

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 21st day of April, 2015, 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, Rick Carmichael, Roger Bailey, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen, and Brad Kuzelka. Absent: Tim Polson 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 April 7, 2015.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Approval of the March 2015 Reconciliation Report.
4. Approval of the appointment of Kipp Chappell to the Planning Commission. Term to expire September 2017.

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

Kuzelka stated the Public Works Committee did not have a quorum for their meeting to discuss the request from the Fairbury Elks Lodge but it is the same as last year. Assistant Street Superintendent Laura Bedlan addressed the Council. Bedlan stated the Child Safety Seat Inspection is the same event the Elks have had in the past; nothing has been changed. Bedlan stated the Police Department is aware of this event and the inspections are not done in the street; the street is blocked off because of the vehicles pulling in – so the workers are not in any danger. Bedlan recommends that this agenda item be considered by the City Council without the recommendation from the Public Works Committee. Councilperson Phil Rogge questioned the EMC Insurance Special Event form which has the duration of the event from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the agenda states until 8:00 p.m. Bedlan stated she will check with the Elks to see if any insurance changes need to be made before the event; but thinks the event may only last until 7:00 p.m. and the last hour is for cleaning up after the event is over. Kuzelka moved to approve the request from the Fairbury Elks Lodge #1203 to block off G Street between 5th and 6th Street from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 23, 2015 to conduct a Child Safety Seat Check Inspection. Motion seconded by Rogge.

On roll call, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Polson and Davis absent. Motion carried.

Friesen moved to authorize Mayor Ward to sign the proclamation celebrating Arbor Day and planting a tree southwest of the softball fields in the City Park on April 24, 2015. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Polson and Davis absent. Motion carried.

Bailey moved to approve the appointments of the Mayor, Council President, Community Redevelopment Member Carole Sprunk, and Planning Commission Member Paul Schramm to the ½ Cent Sales Tax Committee. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Polson and Davis absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read from the agenda: “consider recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding the City Administrator position.” Brown stated the Personnel Committee carefully crafted their criteria and advertised for the position. Brown read an excerpt from the ad for the position of City Administrator: “experience in budgeting, TIF, grants, and Economic Development activities. The ideal candidate will have strong financial and communication skills and a demonstrated ability to develop and execute work plans.” Brown stated they had four to five applicants and the Personnel Committee privately ranked the applicants. The members of the Personnel Committee all had the same candidate as number one. Brown stated the Personnel Committee interviewed this candidate and felt that this candidate surpassed all the requirements. Brown stated the Personnel Committee met to discuss the City Administrator position and to make a recommendation to the City Council. Brown moved to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to allow the Mayor to draft a contract and to start negotiations with Collin Bielser and will then come back to the City Council for final approval of the final contract. Motion seconded by Carmichael. Stan Smith from the radio station asked where Bielser is from. Brown stated from Baldwin City, Kansas. On roll call, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Polson and Davis absent. Motion carried.

Rogge moved to adopt Resolution No. 970 for Participation in All-Hazards Mitigation Planning Update Process. Motion seconded by Friesen. John McKee, Jefferson County Emergency Management Director addressed the Council. McKee stated the City has been part of the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan the last four years; it is a five year revision. McKee stated this is a resolution to continue to participate or there is also a resolution to deny participation in the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. McKee stated we have used the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan to purchase two new sirens that we have added in the community and we need to do more. McKee stated there are other mitigation items that could come into play to help; with having the dike and the flooding issues it would be highly recommended to stay with the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. McKee stated so far besides purchasing the sirens – if you don’t do anything, it doesn’t cost you anything to be a part of the plan. McKee stated our area has nine

counties and three NRD's and is the second largest All-Hazards Mitigation Plan outside of St. Louis, Missouri being the largest. McKee stated it is a major undertaking that we've taken on, but we're in the process of updating the plan. Rogge asked if this plan is the grant that FEMA picks up 75% and the City is responsible for 25% like the new sirens that were purchased. McKee stated that is correct; if the City belongs to this plan then it is a 75%, 25%; but if we would not belong to this plan, the City would be responsible for 100% of the cost. McKee stated there will be a meeting June 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H building; it is a requirement that one or more people from the City needs to be at this meeting. McKee stated they will be having one meeting in each of the nine counties; there will be information that will need to be filled out – so someone from the City needs to be at the meeting on June 23, 2015. On roll call, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted "yes". Polson and Davis absent. Motion carried.

Within the Committee reports, Phil Rogge thanked the Personnel Committee for being very thorough concerning the position for the City Administrator and looks forward to hopefully getting Bielser and meeting him and also thanked City Clerk Sharyl Preston for her work during this time.

Carmichael moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted "yes". Polson and Davis absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk