

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 June, 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, Phil Rogge, Ed Friesen, and Brad Kuzelka. Absent: 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 June 7, 2016.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Approval of the May 2016 Reconciliation Report.
4. Approval of the re-appointment of Stan Smith to the Fairbury Public Library Board. Term to expire July 2020.
5. Approval of the re-appointments of Cody Moyer, Paul Schramm, and Justin Schultis to the Planning Commission. Terms to expire September 2019.
(Cody Moyer's term date should be September 2018.)

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

Mayor Ward opened the public hearing reviewing the existing CDBG project in Fairbury: CDBG #14-PP-012 – Community Park Master Plan and Pool Feasibility Study. As part of the CDBG program, the requirement of a second public hearing sometime within the open project term is to be held by the City Council so the public can comment on any of the projects as they are ongoing; this is a requirement of the citizen's participation plan for each of the CDBG projects. City Administrator Collin Bielser stated this public hearing is also for an adoption of a plan; this does not allocate any funds or choose any specific project that is included in the plan. This is simply like the City's Comprehensive Plan; an overview of our park system to provide us direction in the future of our hopes and dreams of aspirations of what we would like to see – this is just an adoption of a plan; nothing more than that. Kevin Prior with Olsson Associates addressed the Council. Prior presented an overview of the Community Park Master Plan and Pool Feasibility Study. The Park Study included

review of the City's current parks system which includes the City Park, McNish Park, Optimist Park, Conrad Park, and Crystal Springs Park. The number of acres currently in the Parks System (220 acres) exceeds the national average for communities the size of Fairbury. The City Park includes enough acreage to meet the recommended national standard for parkland for Fairbury. The City Park offers the widest variety of recreation opportunities. The City Park includes the Frontier Fun Park, Municipal Pool, Community Center, Softball Complex, Quinn Field, Soccer Fields, and the Middle Loup Area that is used for many community events. McNish Park has a significant historical value for the City of Fairbury. McNish Park has many activities including water features, shelters, tennis courts, playground equipment, and Frisbee Golf. The City has recently completed some improvements within McNish Park. The Optimist Park is a neighborhood park that has limited recreation facilities. The only activity is a swing set. Conrad Park is a pocket park located in the downtown area. A gazebo and benches are currently located in Conrad Park. Crystal Springs Park is maintained by the Utility Board and is located south of the Little Blue River. The Crystal Springs Park provides camping and fishing opportunities. There are camper sites with full hook-ups, picnic shelters, a shower house/restroom and three interconnecting lakes. Prior stated the recommended Park Opportunities that will have the most impact for the City include: expansion of the Trails System/Safe Route to School Sidewalks, drainage improvements in the City Park, additional restrooms, additional street paving and parking, updated playground equipment, upgrading of Quinn Field/lighting, additional picnic shelters, and landscaping. Prior stated other activities that were identified but not placed in any of the Parks are a Skate Park, Basketball Courts, and a Dog Run along with many minor improvements within each park. Prior stated the total Opinion of Costs for the Proposed Park Improvements is approximately \$2,700,000.00. Prior stated the majority of the improvements would be in the City Park and McNish Park. Prior stated the City Municipal Pool was not considered within the park study, but was looked at separately. The Pool Study included an evaluation of the Bathhouse, Pool Basin, and the Mechanical Equipment. The Pool Basin has experienced several problems recently and the problems need to be addressed. A complete review of the pool facility was warranted. Prior stated the evaluation determined that the Bathhouse was in good to fair condition and it had served the community well, but it doesn't meet current standards and it is not feasible to remodel. The pool basin leaks and when concrete testing was completed, the deep end of the basin had weak concrete. Based on the community support for competitive swimming, the pool depths are not in compliance with competitive pool standards and a deeper pool basin would be required. Based on the findings, it was decided to look at a total replacement of the existing bathhouse, mechanical equipment, and pool basin. Several concepts were developed and reviewed by the City staff and the Fairbury Pool and Aquatic Committee and the concepts in the report summarize the ideas collected during the study. An Opinion of Cost for the selected concepts were developed and range from \$3,650,000.00 to \$5,130,000.00. Council Member Phil Rogge stated if possible, it would be a good idea to have the Community Park Master Plan and Pool Feasibility Study available on the City's website so everyone would be able to view the plan. Bielser stated this is the adoption of the plan which includes multiple concepts; if anything would move forward with a project, likely it will not be

100% like it is reflected in the plan. The plan gives the City a range to look at with these projects; it is just a starting point. No one else addressed the Council during the public hearing. Mayor Ward declared the hearing closed.

Mayor Ward stated the Public Hearing regarding the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CU-2016-001) from David Lange and Clayton Brandt of Bio-Hazard Martial Arts at 415 5th Street, Fairbury, Nebraska has been cancelled. The request was to allow for an indoor recreational facility in the C-1 – Downtown Commercial Zoning District as provided for in Article 5, Section 5.13 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fairbury, Nebraska – 2013 Edition.

Kuzelka moved to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Committee regarding a request from Rose Wiegert and Peggy Galloway representing Jefferson County Courthouse to close all the streets around the courthouse square, E Street from 5th to the south side of 6th Street, and 5th Street from E Street to the west side of F Street from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on September 10, 2016 for a Rededication for the 125th Anniversary of the Jefferson County Courthouse. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Davis absent. Motion carried. (Dumpsters and garbage service will also be provided by the City.)

Kuzelka moved to approve the recommendation from the Fairbury Pool & Aquatic Committee to adopt the Community Park Master Plan and Pool Feasibility Study as presented. Motion seconded by Rogge. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Davis absent. Motion carried.

Within the City Administrator’s report, Collin Bielser stated about a year ago the Planning Commission requested that the Department of Roads look at a Road Diet - Highway 136 going from the four lanes to the two lanes and the turning lane in the middle (like Beatrice has). Bielser stated we have done periodic updates with the Department of Roads and they stated they’re working on it – the last update was that their budget has been cut so they are not moving forward with that project but they are leaving it on their twenty year plan; so if funding ever gets restored we might see something happen.

Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Rogge, Friesen, and Kuzelka all voted “yes”. Davis absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk