

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 5th day of January, 2016, 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, Tim Polson, Ed Friesen, Brad Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Phil Rogge.

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 December 15, 2015.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Approval of the re-appointment of Wayne Schultis to the Board of Public Works. Term to expire January 2019.

Polson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of the claim for the property purchase. Motion seconded by Carmichael. City Administrator Collin Bielser informed the City Council that a claim in the amount of \$10,561.26 for the property located at 516 West 8th Street was added after the Council packets were delivered. Bielser stated January 15, 2016 is the tentative closing date for the property. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted "yes". Brown abstained from the claims. Rogge absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward read from the agenda: "consider recommendation from the Public Safety Committee regarding the Volunteer Fire Department purchasing pagers." Bielser stated the Public Safety Committee did not meet this evening as they did not have a quorum. Bielser stated the Council could pursue administratively this evening regarding the purchase of pagers or it could go back to the committee if preferred. In the future, Bielser would like to make a formal policy to have guidelines regarding purchases if the purchase request would have to go to a committee or if the purchase request could be handled administratively. Volunteer Emergency Services Coordinator Chris Goeking addressed the Council. Goeking stated the current pagers are obsolete; they've had them since 2008 and send them in frequently for repairs, costing at least \$100.00 each time per pager. Goeking stated that the Police Department has also been having problems with their pagers. Goeking would like to replace twelve pagers this year and budget to replace another twelve pagers next year. Goeking presented a quote from Platte Valley Communications for 12 pagers which include a

two-year warranty @ \$415.00 for a total of \$4,980.00. Goeking would like to add another three-year warranty at \$60.00 per pager (\$720.00) for a grand total of \$5,700.00. Friesen moved to allow the Volunteer Fire Department to purchase twelve pagers with the additional three-year warranty. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge absent. Motion carried.

Friesen moved to adopt Resolution No. 1002 authorizing the Mayor to enter the City of Fairbury into an Interlocal Agreement for the administration of the Rural Apprehension Program. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, Kuzelka, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge absent. Motion carried.

Within the City Administrator's report, Collin Bielser stated the Union Pacific Railroad may be closing tracks on January 9th and 10th starting at Maple Street; working from the NW to the SE. This is actually a delay from the original time they were going to close the tracks. Bielser stated the Mayor will be hosting a roundtable on January 14, 2016 at Union Bank with some of the larger employers in town to discuss how we can strengthen our business climate.

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

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk