

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 20th day of August 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, Rick Carmichael, Roger Bailey, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, 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 August 6, 2019.
2. Approval of the Claims

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

Mayor Ward introduced Mr. Mick Suey, President of the Fairbury Museum Board, to present the 2018-2019 Annual Museum Report. Mr. Suey reported that in the last year the attendance had more than doubled, with a total of 1,369 guests visiting the museum. Suey also reported that 32 private tours had been given by Museum Curator Pa’ ren Sims, and over \$1,000 in donations had been received to date. Suey informed the Council that in the last year, a Campbell Brother Circus Room was unveiled and on August 25th, the Museum will be holding a re-opening of the schoolhouse exhibit. Future plans call for a renovation of the Military Room and the creation of a display to area first responders. Mr. Suey requested the Governing Body consider a wage increase and additional hours for Curator Sims as she is invaluable to the operations of the museum. Mr. Suey concluded by noting the Museum Board’s preference to see the Gatling Gun remain at the Museum, and he would like to see Plymouth representatives work with the Fairbury museum to install an exhibit of the historical piece.

Under current business item, “Consider renewal of services agreement between the City of Fairbury and Davis Home Inspections,” Administrator Bielser noted this is a yearly agreement and the fees for inspection services are unchanged. Bailey moved to approve the renewal. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, and Schmidt, voting “yes.” Davis abstaining. Motion carried.

Next, “Resolution No. 1090: Authorize Mayor Ward to sign any and all documents related to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Agreement,” was presented. Administrator Bielser explained the item and informed the City Council that this would be the funding mechanism with the State for the anticipated \$3.7 million of improvements to the City’s water system. Originally, it was thought that the City would have an interest rate anywhere from 3% to 4%; however, an interest rate of 2% had been realized. Rogge moved to approve Resolution No. 1090. Motion seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced “Resolution No. 1091: Authorize Mayor Ward to sign any and all documents related to the application for federal assistance as part of the Recreational Trails Program Grant.” Bielser explained the purpose of Resolution No. 1091, noting that the City has the potential to pursue a \$250,000 grant to construct recreational trails. Because of the planned storm water improvements to City Park, the establishment of a trail around City Park Road is being proposed. Bielser noted that the grant application is due August 30th. Carmichael moved to approve Resolution No. 1091.

Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Under reports, Administrator Bielser shared the latest pool stats and announced that the pool would remain open for the next two weekends. Labor Day, September 2nd would be the facility’s last day of operation.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to go into closed session to “Consider potential land acquisition.” Bailey moved to enter closed session. The motion was seconded by Brown. On roll call vote, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. Mayor Ward reiterated the reason for the closed session and invited all elected officials to remain as well as City Attorney Barga, City Clerk Lufkin, and City Administrator Bielser. The City Council entered closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Rogge moved to enter back into open session. Motion was seconded by Davis. On roll call vote, Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The City Council entered back into open session at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Bailey moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Carissa Lufkin, City Clerk

Date