

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 17th 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, 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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2019.
2. Approval of Claims.

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

Mayor Ward opened the “Budget Hearing and Budget Summary for the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year,” at 7:32 p.m. 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 \$32,808,198. This amount includes all general fund expenses, special revenue, debt, and proprietary functions. Mr. Blobaum noted that the operating budget from last year decreases by 1%; however, the property tax request has increased by 4% which is the result of increased property valuation. Comprehensively, the tax rate for 2019 decreases by 3%, from 0.780843 to 0.760765. City Administrator Bielser summarized that the budget remains similar to last year; however, the 2020 budget recommends investing a portion of the City’s cash reserves in new equipment and other capital projects such as the City Park storm water project and west 3rd Street reconstruction. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Ward closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor Ward then opened the, “Public Hearing Concerning Setting of the Final Tax Request for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year for the General Fund at \$615,939.43 and the Bond Fund at \$420,189.00.” The public hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Brian Blobaum again addressed the Council and referred to his earlier comments. With no further questions or comments, Mayor Ward closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

For the first item of current business, “Consider 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year budget for the City of Fairbury,” Carmichael moved to approve the budget. Motion was seconded by Polson. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next, the City Council entertained agenda item, “Consider authorizing Mayor Ward to sign the collective bargaining agreement with I.B.E.W., Local Union No. 1536.” Personnel Committee Chair Brown introduced the item and explained that the Personnel Committee met with IBEW representatives and came to an agreement. Nothing in the contract changes from the last agreement, other than wage increases for the next 3 years, which will be set at 3%, 2.5%, and 2.5%. Brown moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the collective bargaining agreement. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced business item, “Consider Public Works Committee recommendation regarding a request from the Fairbury Public Schools to move the “No Parking, Bus Loading” signs at Central School from 8th Street, between G & F Streets to F Street, between 8th and 9th Streets. Council Member Schmidt moved the City Council approve the Public Works Committee’s recommendation. Mr.

Schmidt's motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried.

"Resolution No. 1094, Setting the 2019 – 2020 property tax request at \$615,939.43 for the General Fund and \$420,189.00 for the Bond Fund," was then considered. Friesen moved to approve Resolution No. 1094. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried.

Next, "Resolution No. 1095, designating depositories of the City of Fairbury and approving the pledge of assets as security from said banks," was introduced. Friesen moved to approve Resolution No. 1095. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried.

Mayor Ward introduced the final Resolution, "Resolution No. 1096, designating "No Parking, Bus Loading" signs on F Street between 8th and 9th Streets." Schmidt moved to approve Resolution No. 1096. Motion was seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried.

Under reports, Administrator Bielser shared the results of the 2019 pool season, noting total attendance and revenue figures. It was reported that the Museum's car show over the weekend had 155 registered cars attend, almost double from last year. City Clerk Lufkin, then reported results of the latest insurance audit conducted by EMC. Because of the City's performance, the City received a dividend check for approximately \$14,000.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Carmichael moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Bailey, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting "yes." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Carissa Lufkin, City Clerk

Date