

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 4th day of August 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, Kelly Davis, and Roger Bailey. Absent: None

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 21, 2020
2. Approval of Claims
3. Organization Resolution and Agreement for Credit Card Program (Visa Card Services) to add the City Clerk, Erin Reimer, as an account manager
4. Approve letter to NEMA appointing Laura Bedlan as the authorized representative for the City of Fairbury with regard to COVID19 and the federally declared disaster, DR4521.

Bailey moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2020 and \$91,979.34 in claims. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Bailey, Rogge Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

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

1. Mick Suey presented Council with the annual museum report. There are several happening at the museum. They will be having the grand opening of the military room that they have worked so hard to put together on September 12, 2020. The military room hosts memorabilia and facts from all armed force divisions. Over the past several years the car show was held at the museum with last year being moved downtown and experiencing a large number of participants (150). The Museum also became part of the walking historic tour, retrieved 2 of the 3 original horses that were in the City Park, has seen an increase in research by 55%, and has a plan in place for the Gatling gun to be placed on display in the Courthouse until 2022 then returned to the museum. They are currently working on updating the front entrance to include more items from Jefferson County as they are also the museum for the County. Other 2021 projects include creating a pioneer and native American room and PaRen is also working on completing a book of Fairbury, 1910. They are also seeking no additional funding for the 2020-2021 budget year.

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider recommendations from Public Works Committee regarding the purchase of a Sanitation truck.” Renn explained that the City had set up an equipment reserve fund and has been placing monies in the account monthly and it has a balance of

\$108742.86. She explained that our current fleet is aging and at one-point last week all 3 trucks were in the shop needing repairs ranging from a new transmission to a radiator. Tony Biehl addressed the Council and informed them of what truck he thought would best suit the needs for the City and give top performance taking into consideration our alleys and current pickup routes. One discussion was that of a 16 yd truck versus a 20 yd. Rogge stated to Council that Public Works had met prior and reviewed the proposals of 2 companies totaling 4 trucks and recommended going with the Mid Iowa Solid Waste, 2020 Loadmaster Rear Loader Legacy 16yard truck. This truck is priced at \$167,850.00 and will be a lease to purchase agreement with a 12-month payment and interest deferral. Once the 12 months is up and payments are expected we will be on a 5year term @ \$37,429.00 annually with a 3.74% interest rate. With no further questions Rogge moved to approve the purchase of the Mid Iowa Solid Waste, 2020 Loadmaster Rear Loader Legacy 16 yard truck at \$167,850.00 with a lease to buy agreement with a 12-month payment and interest deferral with the a 5year term @ \$37,429.00 annually with a 3.74% interest rate once payments begin. Motion was seconded by Davis. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Bailey, Rogge Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of current business, “Consider the recommendation from the Public Works Committee regarding a request from the Museum Board to block the downtown square along 4th Street from E Street to the West side of G Street and E Street from 5th Street to the South side of 6th Street for a car show on September 13, 2020 from 6AM to 5PM.” Rogge informed Council that Mick Suey with the Museum Board had met with Public Works in regard to the street closures and explained that he had met with businesses downtown to inform them of the proposed closures and they did not have any issues. He also told each of those businesses that they should consider being open on that day as there would be an abundance of people downtown. They are expecting several food truck and other vendors dependent on the weather as well. With no further questions Rogge moved to approve the request from the Museum Board to block the downtown square along 4th Street from E Street to the West side of G Street and E Street from 5th Street to the South side of 6th Street for a car show on September 13, 2020 from 6AM to 5PM. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Bailey, Rogge Davis, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider authorizing an additional 1% increase in restricted funds limitation for the 2020-2021 budget for the City of Fairbury.” Renn stated this is a normal procedure that the City does every year. The State of Nebraska only allows an additional 2.5% in expenditures or you can vote an additional 1% increase making it 3.5%. This is not a tax increase; it is an allowance for a spending increase should the need arise. With no further questions Bailey adopt an additional 1% increase in the restricted funds limit for the 2020-2021 budget for the City. Motion was seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, Friesen, Davis, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: NONE

Reports: City Administrator- City Administrator Renn request from Council to enter executive session to protect public interest and personal reputation of employees. The mayor asked for all to leave while retaining: Council, City Clerk, City Administrator, and City Attorney.

Brown motioned to enter executive session (7:50PM) to protect public interest and personal reputation of employees. Motion was seconded by Bailey. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, Friesen, Davis, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Polson motioned to end executive session and enter regular session (8:36PM). Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Rogge, Carmichael, Schmidt, Brown, Friesen, Davis, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

No decision was made.

Other discussion: NONE

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Friesen moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, Davis, Friesen, and Bailey voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date