

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in regular session in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 17th day of October 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Ward called the meeting to order.

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Fairbury Journal News, Fairbury, Nebraska, the designated method of giving notice, as shown by affidavit of publication. 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, Roger Bailey, Rick Carmichael, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen Brad Kuzelka, 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 October 3, 2017.
2. Approval of Claims.
3. Appointment of Jim Hull to the Fairbury Housing Authority Board of Directors.

Rogge moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward opened the “Public Hearing Regarding the Application for Sunset Ridge 2nd Addition Final Plat, a Plat of a Section of Land Located in Tax Lot 1 of the Northwest ¼ Excluding a Fraction of Section 11-2-2, Jefferson County, Nebraska” at 7:32 p.m. Planning and Zoning Administrator Laura Bedlan approached the Council and explained the project. Ms. Bedlan noted that the Planning Commission had reviewed the final plat and recommends the City Council approve the plat as presented. With no further questions, Mayor Ward closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Next Mayor Ward opened a “Public Hearing Regarding an Application for Northwind Estates Final Plat, a Replat of McLucas Subdivision, Lot 15 Excluding the South 5 Feet and South 5 Feet of Lot 16, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Generally Located at 2502 H ST” at 7:35 p.m. Again, Ms. Bedlan approached the Council and explained that the applicant failed to provide all the necessary information in a timely manner. City Attorney Dave Barga requested a motion to continue the hearing at a later date. Rogge moved to continue the hearing. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward then introduced the first item of business, “Consider Recommendation from the Planning Commission Regarding an Application for Sunset Ridge Second Addition Final Plat, a Plat of a Section of Land Located in Tax Lot 1 of the Northwest ¼ Excluding a Fraction of Section 11-2-2, Jefferson County, Nebraska.” Rogge moved to approve the final plat for Sunset Ridge Second Addition. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Next item of business, “Consider Recommendation from the Finance/KENO Committee Regarding Purchase of a 2017 Ford F-550 Bucket Truck” was brought forth for consideration. Finance/KENO Committee and Council Member Polson explained that the Finance/KENO Committee reviewed the request at their last meeting. Polson informed the Council that the Committee recommended unanimously that the City Council approve purchasing a 2017 Ford F-550 Bucket Truck and made that in the form of a motion. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Next, the Council contemplated to “Consider Authorizing Mayor Ward to Sign Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #86.” Personnel Chair and City Council Member Brown introduced the agenda item and moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the agreement. Carmichael seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued with Council Member Bailey asking about the wage increases reflected in the agreement. City Administrator Bielser explained that the agreement included a 0%, 7%, and 2.5% wage increase. Council Member Brown clarified that the City is already in the second year of the agreement and the 7% increase was necessary to bring Fairbury’s wages to levels within the CBA array. The 7% wage increase also eliminates the need to provide back pay to the Police Officers for the first year of the agreement (Oct. 2016 – Oct. 2017). Administrator Bielser also explained that the agreed upon health insurance would be in line with the other union agreements with the City contributing 95% of the health insurance premium for full-time employees and 88% of health insurance premiums for family coverage for full-time employee legal dependents. Council Member Bailey then inquired what the Police Department budget was for 2018. It was reported that the Police Department Budget was set for approximately \$930,000. With no further questions, on roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Under Resolutions and Ordinances the item to, “Consider Resolution No. 1057 Directing the Sale of a 1985 Ford Bucket Truck” was considered. Administrator Bielser explained that there has been abundant interest from the public regarding the truck, and while City staff desires to hold an auction it was determined to move forward and offer the truck for sale at this time. Resolution No. 1057 would authorize the City Council to accept sealed bids for the truck. Bids would be received until November 3, 2017, and the Council would take action at the November 7, 2017 meeting. Friesen moved to approve Resolution No. 1057. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Under reports, City Administrator Bielser reported that Staff attended a website meeting and it is anticipated that the new site will go live early next year. The Community Redevelopment Authority will be assembling a Housing Steering Committee to begin the housing study process. It is expected that the study will wrap up March of 2018. Bielser explained that H Street is at 90% design review and it is hoped to seek bids for the project in December. Lastly, Bielser informed the Council that bond advisor Phil Lorenzen with D.A. Davidson had locked in an interest rate of 2.52% for the initial \$1.5 million pool bond issuance. Within the next 6 weeks stakeholder and public meetings will be held to gather feedback about the preliminary design. Pool Steering Committee Chair Brad Kuzelka also stressed that

the existing pool design is not set in stone and the Committee will begin working with the public to seek their input before Council will take action which is anticipated to occur in December.

Council Member Phil Rogge also commended Council Member Rick Carmichael for his recent induction into the Police Officers' Association of Nebraska Hall of Fame.

With no further business, Council Member Rogge moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Brown, Bailey, Carmichael, Polson, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.