

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 July 2020, at 7:30 PM. 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, Rick Carmichael, Ed Friesen, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Roger Bailey

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 16, 2020
2. Approval of Claims, \$97,632.55

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2020 and \$97,632.55 in claims. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Friesen, Brown, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

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

1. Public Hearing regarding the Annual Review (January 1, 2019- December 31, 2019) of the Local Option Municipal Sales Tax (LB840) Program.

A Community Advisory Review Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 to review the 2019 LB840 year. At the July 7, 2020 council meeting Tom Bliss with SENDD discussed the awarded projects, distributed funds and projects that are pending. A total of 6 projects were approved in 2019. The next review will be a semi-annual review from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and will include expenditures from the Gift Card Multiplier program and expenditures to Belle’ Rose.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Authorize Mayor Ward to Sign the proclamation celebrating Arbor Day and planting a tree at McNish Park on July 14, 2020.” With the Covid-19 pandemic the City was unable to celebrate Arbor Day on the actual date. With no further questions Brown moved to approve having the Mayor sign the proclamation celebrating Arbor Day and planting a tree at McNish Park on July 14, 2020. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Carmichael, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of current business, “Consider recommendation from Public Works Committee to allow Grace Lutheran Youth Group to use of different areas of McNish Park from 9:30AM-12:00PM, on July 25, 2020 for a journey through the bible event with barricades being placed at two entrances to McNish Park.” A Grace Lutheran Youth Group was present and discussed with Council the nature of the event. They are planning on setting up 5 stations throughout the park with

actors portraying the stories of the bible. People will meet at Grace Lutheran Church and be transported to the park on hay rack rides to hear the stories. In the event there is rain the event will be relocated to the Church and the park will not be needed. The event is open to the public and they are anticipating 100-150 participants. With no further questions Rogge moved to allow Grace Lutheran Youth Group to utilize McNish Park on July 26, 2020, 9:30AM to 12:00PM for their journey through the bible event with barricades being placed at the entrances to McNish Park. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, Friesen, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward then introduces the next item of current business, “Consider recommendations from Historic Preservation Committee to amend the Fairbury LB840 Downtown Design Challenge Grant program plan.” Tom Bliss with SENDD went over the proposed changes that were approved by HPC at their June 30, 2020 meeting. Since 2008, the DDC guidelines have remained unchanged and discussion to make changes begin in 2018 with City Staff and HPC. There are several with the most significant being: 1. Adding structural (\$20,000) and code compliance (\$10,000) categories. Façade improvements would remain at \$3000 and the categories may be aggregated for a total of \$33,000. 2. There would now be 2 grant cycles per year, the cycles have yet to be determined, with one application allowed per cycle. HPC believes that the changes are necessary to allow building owners to maintain their properties while improving the City of Fairbury’s downtown. HPC had been waiting on making any of these proposed changes until they knew if LB840 was successful with voters. With no further questions Friesen moved to amend the LB840 Downtown Design Challenge Grant program plan as presented based on what the Historic Preservation Committee proposed. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, Friesen, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward then introduces the next item of current business, “ Consider approval of a motion to ratify all actions identified in the attached minutes taken by the City of Fairbury during meetings held on April 7, 2020 to June 6, 2020 by video conference and or teleconference, before June 30, 2020, pursuant to Governor Ricketts’ Executive Order Nos. 20-03 and 20-24, attached to this agenda.” City Attorney Barga explained that the League of Municipalities has suggested that if meeting were held in this form that communities ratify all actions taken. With no further questions, Davis moved to ratify all actions identified in the attached minutes taken by the City of Fairbury during meetings held on April 7, 2020 to June 6, 2020 by video conference and or teleconference, before June 30, 2020, pursuant to Governor Ricketts’ Executive Order Nos. 20-03 and 20-24. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, Friesen, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

The next item of business, “Consider adoption of Resolution 1124 providing for the removal or placement of stop signs within the Municipality’s jurisdiction and repealing any resolutions in conflict

herewith. Public Works Director Laura Bedlan discussed with Council that there is a one-way stop sign at the intersection of F and Arcade for North bound traffic, in which serves no purpose. With no further questions Rogge motioned to approve the Street and Alley department of the City of Fairbury to remove the stop sign at F Street and Arcade Street, as required by this resolution. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Carmichael, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Reports: City Administrator- City Administrator Renn informed Council that a meeting to discuss the storm water project was held today, July 7, 2020. Olsson has received an email confirmation for the CORPS stating that the 408 permit is being routed for approval. The 404 is expected to follow.

Other discussion: Rogge thanked Kelly Davis on turning a negative comment on social media into a positive one regarding the Jeff Man logo on the water tower.

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

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date