

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 21st 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, and Roger Bailey. Absent: Ed Friesen, 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 July 7, 2020
2. Approval of Claims- \$152,199.08

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2020 and \$152,199.08 in claims. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried. Bailey abstaining.

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

1. Public Hearing regarding the Interlocal Agreement between the Jefferson County and City of Fairbury for Law Enforcement Services. Deputy Horkey was present on behalf of the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department. Deputy Horkey reviewed with Council the current 2019/2020 budget of \$672,060.00 or \$56,005.00 per month and the proposed 2020/2021 budget of \$692,221.00 or \$57,685.00 per month. After running the call report, 57% of the calls received for the Sheriff’s Department are directly from the City, the remaining 43% stem from the County for the year. Deputy Horkey informed Council that one deputy is dedicated to the City of Fairbury 24/7. Rogge stated that the police presence is noticed and commented that the Sheriff’s Department is doing a great job. City Administrator Renn stated that a meeting would be held with the Commissioners and the Law Enforcement Committee on August 4, 2020 at 9:15 AM to finalize the agreement.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider recommendations from Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to approve the firm selected to prepare a Downtown Revitalization Study for the City of Fairbury.” Laura Bedlan with the HPC informed Council that HPC had received 6 submitted proposals for the downtown planning study. On June 30, 2020 HPC met, reviewed, and ranked the firms selecting a top 3. They then met on July 6, 2020 to conduct individual interviews and selected Miller and Associates who they thought was the best fit for the City of Fairbury. Staff recommends moving forward with the downtown revitalization planning study from Miller and Associates. With no further questions Rogge moved to approve the downtown revitalization proposal from Miller and Associates and selected by HPC. Motion was seconded by Bailey. On roll call vote: Brown, Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of current business, “Consider application for building/structure moving permit (BSM-2020-01) from Lifetime Homes Inc. to move a residential structure from 71850 Lincoln Ave, York, NE to 204 10th Street, Fairbury, NE, legally described as lots North 189.5’ of Lot 5, Block 6, Gibson’s Addition to the City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska.” Region V is supporting this effort. A foundation has been poured. Rogge questioned if the power lines would be an issue and need to be moved during the move. Bedlan noted that the house was a low structure and would not need removal of any lines. The movers would be going down HWY 136 to C Street then West on 10th. With no further questions Schmidt moved to approve the application for structure moving permit (BSM-2020-01) from Lifetime Homes Inc. to move a residential structure from 71850 Lincoln Ave, York, NE to 204 10th Street, Fairbury, NE, legally described as lots North 189.5’ of Lot 5, Block 6, Gibson’s Addition to the City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Motion was seconded by

Rogge. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced the next item of current business, “Discuss and consider property purchase by Community Redevelopment Authority (610 D Street).” At the June 2, 2020 Council meeting it was discussed that the CRA met and would like to purchase the property at 610 D Street which is located just south of the City Offices. The proposal was that the CRA would purchase the property and the City would be responsible for future maintenance/demo costs associated with the property thereafter. The cost of the property in which the CRA would be responsible for would be \$7500 if the owner completes the disposal of files or \$5000 if the City would complete this process. With no further questions Friesen moved to have the CRA move forward with the purchase at \$5000 with the City taking on the future maintenance and or demo costs associated with the property and disposal of any records inside the property. Since that time, the City learned that the owner would like to net \$5000. Before Council tonight is the matter of if the City would like to pay the balance of \$1500 to purchase the property on the owners’ term or let the property go. Rogge questioned if the property had been checked for asbestos and what the costs might be related to abatement. City Administrator Renn stated that asbestos issues were unknown at this time. With no further questions Brown moved to approve the \$1500 cost of the property at 610 D Street. Motion was seconded by Bailey. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: NONE

Reports: City Administrator- City Administrator Renn updated Council on the storm water project. VanKirk has been working at West 4th Street and had experienced a pause in performance due to the weather but are currently back on schedule. They have backfilled the trench with crushed concrete and are currently working East hauling old asphalt out and opening 4th and Frederick back up. She also updated that permits 404 and 408 have both been approved.

Other discussion: NONE

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Rogge moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Bailey. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date