

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 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, Ed Friesen, 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 Revised Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2019.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2019.
3. Approval of Claims.

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

Mayor Ward opened the “Public Hearing Concerning Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program Application 19-HO-36004 administered through SENDD,” at 7:32 p.m. Administrator Bielser introduced Mr. Jim Warrelmann with SENDD to explain the program and application. Mr. Warrelmann noted that the City has been very successful obtaining this grant. Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Programs have been going on in the City for at least the last 10 years. This application request is for \$315,000. While the grant application does not require a financial match, a local contribution of \$10,000 is recommended. Mr. Warrelmann noted that each house is allocated \$24,999 for repairs. It was pointed out that financial allocation per structure is an instance of grant programs not keeping up with inflation. With no further questions, the hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

Next, at 7:38 p.m., Mayor Ward opened the “Public Hearing Concerning Existing Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program 16-HO-36064 administered through SENDD.” Mr. Warrelmann explained that this is a current owner-occupied rehabilitation grant that is ongoing within the City. The parameters of the grant require two public hearings. The goal was to repair ten structures. To date, the program has funded the rehabilitation of eight homes, with two more pending. The grant will be closed out by December 15<sup>th</sup>. With no further questions, the hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to “Set Public Hearing Concerning Setting of the Final Tax Request for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year for the General Fund and the Bond Fund, (set for Sept. 17). Friesen

moved to set the hearing for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to “Set date of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, (set for Sept. 17). Friesen moved to set the hearing for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Under the first item of current business, “Consider request from the Fairbury Chamber of Commerce to block off the downtown square for “Trunk or Treat” from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on October 31, 2019. Rogge, Chair of the Public Works Committee, explained this is an annual event and the request has not changed from previous years. Rogge moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next, the Council heard, “Consider request from the Fairbury Chamber of Commerce to block off 4<sup>th</sup> Street from E Street to F Street for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K run/walk from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on March 14, 2020, and for the use of picnic tables during this event.” Again, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Rogge, explained this is an annual event and the request has not changed from previous years. Rogge moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

The last item of current business, “Consider request from Fairbury Public Schools Student Council to barricade and place temporary no parking signs in portion of the downtown area for a homecoming parade/pep rally downtown on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.” was introduced by Mayor Ward. Once again, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Rogge, explained this is an annual event and the request has not changed from previous years. Rogge moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

“Resolution No. 1092, Waiving Peddler Permit Fee for the Museum Board and 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee for the September 14-15, 2019, 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration,” was introduced. Administrator Bielser explained this Resolution is in response to Museum Board President Suey’s request heard at the previous meeting. The Resolution would waive the \$75.00 fee required for vendors attending the event. Bailey moved to approve Resolution No. 1092. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next, “Resolution No. 1093, Authorizing Mayor Ward to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between the City of Fairbury and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to effect acceptance of the grant application,” was heard. It was noted that this

Resolution was regarding the \$315,000 owner-occupied rehabilitation grant application. Rogge moved to approve Resolution No. 1093. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Under reports, Administrator Bielser shared that the state water audit conducted every three years resulted in no deficiencies. The CRA met and voted to proceed with the Jefferson Estates TIF application. Action for approval would come before the City Council at a future meeting. Lastly, it was shared that the 2020 budget had been sent to Blobaum and Busboom for final touches.

Council person Friesen noted on behalf of the Health Board the dangers of blowing mowed grass into the street and asked the paper to make a note to the public that the action is a violation of City Code.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Rogge moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Homer L. Ward, Mayor

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Carissa Lufkin, City Clerk

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