

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 May 2019, at 7:30 p.m. 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, Ed Friesen, Brian Schmidt, 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 16, 2019.
2. Approval of Claims.

Council Member Rogge moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, and Schmidt, voting “yes.” Brown and Davis abstaining. Motion carried.

Under Public Hearings and Presentations, the City Council received the “Presentation of the 2018 City of Fairbury Governmental Funds Audit.” Mr. Brian Blobaum from the City’s auditing firm, Blobaum and Busboom, provided a summary and noted that the City’s cash position continues to improve. Mr. Blobaum pointed out that debt service has increased from prior years but that is due to issuing bonds for the swimming pool and H Street project. Mr. Blobaum noted that expenses have remained consistent over the last few years and pointed out that personnel costs have experienced a slight decrease over the same time period. Mr. Blobaum further clarified next year personnel costs will have a significant decrease with the recent decision to contract law enforcement services to the County; however, that decrease will be offset by an increase in operating expenditures. Lastly, City Administrator Bielser said with the growing cash position, the City Council could decide to allocate those resources to additional equipment upgrades or infrastructure projects. Bielser noted those conversations would occur during formulation of the 2020 budget.

Following presentation of the audit, the City Council entertained the first item of Current Business, “Accept the 2018 City of Fairbury Governmental Funds Audit.” Rogge moved to accept the audit. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next, the Governing Body took action to “Consider Letter of Agreement with Blobaum and Busboom for audit services for Fiscal Years ending 2019 – 2021. It was explained that Blobaum and Busboom has been providing this service to the City for many years and the firm is extremely helpful to City staff. Blobaum and Busboom will perform auditing services for a gross fee not to exceed \$10,000 for the Board of Public Works and \$8,500 for the City Clerk/Treasurer. Rogge moved to approve the letter of agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The Governing Body then considered “Ordinance No. 3084 – An Ordinance Amending Fairbury Municipal Code § 92.21 as Provided Herein regarding appeals of Nuisance Declarations in the Jurisdiction of the City of Fairbury.” City Administrator Bielser explained that in order to expedite the nuisance appeal process staff is recommending the Governing Body delegate appeal hearings to an elected or appointed City officer designated by the Board of Health. This change will provide meeting date flexibility by eliminating the burden of having to correspond hearings with City Council meetings. Lastly, staff is recommending the Governing Body suspend the three-ordinance reading requirement to implement this change immediately. Friesen moved to suspend the three readings of Ordinance No. 3084.

Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. Next Carmichael moved to adopt Resolution No. 3084. Motion seconded by Davis. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Under reports, City Administrator Bielser shared that the pool is still on schedule to open May 25th. Bielser also informed the Governing Body that a tree planting event at Crystal Springs has been scheduled for May 9th at 9:00 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Lastly, Mayor Ward entertained a motion to adjourn. Carmichael moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Carissa Lufkin, City Clerk

Date