

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 6th day of October, 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, Roger Bailey, Tim Polson, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen, Brad Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Rick Carmichael.

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 15, 2015.
2. Approval of claims.

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

Mayor Ward opened the public hearing concerning obligating further funding into the "Downtown Design Challenge Grant" for Economic Development (LB840) Program. Laura Bedlan Zoning Administrator addressed the Council. Bedlan stated the purpose of this public hearing is concerning the recommendation for increased funding into the "Downtown Design Challenge Grant" Program in the amount of \$3,000.00. Bedlan stated the City Council has approved additional funding several times in the past. The additional funding is for new projects in the downtown area that meet the required guidelines. Council member Phil Rogge stated the Downtown Design Challenge Grant program is one of the best programs the City has. Rogge stated a lot of downtown businesses have utilized the Downtown Design Challenge Grant program to revive the downtown area. Council member and Historic Preservation Commission member Kelly Davis stated at the last meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission recommended adding an additional \$3,000.00 from the LB840 funds into the Downtown Design Challenge Grant Program. If this allocation is approved by the City Council, the Downtown Design Challenge Grant program will have a pool of funds available to potentially fund recommended applications. No one else addressed the Council during the public hearing. Mayor Ward declared the hearing closed.

Brown moved to adopt Resolution No. 992 obligating an additional \$3,000.00 into the “Downtown Design Challenge Grant Program” for the Economic Development (LB840) Program. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted “yes”. Carmichael absent. Motion carried.

Polson moved to adopt Resolution No. 993 obligating LB840 funds to Oregon Trail Development, LLC – Geri Katz at 507½ 5th Street #2 for a “Downtown Design Challenge Grant” in the amount of \$1,327.50. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted “yes”. Carmichael absent. Motion carried.

Friesen moved to adopt Resolution No. 994 ~ Exhibit C authorizing Mayor Ward to sign the Municipality Program Agreement between the City of Fairbury and State of Nebraska Department of Roads for improvements of State Highway N-15 situated within the City limits. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted “yes”. Carmichael absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read by title Ordinance No. 3057: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FAIRBURY ZONING REGULATIONS-2013 EDITION TO ALLOW INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE IN THE C-1 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. Polson moved to give 3rd reading to Ordinance No. 3057. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted “yes”. Carmichael absent. Motion carried. Bailey moved for the final passage of Ordinance No. 3057. Motion seconded by Polson. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted “yes”. Carmichael absent. Motion carried.

Within the City Administrator’s report, Collin Bielser shared information regarding Resolution No. 994, which the Council passed this evening along with the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) agreement. The road improvement project is on Highway 15 from Highway 136 north to Highway 4 which will let in 2017 and construction will begin April 2018. The NDOR will be in Fairbury approximately thirty days working on the project and will have a pilot car during the day and during the night – both sides of the roads will be open. Bielser stated the Nebraska Investment Financing Authority (NIFA) is requesting proposals for a pilot program for workforce housing. The deadline to submit a proposal to NIFA is December 2015. Bielser stated he will be pursuing this opportunity to see if Fairbury would be eligible and what steps would need to be taken to see if Fairbury would qualify to participate in the pilot program. NIFA will only select three communities throughout Nebraska to take part in the pilot program for workforce housing; the program is for the smaller rural communities. Bielser stated the ditch by Walmart has started – the gas company has relocated the gas line – the Street Department employees will be out next week grading and will begin some culvert work within the next couple weeks. There will be some disruption on H Street, some may have to take a different route, but the disruption will be temporary.

Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Brown, Friesen, Rogge, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted "yes". Carmichael absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk