

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 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, Roger Bailey, Rick Carmichael, Ed Friesen, 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 May 5, 2020.
2. Approval of Claims, \$194,146.91.

Friesen moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2020 and the claims in the amount of \$194,146.91. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Bailey, Friesen, Schmidt, Brown, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

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

\*Presentation of the 2019 City of Fairbury Governmental Funds Audit: Brian Blobaum with Blobaum and Busboom PC gave an overview of the findings of the City of Fairbury annual audit for 2019. The audit was performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Findings included a control deficiency of a lack of separation of duties, which exists in most local government audits as the municipality does not have the staffing to remedy the issue. In overview, the sales tax base has created a stable cash build up and the City has held the line on expenditures. There is not real alarm with the current cash balance. Some internal control issues were noted regarding proper documentation, periodic reviews, and reconciliations. Overall, the City is in good shape. Brian did advise that even though the current cash balance and reserves are strong, due to the unknowns of the current environment, he informed Council that it would not be a key time to pay down debt and advised to hold steady.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider accepting the City of Fairbury Governmental Funds Audit.” With no further questions Rogge moved to accept the City of Fairbury Governmental Funds Audit. Motion was seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Carmichael, Schmidt, Bailey, and Davis voting “yes.”

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of current business, “Consider public works recommendation regarding the Fairbury Softball Association to use the Cloverleaf Ballfields from June to late July based on DHM and Governor Guidelines related to COVID-19 with contingency upon necessary hold harmless release.” Rogge informed Council that Public Works had met and would recommend opening the ball fields. The teams/organizations would be required to enter into an agreement with the City to use the facilities. They would then be responsible for implementing and monitoring the guidelines provided by the Direct Health Measure. There will be no concessions available and the teams would be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the bathrooms. Teams would also be responsible to monitor the social distancing measures. Only immediate family will be allowed to the games and will be required to provide their own seating. With no further questions Rogge moved to approve the recommendation of the public works committee to allow the Fairbury Softball Association to use the Cloverleaf Ballfields from June to late July based on DHM and Governor Guidelines related to COVID-19 with contingency upon necessary hold harmless release. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, and Davis voting “yes.”

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of current business, “Consider public works recommendation regarding the Fairbury Landsharks to use Quinn Field from June to early August based on DHM and Governor Guidelines related to COVID-19 with contingency upon necessary hold harmless release.” Rogge informed Council that Public Works had met and would recommend opening Quinn Field. The teams/organizations would be required to enter into an agreement with the City to use the facilities. They would then be responsible for implementing and monitoring the guidelines provided by the Direct Health Measure. There will be no concessions available and the teams would be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the bathrooms. Teams would also be responsible to monitor the social distancing measures. Only immediate family will be allowed to the games and will be required to provide their own seating. With no further questions Rogge moved to approve the recommendation of the public works committee to allow the Fairbury Landsharks to use Quinn Field from June to early August based on DHM and Governor Guidelines related to COVID-19 with contingency upon necessary hold harmless release. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, and Davis voting “yes.”

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

NONE

**Reports:** City Administrator- City Administrator Renn updated Council that the LB840 Gift Card Program has been successful with an allocation of \$20131.00 to the 24 businesses having participated to date.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Carmichael moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Friesen, Bailey, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Homer L. Ward, Mayor

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Erin Reimer, City Clerk

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