

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 1st day of October 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, 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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2019.
2. Approval of Claims.

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

Mayor Ward announced for the presentation regarding a “Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Opportunity for a Downtown Revitalization Planning Study.” City Administrator Bielser informed the Governing Body that the City has an opportunity to apply for a Department of Economic Development grant which would fund a downtown revitalization planning study. Bielser noted that the grant is due at the end of the month and the maximum award is \$50,000. A 25% match is required, which would necessitate the City to contribute \$12,500. Bielser noted that the last time the City conducted a similar type of study was in 2003. Bielser also shared that these studies are necessary if the City ever desired to pursue CDBG funds to conduct infrastructure or building repairs and enhancements. It was stated that the downtown infrastructure improvement project conducted approximately 15 years ago was funded with CDBG downtown revitalization funds. Bielser informed the City Council that Staff’s intent is to return at the next meeting for action to authorize submittal of a grant application.

For the first item of current business, “Consider authorizing Mayor Ward to sign the collective bargaining agreement with I.U.O.E., Local Union No. 571,” Personnel Chairman Brown highlighted that the only alteration to the contract was regarding wage adjustments. Brown specified that the agreed wage increases mirrored the IBEW agreement, which calls for a 3% increase in year 1 and 2.5% increases in both year 2 and 3. Brown moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the collective bargaining agreement. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next, the City Council entertained, “Ordinance No. 3086, An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan contract between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the City of Fairbury, Nebraska, and issuance, pursuant to said contract, of a promissory note of the City of Fairbury, Nebraska, in the principal amount of up to three million seven hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$3,700,000.00) for the purpose of constructing additions and improvements to the water system of the City; pledging and hypothecating the revenues and earnings of the water system of the City for the payment of said note; and ordering the Ordinance published in pamphlet form.” Friesen moved to suspend the three-reading requirement. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. Carmichael then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3086. Polson seconded the motion. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced, “Ordinance No. 3087, An ordinance amending Fairbury Municipal Code § 92.21 as provided herein regarding appeals of nuisance declarations in the jurisdiction of the City of Fairbury.” Bielser shared that this ordinance is necessary to complete the transition of nuisance appeal hearings being conducted by the City Council to the Board of Health’s oversight. Friesen moved to suspend the three-reading requirement. Motion was seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. Polson then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3087. Motion was seconded by Schmidt. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Under reports, Administrator Bielser provided an update of the electric and water meter replacement efforts. It was also shared that the second phase of the Crystal Spring Re-Tree project would begin in mid-October.

Mayor Ward then entertained a motion to adjourn. Polson moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call vote: Brown, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Schmidt, and Davis voting “yes.” Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date