

# FAIRBURY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

Member Rogge made the statement regarding the Open Meetings Act as required by statute.

1. Member Phil Rogge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for roll call. Other members present were: Brian Schmidt, Tim Polson and Kelly Davis.

2. Next, was the motion to convene.

Member Schmidt made the motion to convene. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Polson and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

3. Next, was the approval of the December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, minutes. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Schmidt made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, meeting. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Polson, Rogge and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

4. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the 2022 Waterpark Season Schedule and Fees. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Development Services Director Laura Bedlan explained that the schedule and fees were carried over from last year except for the removal of the COVID hours/prices and two recommended pool closing dates. One date is August 7<sup>th</sup> and the other date is August 14<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation of two different dates is due to the fact that the school has not selected a 2022 fall start date yet. Typically, when school starts the guard staff will not be available to work so the pool will shut down. Both dates offered are the Sunday before the two possible school start dates and the school expects to select a date within a month at which time they will notify the city. There was some discussion regarding the pricing of the 10 punch pass and it was clarified that the 10 punch pass is for youth and adults. Member Davis made the motion to recommend City Council approve the proposed 2022 Waterpark Season Schedule and Fees. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Polson, Rogge and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

5. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the 2022 City Wide Clean Up. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Development Services Director Laura Bedlan stated that the City Wide Clean Up schedule and rules were carried over from last year. She noted that there were no issues with last year's Clean Up. There were no significant nuisances afterwards and combining residents and business on Free Dump Days was helpful for staff. She also stated that allowing mattresses to be dumped for free at the transfer station has been helpful in reducing nuisances. Bedlan clarified that the numbers for the 2021 Clean Up were skewed because of the addition of Jansen in 2020. Member Polson made the motion to recommend City Council approve the proposed 2022 City Wide Clean Up. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Polson, Rogge and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

4. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the 2022 Free Dump Days. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Development Services Director Laura Bedlan explained that this schedule and the rules for this event were carried over from last year and there were no issues in 2021. Member Schmidt made the motion to

recommend City Council approve the proposed 2022 Free Dump Days. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Polson, Rogge and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

5. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the proposed agreement between the City of Fairbury and the American Legion for use of Quinn Field. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Administrator Messbarger explained that he has been working with the various youth organizations to finalize agreements and that during this process the Fairbury Public Schools has reached out to him requesting a formal agreement for their use of the fields also. For that reason and as he was directed at the previous meeting he has drafted 3 similar agreements which he is proposing tonight. There is no financial assistance provided by the city in any of the agreements however, the city is responsible to maintain the fields and provide up to \$2,000 in field drying material per year. He noted that historically this material has averaged from \$1,000 - \$1,500 so \$2,000 should be plenty and can be reviewed in the future if necessary. He also explained that all of the youth organizations were understanding of the agreements. Member Schmidt made the motion to recommend City Council approve the proposed agreement between the City of Fairbury and the American Legion for use of Quinn Field. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Polson and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

6. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the proposed agreement between the City of Fairbury and the Fairbury Area Softball Association for use of the Softball Complex. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Administrator Messbarger explained that the Softball organization understood the need for equality in agreements and the reason for removing the financial assistance that was previously provided. Additionally, the city agreed to provide maintenance on the fields and the softball organization is happy with that. Member Schmidt made the motion to recommend Council approve the proposed agreement between the City of Fairbury and the Fairbury Area Softball Association for use of the Softball Complex. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Polson and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

7. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the proposed agreement between the City of Fairbury and the Fairbury Public Schools for use of Quinn Field and the Softball Complex. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

In answer to member Rogge's question about previous charges for electric use at Quinn field administrator Messbarger stated that the city attorney recommends keeping it equal for all organizations that use the fields so there will only be a \$1.00 charge yearly for each. Member Schmidt made the motion to recommend City Council approve the proposed agreement between the City of Fairbury and the Fairbury Public Schools for use of Quinn Field and the Softball Complex. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Polson and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

7. Next, were public comments on non-agenda items

With no comments from the public on non-agenda items member Schmidt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Polson, Rogge and Davis) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.