

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 20th day of June 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 Bailey, Tim Polson, Ed Friesen, Brad Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Member Phil Rogge was absent.

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 June 6, 2017.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Accept resignation of Donovan Harris from the Fairbury Museum Board.
4. Accept requested changes to the Fairbury Housing Authority Board of Directors.

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

Mayor Ward introduced the agenda item, “Capital Improvement Plan Update & Discussion.” City Administrator Bielser reviewed the status of the capital improvement projects that were adopted by the City Council in 2013. Street, Sewer, Park, Electric, Water, and Wastewater projects were discussed. Administrator Bielser reviewed the aspects of a Capital Improvement Plan and the financing mechanisms needed to support a Capital Improvement Plan. Bielser then introduced Brad Slaughter with the Ameritas Investment Corp. to discuss the City’s existing debt schedule, and availability to undertake additional projects without impacting the current amount that is being levied for debt service. Projects discussed included reconstruction of H Street and road improvements at the Industrial Park.

First business item, “Consider Adopting City Tagline/Logo” was presented by City Administrator Bielser. Bielser reviewed the process involved to develop the new brand identity and the characteristics behind the brand’s message. Bailey moved to adopt the new brand identity. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Next business item, “Consider Vacancy Letter from Councilmember Phil Rogge” was presented by City Administrator Bielser. In compliance with the City’s ordinance, Councilmember Rogge was requesting the City Council vote on whether his recent absences were excusable. Bielser explained that they could take action tonight or table the issue until further information from Councilmember Rogge was available. Friesen moved to excuse the absence. Carmichael seconded the motion. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced Ordinance No. 3066: “An ordinance amending code sections regarding the residential rental certificate of occupancy and inspection program to clarify the program’s application (3rd Reading).” Polson moved to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 3066. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried. Councilmember Carmichael then made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3066. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Within reports, City Administrator reported that the City fared well during the weekend storms. The opportunity for the City to apply for a housing study was shared with the Council. Results of the special nitrate sampling period were shared. Lastly, the council gave direction to postpone the next regularly scheduled meeting (July 4th) till July 18th.

With no further reports, Carmichael moved to adjourn. Davis seconded the motion. On roll call, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.