

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, at 7:30 PM. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof, and the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and pointed out by Mayor Brown as required by law.

Roll call found the following Council Members present- Doug Brown, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Brian Schmidt, Rick Carmichael, John Ebke, Bradley Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Absent: None

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

Mayor Brown read the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2021
2. Approval of Claims \$404,986.50

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on January 5, 2021 and \$404,986.50 in claims. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Carmichael, Rogge, Polson, Ebke, Kuzelka, Davis, Brown, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next item of business: **Public Hearings/Presentations**

Presentation: Twilya L’Ecuyer, Executive Director of the Fairbury Housing Authority, Parkview Apartments presented the annual report for 2020. She expressed to Council that huge strides have been made in maxing our occupancy over the past several years. This is due to the many upgrades and renovations, including: combining 2 smaller units to create a 3 bedroom, replacing the flooring in 5 units, and modernizing 3 bathrooms. Other upgrades include an overhaul on the generator to a like new status, reconfiguration of the lobby, and new HVAC system for the top 3 floors. HUD Capital funding is typically between \$90K to \$95K annually. There are still numerus jobs/improvements on the list, and they are always searching for funding opportunities to make this happen. There are currently 3 full-time employees and 2 fill-ins ins. Parkview continues to provide opportunities for personal growth and development and has paired with the Jefferson Community Hospital and NEworks to improve community self-sufficiency.

Next item of business: **Current Business**

Mayor Brown introduced the first item of current business, “Approving RVW to conduct an electrical system study and GIS mapping project in the amount of \$34,500.00.” Renn stated that three bids were received to prepare a study to serve as a tool to address and ensure any potential issues within the

electrical distribution system prior to the upgrade of the south breaker station. Upon completion of the mapping the City will be provided with a list of identifiable upgrades that may need to occur within a 1-, 3-, 5-, 10- and 20-year timeline. Nebraska Municipal Power Pool provided the City with several positive testimonials for RVW contracting. With no further questions, Rogge moved to approve RVW to conduct an electrical system study and GIS mapping project in the amount of \$34,500.00. Motion was seconded by Kuzelka. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Kuzelka, Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

Mayor Brown introduced the first item of current business, “Consider approval of Tooley’s as a Keno sales outlet under new ownership of Aaron Hasselbring.” Due to the change of ownership of Tooley’s and in order to keep the Keno outlet as is, Aaron Hasselbring will need to be approved by Council as the sales representative for Tooley’s. With no further questions, Davis motioned to approve Tooley’s as a Keno sales outlet under new ownership of Aaron Hasselbring. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Kuzelka, Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

Mayor Brown then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval of reimbursement request #1 in the amount of \$963,188.10, for the water improvement project- submitting to Nebraska Department of Environment an Energy- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. City Administrator Renn informed Council that the application has been completed and we are now ready to seek reimbursement. With no further questions, Brown moved to approve reimbursement request #1 in the amount of \$963,188.10, for the water improvement project- submitting to Nebraska Department of Environment an Energy- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Kuzelka, Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

## **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

Resolution No. 1141, to provide a seventeen (\$17.00) per night camping fee at Crystal Springs Park.” Councilman Rogge motioned to amend the amount to \$20, stating the City’s fee would still be in line with other camp sites. Councilman Kuzelka asked where the \$17 was derived from. Councilman Schmidt and Polson both mentioning that there has been substantial improvement that can be see and Crystal Springs also offers fishing as an amenity. City Administrator Renn also noting that Crystal Spring does offer sites with fire rings, that Beatrice charges \$20 and that the \$20 charge would be easier in the fact that one would not have to accommodate making change. With no further discussion, Schmidt seconded the motion to amend Resolution from a \$17 charge to \$20. Rogge then motioned to approve Resolution 1141 as amended, charging a \$20/night camp fee at Crystal Springs Park. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Kuzelka, Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

Resolution No. 1142, appointing Nate Francis to serve as the Alternate Representative to the NMPP Members’ Council, the MEAN Management Committee, and Director to the MEAN Board of Directors. With no further questions, Schmidt moved to approve appointing Nate Francis to serve as the Alternate Representative to the NMPP Members’ Council, the MEAN Management Committee, and Director to

the MEAN Board of Directors. Motion was seconded by Polson. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Kuzelka, Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

**Reports:**

City Administrator- None

Mayor- Mayor Brown told Council that he is looking into bids for a Dump truck/Spreader and will be reviewing the utilization of equipment and repair costs of equipment.

Mayor Brown then entertained a motion to adjourn. Ebke moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call vote: On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Kuzelka, Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Spencer Brown, Mayor

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Erin Reimer, City Clerk

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