

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 18th 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, Ed Friesen, Roger Bailey, 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 February 4, 2020.
2. Approval of Claims.

Polson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2020 and claims. Motion was seconded by Bailey. On roll call vote: Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Brown, Friesen, Bailey, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next item of business: Public Hearings/Presentations- The public hearing was opened at 7:31PM. Tom Bliss with SENDD discussed LB840 and how it has positively affected the community. LB840, the local option municipal economic development act, is a tax that endures for a 10-year period which is currently expiring on or about May 30, 2020. The new renewal date would be effective October 1, 2020. The plan is specified as a ½ of 1 percent of sales tax. The annual generation of LB840 funds derived from the sales tax is \$185,000.00. There is currently a balance of 750,000.00 with some of those funds intended for long range projects. Tom brought up the benefits that LB840 has provided to the community thus far include: The Bonham Theatre, Stagecoach Mall, Fairbury Glass and many more. The city has assisted 52 businesses. On the table at the current meeting is for council to decide to have LB840 go in front of the public on the ballot. Bliss continued to praise Fairbury on the extensive use of funds that have distributed. Public hearing was closed at 7:45PM.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider authorizing Interim City Administrator Renn to sign the 2020 Master Services Agreement for professional services between the City of Fairbury and Olsson Associates.” The public works committee has looked into several other firms and feels that Olsson has knowledge of our community and a current working relationship with the City and recommends Olsson. With no further questions Rogge motioned to have Interim City Administrator sign the 2020 Master Services Agreement with Olsson Associates. Motion was seconded by Davis. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The next item of business, “Consider special designated liquor license for the Fairbury Chamber of Commerce pork-n-pint event at the VFW on April 18, 2020.” With no further questions Polson motioned to approve the SDL for the Fairbury Chamber on April 18, 2020 for the pork-n-pint event. Motion was seconded by Brown. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Mayor Ward introduced, “Consider resolution 1112 to adopt the economic development plan for the City of Fairbury economic development program and to provide for the ballot language pertaining to the same, pursuant to the Nebraska local option municipal economic development act.” With no further questions, Schmidt moved to approve Resolution 1112. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call

vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced, “Consider resolution 1113 to levy and assess costs of nuisance abatement against certain properties.” With no further questions Brown motioned to approve Resolution 1113. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Reports: City Administrator- Interim City Administrator Renn discussed the Jeff man logo for the water tower. A local citizen has offered to paint the logo, which has cause for concern in many facets: insurance, recourse for blemished image, use of current contractors’ equipment, etc. This is a nice gesture but likely not feasible. Renn also informed council and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020 at 8:30am. Renn also shared some that Fairbury received some positive light in an article in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding the owner-occupied rehab program we have been able to offer with the help of SENDD. The article stated that 18% of the homes being repaired in Fairbury are a direct reflection of this program.

Bailey moved for Council to enter executive session (7:52PM) to discuss potential litigation matters. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. Friesen moved for Council to enter regular session at 8:02PM. Motion was seconded by Brown-no decision was made.

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, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date