

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, at 7:30 PM. Mayor Ward 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 Ward as required by law.

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

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 21, 2020.
2. Approval of Claims.

Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2020 and claims. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Brown, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next item of business: Public Hearings/Presentations- Tom Bliss discussed disaster declaration #4420, which stems from the March 2019 flooding that occurred. This does include Jefferson County. There are monies available and he encouraged the City to apply for funding for the Flood Buyout Program. 2 community meeting have been held regarding this program. There are 40 eligible properties, including lots, structures, approx. 20 homes and 1 commercial property. The City has had 29 voluntary interest forms returned to date. There is 109 million dollars in money for this program with 80% going to Omaha and the remainder spread amongst the state. This grant is funded by FEMA and the City. The City would apply to NEMA then NEMA will combine all communities and submit to FEMA. If the City were selected for this grant the homes in the designated space would be demolished and turned to green space. The only type of structure that could be built would be that of a park shelter, no dwelling would be allowed back in the space. Schmidt questioned the odds of receiving the funding. Bliss said the odds were strongly in the City’s favor and also praised staff as they been working very diligently in the pre application phase. Bliss encouraged the Council to decide tonight as to whether to apply for funding as the extended deadline to apply is February 14, 2020.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider and award bid received for the sale of the City’s 1978 Chevy Jet Truck.” No bids were received. Brown motioned to remove cost restrictions and re-open the bid process. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The next item of business, “Consider recommendation from the Public Works Committee regarding a request from the Shrine Club for the use of the City Park, barricades, dumpsters, water and electricity July 3-5, 2020 for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Flea Market.” Public works recommends approving the request. With no further questions Rogge motioned to approve the Shrine request of using the City facilities and amenities July 3-5 for the Flea Market. Motion was seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Mayor Ward introduced, “Consider resolution 1107 to adopt the program income reuse plan for the 2019 citywide housing rehabilitation program.” With no further questions, Schmidt moved to approve Resolution 1107. Motion was seconded by Brown. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced, “Consider resolution 1108 to adopt the housing rehabilitation program guidelines for the 2019 city wide housing rehabilitation program.” With no further questions Polson motioned to approve Resolution 1108. Motion was seconded by Davis. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced, “Resolution No. 1109 to levy and assess costs of nuisance abatement against certain properties.” With no further questions Davis motioned to approve Resolution 1109. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced, “Resolution No. 1110, to provide for a \$15 per night camping fee at Crystal Springs Park.” Public works recommends approving the \$5 increase. Polson asked if it was self-pay in which Renn responded it is based on the honor system; however, we do have someone that matches payments to campers daily. With no further questions Schmidt motioned to approve Resolution 1110. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced, “Resolution No. 1111, to authorize the City of Fairbury to proceed with acceptance of a grant application between the City of Fairbury, the NE Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and authorizing Mayor Homer Ward to execute all documents related thereto.” With no further questions Carmichael moved to approve Resolution 1111. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Reports: none reporting

City Administrator: Renn gave a brief update on the Crystal Springs project. There have been some weather issues that have delayed the project therefore it is running behind schedule. Currently work is being constructed on the lakeside pads and the underground.

Other Business:

Davis directed his attention to a comment that he made at the January 21, 2020 meeting regarding the Jeff Man logo on the water tower. He made a comment in that meeting after Rogge had stated the Jeff Man or a hotdog should go on the tower. Davis was taken out of context in some of the public's eye and wanted to issue an apology as he did not mean the statement to be taken as a dig to or be offensive to Rogge. Gordon with FJN stated that was not his intentions when writing the article and also apologized. Rogge assured Davis that he was not offended.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Schmidt moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Homer L. Ward, Mayor

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Erin Reimer, City Clerk

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