

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 4th day of August, 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, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen, Brad Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Roger Bailey.

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 July 21, 2015.
2. Approval of claims.

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

Mayor Ward opened the Public Hearing regarding amendments to Section 5.20 FP/FW Floodplain/Floodway District of the Fairbury Comprehensive Plan-2013 Edition. Laura Bedlan Zoning Administrator addressed the Council. Bedlan stated the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council accepts the new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) as submitted by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Bedlan stated the last map was done in 1992; the new map is based on more current information – new LIDAR mapping, new hydrology studies, etc. Bedlan stated by approving the new FIRM map, the City can continue their good standing with FEMA and would have the ability to apply for future disaster mitigation money if necessary. Council member Phil Rogge asked if accepting the new FIRM map would help insure the disaster money for our last storm. Bedlan stated the City is already in compliance with FEMA for the storm that happened earlier this year; but for any future disasters we would need to be in good standing with FEMA; we need to accept the new FIRM map. No one else addressed the Council during the public hearing. Mayor Ward declared the hearing closed.

Brown moved to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to approve the Memorandum of Understandings between the City of Fairbury and the Communications Workers of America (CWA), International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers (IBEW), and International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) regarding the reopener of health insurance provisions. Motion seconded by Carmichael. Brown stated the Personnel Committee met with the three union representatives; the changes are because of the Affordable Care Act. On roll call, Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Davis, Kuzelka, Friesen, and Davis all voted “yes”. Bailey absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read from the agenda: “consider Fairbury Airport Authority’s Tax Request of \$34,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.” City Administrator Collin Bielser stated previously the City Council had approved \$30,000.00 consecutively for four years and the Airport Authority requested \$33,000.00 last year which was granted. Council member Phil Rogge questioned the \$1,500.00 increase from last year. Sandi Decker with the Airport Authority addressed the Council. Decker stated they are stockpiling money to build a new hangar; they currently have 18 aircraft and have a waiting list. Decker stated they have four sprayers on the field which have sprayed over 60,000 acres so far this year; they have five new pilots and they have all bought airplanes. Rogge asked how many acres of farm ground the airport leases. Decker stated 200+ acres; they grant five year leases. Rogge stated the airport is an essential part of the community. Rogge stated he would like to see something like the Library presents every year to the City Council which shows in detail where the money is spent and also the money coming in. Randy Prellwitz with the Airport Authority stated currently all the maintenance being done at the airport is volunteer work. Rogge moved to postpone the Fairbury Airport Authority’s tax request of \$34,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 until they receive a balance sheet at the next City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Davis. Bielser stated he will meet with Sandi and will bring the information to the next City Council meeting. On roll call, Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Davis, Kuzelka, Friesen, and Davis all voted “yes”. Bailey absent. Motion carried.

Friesen moved to approve a 1% increase in 2015-2016 Restricted Funds Limitation. Motion seconded by Brown. On roll call, Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Davis, Kuzelka, Friesen, and Davis all voted “yes”. Bailey absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read by title Ordinance No. 3053: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FAIRBURY ZONING REGULATIONS – 2013 EDITION. Bedlan stated this ordinance is to amend the flood plain portion of the zoning regulations as discussed during the public hearing. Bedlan stated zoning regulations will be amended to add the FIRM map and a few minor changes as recommended by DNR. Friesen moved to suspend the statutory three readings requirement for Ordinance No. 3053. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Davis, Kuzelka, Friesen, and Davis all voted “yes”. Bailey absent. Motion carried. Friesen moved for the final passage of Ordinance No. 3053. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Davis, Kuzelka, Friesen, and Davis all voted “yes”. Bailey absent. Motion carried.

Within the Mayor's report, Mayor Ward stated he has been taking Collin around to different businesses. Collin stated he has heard a lot of positive things from the people that he has met about the direction that the City Council is going.

Mayor Ward stated the City has received notification from the Department of Roads that they are suspending work on the viaduct until further notice because the Union Pacific Railroad wants to raise the tracks five feet by the viaduct. Bielser stated the UP has requested a feasibility study which the Department of Roads will be conducting. Bielser stated the concerns for the City are Crystal Springs – the water filtration system and how that rise may change the flow and the railroad crossings through town.

Rogge moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Brown. On roll call, Polson, Carmichael, Brown, Davis, Kuzelka, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Bailey absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk