

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 7th day of April 2020, at 7:30 PM. Pursuant to Executive Order 20-03 issued by the Governor of the State of Nebraska, this meeting was also held online via Zoom. 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, Rick Carmichael and Kelly Davis. Absent: none

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 March 17, 2020.
2. Approval of Claims.
3. Approval of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Memorandum of Understanding. (IBEW)
4. Approval of The International Union of Operating Engineers Memorandum of Understanding. (IUOE)

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2020, claims, approval of the IBEW Memorandum of Understanding, and the approval of the IUOE Memorandum of Understanding. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Brown, Friesen, Carmichael, Bailey, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next item of business: **Public Hearings/Presentations**- None

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider approval of the LB840 informational flyer.” The City is not allowed to campaign but only provide factual information. With the current COVID situation a public forum will not be feasible. The Chamber has agreed to put the flyer in their monthly packets in order to get the information to the public. With no further questions Davis motioned to approve the LB840 flyer. Motion was seconded by Rogge. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Carmichael, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The next item of business, “Consider recommendation from the Public Works Committee regarding free swim days at the city waterpark.” The Public Works Committee met previously and would like to keep with the 2 free days of swim to the public as has been done in the past. PW is recommending the 1st Monday in June and 1st Monday in August. With no further questions Rogge motioned to approve the recommendation from the PWC to have 2 free swim days this summer: 1st Monday of June and 1st

Monday of August. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The next item of business, “Consider authorizing City Administrator Renn to sign Letter of Agreement for Professional Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant EDA Preliminary Engineering Report.” As a result from the 2019 Flood the EDA has grant funds available. In a meeting in January with an EDA representative the City was encouraged to consider submitting an application with regard to improvements and flood mitigation for the wastewater treatment plant. These funds are an 80% grant/20% match by the City. The City has been working with SENDD and requested RFQ’s in which Olsson Associates was the only firm to submit by the deadline of March 20, 2020. The Preliminary Engineering Report would need to be prepared and submitted to the EDA by Olsson Associates by May 31, 2020, which has a cost of \$38,000. Olsson had completed a 2018 study that would be able to be utilized but would need the additional mitigation added. Emily Bausch and Craig Reinsche were on via Zoom and did elaborate that the time constraint is a large reason for the cost and did state there were other funding opportunities that could be explored. Rogge motioned to deny authorizing Renn to sign Letter of Agreement for Professional Services for Wastewater Treatment Plant EDA Preliminary Engineering Report and explore alternate funding sources. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: NONE

Reports: City Administrator- City Administrator Renn discussed that the trail bridge by the river needs repair and will be closed to the public for roughly 1 week to alleviate the issues.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Bailey moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date