

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 3rd day of March 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, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Brian Schmidt, Ed Friesen, Roger Bailey, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Rick Carmichael

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 18, 2020.
2. Approval of Claims.
3. Consider the appointment of Ken Nance and Allen Dux to the Tree Board Committee.

Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2020, claims and the appointment of Ken Nance and Allen Dux to the tree board committee. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Brown, Friesen, Bailey, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

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

Crystal Dewey the Juvenile Services Manger along with several youth spoke to Council regarding the importance of the Family and Youth Involvement Center. The FYI center services children in grades 3-12 and offer initiative groups for those 18 to 25 years of age. The program provides after school programming that assists with homework, food insecurity, cognitive development and social emotional learning. The FYI center is seeking a donation in the amount of \$4000 from the City to ensure that services can continue for our local youth. They recently suffered a budget cut and the support of the community is vital.

Deb Aden with the City of Fairbury, Library, presented her annual library report. She informed council that the patron count is up from last year as well as the overall circulation of materials. She reviewed how the value of the library to the public is calculated and informed the council that with those calculations one could determine that the library is a huge asset to the public. She also discussed the various adult and children’s programs, activities and contests that were available to the public during the 2019 year.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider the approval of the Fairbury Youth Involvement (FYI) Center donation request of \$4000 from the City of Fairbury.” With no further

questions Bailey motioned to fulfill the \$4000 donation request to the FYI Center. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The next item of business, “Consider recommendation from the Public Works committee regarding request to donate 2 individual season pool passes to the City Library for prizes for the summer reading program.” With no further questions Rogge motioned to approve the donation of 2 summer passes for the 2020 pool season. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The next item of business, “Consider recommendation from the Public Works committee regarding request to set dates for the city wide clean up.” Phil Rogge shared with Council that the public works would like a little more time to tweak the dates. Rogge motioned to table the setting of dates for city wide clean up and business clean up. Motion was seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Mayor Ward introduced, “Consider resolution 1114 to levy and assess costs of nuisance abatement against certain properties.” With no further questions, Friesen moved to approve Resolution 1114. Motion was seconded by Brown. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Reports: City Administrator- Interim City Administrator Renn discussed the status of Crystal Springs. The electric is complete, and all wiring is buried. There is now electric at both East shelters. The current high level of the water table has led to a delay on installation of the electric pedestals. The road has been chipped but need to be finished with gravel which will happen once the ground is dry enough to allow for compaction. March 16th is the target open date, weather dependent.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Polson moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date