guidelines for a Housing Rehabilitation Program." Ms. Meyer informed the Council that the proposed changes are necessary to meet current Department of Economic Development requirements for owner occupied housing rehabilitation grants. Rogge moved to adopt the revisions as presented. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Judi Meyer also spoke on behalf of the following business item, "Consider Adopting Procurement Procedures and Code of Conduct for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs." Again, Ms. Meyer informed the Council that the proposed changes are necessary to meet current Department of Economic Development requirements. Carmichael moved to adopt the revisions as presented. Polson seconded the motion. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Ward presented Resolution No. 1038 for consideration. Ms. Meyer once again explained this resolution was necessary for Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) and/or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Rogge moved to adopt Resolution No. 1038. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

For the next item of business, "Discuss Power Plant Insurance," Mayor Ward asked for a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of protecting the public interest, and/or to protect needless injury to personal reputation to discuss power plant insurance. Carmichael moved to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried. Mayor Ward restated the reason for executive session and invited the following members to attend; all Council members, Board of Public Works Chair Shirley Howell, Board of Public Works Member Brian Schmidt, City Attorney David Barga, and City Administrator Collin Bielser. The Council entered into executive session at 7:56 p.m.

In open session, Polson moved to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried. The Council came out of executive session at 8:41 p.m.

Within committee reports, City Administrator Bielser reported on the recent ice storm. Updated the Council on general requirements to implement an occupation tax, and informed the Council that a meeting to review the City's rental inspection program would be held February 15, 2017.

Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Brown. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.