

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 7th 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, Ed Friesen, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Phil Rogge and Brad Kuzelka.

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 May 17, 2016.
2. Approval of claims.
3. Approval of the re-appointment of Phyllis Wasserman to the Fairbury Housing Authority. Term to expire May 2021.

Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the claim for Gilbert Hinrichs. Motion seconded by Polson. Polson stated the claim for Gilbert Hinrichs needs further explanation. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, and Friesen all voted "yes". Brown and Davis abstained. Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Ward opened the hearing for the Nuisance Declaration Appeal for property owned by Cindy Brinkmann, located at 808 B Street; legally described as the North 50' of Lot 7, Block 11, Gibson's Addition, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. City Attorney David Barga and Police Chief Chad Sprunk, Board of Health Secretary presented the City's evidence regarding the nuisance conditions of the property located at 808 B Street. Gina Weishahn Power of Attorney for Cindy Brinkmann addressed the Council. Weishahn stated they are not appealing the nuisance; they just need more time to abate the nuisance. Mayor Ward asked for further discussion or comments. No one else addressed the Council during the appeal hearing. Mayor Ward declared this hearing closed.

Mayor Ward opened the hearing for the Nuisance Declaration Appeal for property owned by Kathleen Thaemert, located at 1124 5th Street; legally described as West 47' of Lot 7, Harriet Bush Subdivision, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. City Attorney David Barga and Police Chief Chad Sprunk, Board of Health Secretary presented the City's evidence regarding the nuisance conditions of the property located at 1124 5th Street. Sprunk also stated Thaemert was served two notices. The second nuisance notice was for grass and that has been taken care of; and the other notice is for unsafe structure. Kathleen Thaemert addressed the Council. Thaemert also stated she wants to fix the structure; not demolish the structure. Mayor Ward asked for further discussion or comments. No one else addressed the Council during the appeal hearing. Mayor Ward declared this hearing closed.

Mayor Ward opened the hearing for the Nuisance Declaration Appeal for property owned by Ryan Bartels located at 603 B Street; legally described as that part of Lot 1, and the South 5' of Lot 2, Block 8, Original Town, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. City Attorney David Barga and Police Chief Chad Sprunk, Board of Health Secretary presented the City's evidence regarding the nuisance conditions of the property located at 603 B Street. Sprunk also stated Bartels had two notices. The second nuisance notice was for grass and that has been taken care of; and the other notice is for unsafe structure. City Administrator Collin Bielser stated he has visited with Jennifer Bartels; they have ninety days to complete and they have already made some upgrades to the outside of the structure. Jennifer Bartels addressed the Council. Bartels stated they have started repairing the structure and should be completed within the ninety days. Bartels stated they have contacted a contractor to help if needed to complete the abatement within the timeframe of ninety days. Mayor Ward asked for further discussion or comments. No one else addressed the Council during the appeal hearing. Mayor Ward declared this hearing closed.

Bailey moved to approve the request from the Bonham Theatre Group to close part of E Street in front of the Bonham Theatre for a groundbreaking ceremony on June 27, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Carmichael. (The Public Works Committee did not have a quorum for their meeting to discuss the request from the Bonham Theatre Group.) Brooke Schwab addressed the Council. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried. (As per Brooke's conversation with Laura Bedlan, Assistant Street Superintendent, the barricades will be placed in the parking stalls in front of the Bonham Theatre on both the east and west sides of the street in the morning and at noon the street will be blocked off at the same location until 1:30 p.m.)

Brown moved to approve issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for City Beautification Loan Service. Motion seconded by Carmichael. City Administrator Collin Bielser addressed the Council. Bielser stated by issuing a RFP to lenders this would gauge if the City could acquire a short-term loan that would provide additional cash upfront to speed up the pace of the City's beautification efforts. It is projected that current resources are available to pay for the yearly payments required for a loan in excess of \$100,000.00. If the City were to secure a loan, staff estimates it could be feasible to

eradicate 40 to 60 unsafe structures in the next eighteen months. The City was awarded a Federal Grant in 2008 which initiated the City's beautification efforts. From 2009 to 2011, nineteen structures were voluntarily razed by their owners who took advantage of the grant. Since 2011, another 49 structures have been abated. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Friesen moved to approve the appointments of Jeff Meyer, Chair, Lana Likens, Jill Davis, Catherine Axon, and Gary Muell to the Economic Development Certified Community Task Force. Motion seconded by Bailey. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Friesen moved to adopt Resolution No. 1017 ordering and directing Cindy Brinkmann to remedy said public nuisance on the property located at 808 B Street; legally described as the North 50' of Lot 7, Block 11, Gibson's Addition, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Davis. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Polson moved to adopt Resolution No. 1018 ordering and directing Kathleen Thaemert to remedy said public nuisance on the property located at 1124 5th Street; legally described as the West 47' of Lot 7, Harriet Bush Subdivision, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Brown. Barger stated the nuisance is for the unsafe structure. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Polson moved to adopt Resolution No. 1019 ordering and directing Ryan Bartels to remedy said public nuisance on the property located at 603 B Street; legally described as all that part of Lot 1, and the South 5' of Lot 2, Block 8, Original Town, City of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Motion seconded by Bailey. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Brown moved to adopt Resolution No. 1020 adopting the Little Blue and Lower Big Blue Natural Resources Districts Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion seconded by Carmichael. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Carmichael moved to adopt Resolution No. 1021 to levy and assess costs of nuisance abatement against certain properties. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried.

Within the City Administrator's report, Collin Bielser stated the City received notice that the City is a recipient of a Water Planning grant through Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). The grant is to do a preliminary engineering report on the City's water distribution system. The City sells water to the Little Blue Natural Resource District (LBNRD) and the City cannot sell them any more water due to the City's aging infrastructure. The LBNRD is participating with us because the need for updating infrastructure is just as important for them. Bielser stated USA Today had an article yesterday about the best fifty road trips in America and in Nebraska that was the Heritage Highway. In the article, they also recommended that people stop at Rock Creek Station in Jefferson County.

Carmichael moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Friesen. On roll call, Polson, Bailey, Carmichael, Brown, Friesen, and Davis all voted "yes". Rogge and Kuzelka absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Homer L. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharyl Preston, City Clerk