

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 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, Roger Bailey, Tim Polson, 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 June 18, 2019.
2. Approval of Claims.

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

Under the first item of Current Business, the City Council took action concerning, “Consider recommendation from the Public Works Committee authorizing Mayor Ward to sign the Community Building usage contract with the Cornerstone Community Church for 2020.” Davis explained the item and moved to recommend approval. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. Council member Brown inquired if the pricing had changed from previous years. It was clarified that the price remains flat. With no further questions, on roll call vote: Brown, Bailey, Polson, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next, the City Council heard business item, “Consider authorizing Mayor Ward to sign pay request no. 2 for project no. 2 of CDBG No. 16-HO-36064.” City Administrator Bielser explained that the Council had previously authorized pay request no. 1 and SENDD, the entity managing the grant, was now submitting the second and final pay request. The funds are part of the City’s owner-occupied rehabilitation community development block grant. Bailey moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the pay request. Motion seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Bailey, Polson, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The City Council then considered “Resolution No. 1085: A resolution of the City of Fairbury, Nebraska to participate in a power purchase agreement for solar energy.” City Administrator Bielser introduced the item, noting that passage of the resolution would indicate the City’s preparedness to accept the low bid by N Solar to construct and operate a solar field in the

industrial park. However, a contract with the company must still be executed and if the City and N Solar cannot come to terms, then the project would not move forward. Bielser informed the Council that two members of the Board of Public Works (BOPW) were in attendance. The BOPW voted 3-1 to recommend the City Council approve N Solar's proposal. Bielser also pointed out that Mr. Rich Andrysik with NMPP was also present to answer any questions. Schmidt moved to approve Resolution No. 1085. Motion was seconded by Davis. Mr. Jim Wrigley, a member of the BOPW, approached the Council and noted that the minimal cost increase compared to the City's overall amount expended to purchase power was worth the investment. The project would be a feather in Fairbury's cap and indicate the community progressiveness and support of green energy. Furthermore, the price of electricity would be locked in for 25 years. On roll call vote, Bailey, Polson, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Brown "no." Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Bailey moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Bailey, Polson, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Homer L. Ward, Mayor

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Carissa Lufkin, City Clerk

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