

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 15TH day of September 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 Ed Friesen. Absent: Kelly Davis and Roger Bailey

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 September 1, 2020
2. Approval of Claims \$745,095.64
3. Approval of the Board of Public Works minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2020
4. Consider appointment of Trevor Steinmeyer to the Citizens Advisory Review (CAR) Committee

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on September 1, 2020, the regular meeting minutes of the Board of Public Works, September 1, 2020 and \$745,095.64 in claims. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Brown abstaining- Motion carried.

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

Public hearing concerning the budget summary for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mayor Ward deemed the hearing open at 7:34PM. Brian Blobaum with Blobaum and Busboom approached the City Council and explained that every year the Council establishes a spending limit and tax request as part of the budget process. Overall spending limit is set at \$34,965,269, budgeting to spend all reserve funds to give most flexibility in the upcoming year. This amount includes all general fund expenses, special revenue, debt, and proprietary functions. Mr. Blobaum noted that the operating budget from last year increases by an overall 1.42% or \$15,000. Comprehensively, the tax rate for 2020-2021 decreases, from 0.760765 in 2019 to 0.754600 in 2020. Brian summarized that the budget remains similar to last year. The 2020-2021 budget recommends investing a portion of the City’s cash reserves in new equipment and other capital projects as the cash reserve is one of the higher cash reserve funds the City has seen. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Ward closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor Ward then opened the, “Public Hearing Concerning Setting of the Final Tax Request for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year for the General Fund at \$630,615.00 and the Bond Fund at \$420,189.00.” The public hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Brian Blobaum again addressed the Council and referred to

his earlier comments, stating the total levy for the 2020-2021 year would see a decrease to .7546 cents from the prior year of .7608 cents. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Ward closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Next item of business: **Current Business**

Mayor Ward introduced the first item of current business, “Consider the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for the City of Fairbury.” With no further questions Rogge moved to approve the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for the City of Fairbury. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the next item of current business, “Consider the request from the Fairbury High School to block the downtown square along with 4th Street from east of C to D street and D street from the north side of 3rd Street to 4th Street for a homecoming parade on September 25, 2020 from the previously approved date of October 2 from 1PM to 5PM.” With no further questions, Rogge moved to approve the request from the Fairbury High School to block the downtown square along with 4th Street from east of C to D street and D street from the north side of 3rd Street to 4th Street for a homecoming parade on September 25, 2020 from the previously approved date of October 2 from 1PM to 5PM. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider authorizing City Administrator Renn to sign Change Order #1 for Project 016-3570, Water System Improvement, consisting of water tower pumping equipment-passive vs. active mixing.” City Administrator Renn explained the changes in the order as: 1. Removing the passive mixing system as specified and included in the original bid and replacing it with an active mixing system in which there is continuous 24 hour mixing, with a deduct of \$60,000 2. Adding a second “Jeff Man” logo to the South side of the water tower as requested by the city, and increase of \$2,500, subject to conditions listed in the change order proposal. Total change order decrease of \$57,500. With no further questions, Rogge moved to authorize City Administrator Renn to sign Change Order #1 for Project 016-3570, Water System Improvement, consisting of replacing the passive mixing system with the active mixing and allowing for water tower pumping equipment- passive vs. active mixing. Motion was seconded by Brown. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider authorizing City Administrator Renn to sign Change Order #2 for Project 016-3570, Water System Improvement, consisting of removing water tower insertion valve part from DWSRF loan for a concession of \$4,241 to proceed forward with project.” Per the DWSRF guidelines we are to adhere to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) program. JR Stelzer failed to order a compliant valve. The cost of the non-AIS valve is \$16,964. The contractor is willing to absorb the amount of the 25% forgiveness from the DWSRF loan in the amount of \$4,241. The City would then pay for the valve from the cash fund and the project will continue on schedule. With no further questions, Schmidt moved to authorizing City Administrator

Renn to sign Change Order #2 for Project 016-3570, Water System Improvement, consisting of removing water tower insertion valve part from DWSRF loan for a concession of \$4,241 to proceed forward with project. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution No.1125, setting the 2020-2021 property tax request at \$630,615.00 for the general fund and \$420,189.00 for the bond fund. With no further question, Friesen moved to approve Resolution No.1125, setting the 2020-2021 property tax request at \$630,615.00 for the general fund and \$420,189.00 for the bond fund. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 3091, an ordinance to adopt the budget statement to be termed the annual appropriation bill; to approve sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; to provide for an effective date. With no further questions, Friesen motion to give Ordinance No. 3091 its first reading. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 1126, designating depositories of the City of Fairbury and approving the pledge of assets as security from said banks. With no further questions, Rogge motion to approve Resolution No. 1126, designating depositories of the City of Fairbury and approving the pledge of assets as security from said banks. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, and Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion Carried.

Reports: City Administrator- City Administrator Renn informed Council that the facilities at Crystal Springs have been opened and tent camping is now allowed.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Carmichael moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Schmidt, and Friesen voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date