

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 1st day of August 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: Rick Carmichael, Roger Bailey, Tim Polson, Ed Friesen, Brad Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Council members Doug Brown and Phil Rogge were 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 July 18, 2017.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Approval of the Appointment of Hali Bielser to the Fairbury Housing Authority Board.

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

Mayor Ward then invited Fairbury Museum President Ben McBride to give the Museum’s Annual Report. Mr. McBride informed the City Council that the museum had taken in \$4,500 in donations thus far this year and in the last year the museum welcomed over 1,200 visitors. The museum also conducted 43 special tours and entertained 52 requests for information. Mr. McBride then informed the City Council about future plans for the museum, including plans to paint the schoolhouse building and the conversion of one of the rooms into a Campbell Brothers exhibit.

Mayor Ward then opened the “Public Hearing Regarding the Semi-Annual Review of the Local Option Municipal Sales Tax (LB840) Program.” City Administrator Bielser explained that the Citizen Advisory Review Committee, an advisory board required by State Statute, had met and had no recommendations for the program. Over the last 6 months 2 applications had been received, all requests to utilize the Downtown Design Challenge Grant funding. With no further questions, Mayor Ward declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Ward then invited Assistant Street Superintendent and Zoning Administrator Laura Bedlan to introduce current business items 1-10. All business items pertained to the National Affordable Housing Trust Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant. \$19,405 of the grant awarded was earmarked for demolition projects. Nine properties had been chosen and reviewed by the Board of Health and the Fairbury Housing Advisory Board. Both Boards recommended that the City Council approve all nine properties for grant funding with the provision that funding for the property located at 908 F Street be contingent upon a \$4,000 contribution from the property owner. Ms. Bedlan then advised the City

Council if desired, agenda items 1-7 and item 9 could be combined into one motion. Action for 908 F Street (agenda item 8) would have to be executed with a separate motion. Bailey then moved to approve grant funding for the properties listed in agenda items 1-7 and item 9 (1307 2nd Street, 1602 D Street, 1305 Oak Street, 820 Vine Street, 1027 I Street, 1210 G Street, 200 8th Street, and 1309 D Street). Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Council member Friesen then moved to approve agenda item 8, consider awarding grant funding for 908 F Street contingent upon a \$4,000 donation from the property owner. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Bedlan then explained business item 10, “Consider and Select Asbestos Abatement Contractor for the 2017 NAHT Grant for OOR Demolitions.” Four companies responded to the request for asbestos removal services and Bockmann from Lincoln, Nebraska, was the low bid totaling \$15,600 for asbestos services at all 9 properties. Friesen moved to approve Bockmann as the asbestos abatement contractor. Motion seconded by Kuzelka. On roll call, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 3069: “An Ordinance creating street improvement district No’s. 2017-1 to 2017-4 (H Street from 14th Street to Highway 15) in the City of Fairbury, Nebraska, Authorizing the Construction of Street Improvements therein at Public Cost and Ordering the Publication of the Ordinance in Pamphlet Form,” was introduced. Polson moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 3069. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Within reports, City Administrator Bielser reported the results of the City’s nitrate level testing. All sample levels were below the federally required levels. Bielser also informed the Governing Body that budget season was well underway and that Staff would be crafting the budget using the maximum levying authority provided by State law.

With no further reports, Council member Carmichael moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.