

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 2nd day of September, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Homer L. 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, Rick Carmichael, Roger Bailey, 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 August 19, 2014.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Approval of the appointment of Cody Moyer to the Planning Commission. Term to expire September 2015.
4. Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) Notice of Intent to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Larry Schramm d/b/a Schramm Construction.
5. Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) Notice of Intent to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Randall Brown d/b/a The Capri Motel.

Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted "yes." Motion carried.

Kuzelka moved to set the Public Hearing concerning setting of the final tax request for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year for the General Fund and the Bond Fund for September 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted "yes." Motion carried.

Brown moved to set the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year for September 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted "yes." Motion carried.

Brown moved to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to give the Library Director and the Library Board permission to fill the Children's Librarian position, per the Library Board's selection, of one of the two applicants that Karen Fox Library Director had presented to the Personnel Committee. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted "yes." Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read from the agenda “consider request from Michelle Holliday with Waddell and Reed to offer Social Security Workshops to City Employees”. Michelle Holliday with Waddell and Reed addressed the Council. Holliday stated Waddell and Reed has put together a general workshop for Social Security. Holliday feels the workshop would be very beneficial for City employees to be able to plan for the Social Security decision when the employee gets to that point. Holliday stated she feels the workshop is a good community service and a good service to the City employees to offer the Social Security workshop. Holliday stated there is no obligation with the workshop – the workshop is very generic. Holliday stated she would like permission to offer the Social Security Workshop to the City employees. Holliday stated the workshops will be in the evenings probably in October and November and if the Council chambers would be available for her to use, that would be great; otherwise, she could have the workshops offsite, as her office only holds about eight people. Council member Rick Carmichael stated he has attended one of those workshops and he learned a lot – people are really not aware of certain things regarding Social Security that could be very helpful to them; the workshop was very beneficial. Holliday stated there are a lot of filing strategies that people are not aware of – she has been able to educate a lot of people already this year regarding Social Security and she would like to extend this service to others. Carmichael moved to approve the request from Michelle Holliday with Waddell and Reed to offer Social Security Workshops to City Employees. Motion seconded by Bailey. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Friesen moved to approve the recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to allow the Fire Department to purchase equipment in the amount of \$9,356.00. Motion seconded by Rogge. Friesen stated Chris Goeking Volunteer Emergency Services Coordinator presented a proposal to the Public Safety Committee to replace older equipment, which are not providing the service necessary, such as fire hose, tools, etc. Friesen stated the Fire Department has enough money in their budget to cover the equipment expenditure. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Kuzelka moved to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the request from the Student Council and Homecoming Committee to barricade and place temporary no parking signs in portions of the downtown area for a parade and pep rally on Friday, September 26, 2014. Motion seconded by Rogge. Council member Rick Carmichael asked the time of the parade. Public Works Committee Chair Brad Kuzelka stated the parade begins at 3:00 p.m. and the temporary no parking signs will be placed earlier in the day. Kuzelka stated the area around the courthouse will be blocked off for the parade and pep rally with the parade route being the same as previous years. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Brown moved to adopt Resolution No. 956 to levy and assess costs of nuisance abatement against certain properties. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read by title Ordinance No. 3041: AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES FOR SUPERVISORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS COVERED BY IUOE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Polson moved to give 2nd reading to Ordinance No. 3041. Motion seconded by Davis. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read by title Ordinance No. 3042: AN ORDINANCE SETTING SALARIES FOR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES COVERED BY CWA AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. Polson moved to give 2nd reading to Ordinance No. 3042. Motion seconded by Davis. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried.

Within the Committee reports, Phil Rogge stated he has been able to attend the last couple meetings of the Board of Public Works (BOPW). Rogge stated he wants the Council and the public to be aware that the City will have another rate increase for the winter usage which will start November 1. Rogge stated that MEAN is basically raising the rates for the winter; normally MEAN in the past hasn't raised the rates in the winter, but this year the MEAN rate is going to be raised. Rogge stated the City did their annual urge test of the Power Plant last Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The large unit was without problems and the smaller unit had a couple issues – but both units generated the amount of electricity that was needed. Rogge stated that the energy pool has started to do a risk management on the power plants on an annual basis and they are using a score card that evaluates if the power plant is running efficiently. Rogge stated one of the criteria that they are looking at – one of the things that we might possibly get marked on, is the certified operators running the power plant. Rogge stated the score card will not be back for another month or so. Rogge stated the power plant is our source, if the power goes out, our substation is five miles from the City – so it is very important that the Power Plant runs efficiently. Rogge stated the BOPW should have the results of the score cards in about a month – he would think it would be advantageous to have the results in the Council packets and also have a report from the utility when the results are available. Rogge stated the Board of Public Works meetings are very interesting.

Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis voted “yes.” Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk