

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in regular session in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 2nd day of May 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Ward called the meeting to order.

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Fairbury Journal News, Fairbury, Nebraska, the designated method of giving notice, as shown by affidavit of publication. 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, Roger Baily, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen, Brad Kuzelka, 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 April 18, 2017.
2. Approval of claims.

Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried. Brown abstaining.

Mayor Ward entertained a motion to “Set the Public Hearing Concerning the Proprietary Budget and Budget Summary for the City of Fairbury Utilities for May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.” Hearing to be set for May 16, 2017. Friesen moved to set the hearing, motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Brian Blobaum with the City’s auditing firm Blobaum and Busboom presented the City’s 2016 audit. Mr. Blobaum noted that cash has grown from last year due to the recently established sales tax. As a result of the new sales tax, spending on capital outlay projects has increased. Blobaum also noted that outstanding debt continues to decline.

Next business item, “Consider Recommendation from the Finance & Keno Committee Adopting a Policy Permitting the Possibility of Waiving Demolition Liens and Setting Corresponding Parameters,” was introduced by Finance & Keno Committee Chair Polson. Polson moved to authorize Administrator Bielser to pursue the development of a demo lien policy. Motion seconded by Brown. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Rogge unavailable. Motion carried.

Within reports, City Administrator Bielser updated the Council on the recent H Street Corridor Study Open House. Bielser informed the Governing Body that the Pool Steering Committee would be meeting May 9th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Bielser also reported that the current pool’s basin had been compromised and that an 18’ by 8’ section would need to be replaced.

Mayor Ward reported that the Board of Equalization recently ruled in favor of the City's protest regarding the tax exempt status of five parcels. Mayor Ward also reported that last Friday, April 28th a tree planting ceremony occurred at Crystal Springs to commemorate Arbor Day and the City's status as a Tree City USA community. Union Bank and Trust was a key partner in the event as they donated a number of trees to be planted at Crystal Springs.

With no further reports, Carmichael moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Davis. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting "yes". Rogge unavailable. Motion carried.