

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 15TH day of March 2022, at 7:30 PM. Council President Davis called the meeting to order.

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof, and the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and pointed out by Council President Davis as required by law.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Phil Rogge, Brian Schmidt, Dusty Schmidt, Doug Brown, John Ebke, Bradley Kuzelka, and Kelly Davis. Absent: Tim Polson

Mayor Brown called for the submittal of forms to request future agenda items. No forms were submitted during the meeting.

Mayor Brown read the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 2022
2. Approval of Claims \$292,120.18

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on March 1, 2022, and \$292,120.18 in claims. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On roll call vote: D.Schmidt, Davis, Brown, Ebke, Kuzelka, Rogge, and B.Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Next item of business: **Current Business**

Mayor Brown introduced the first item of current business, “Consider special designated license approval for the Fairbury Chamber of Commerce- pork-n-pints event on April 30, 2022 at the VFW 5-10pm.” With no further questions, Rogge motioned to approve the special designated license approval for the Fairbury Chamber of Commerce- pork-n-pints event on April 30, 2022 at the VFW 5-10pm. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Davis, D. Schmidt, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval for the purchase of the Civic Rec and department header modules for the city of Fairbury website for a cost of approximately \$11,500 for year one and a recurring annual maintenance fee of approximately \$5,225.” This was presented on March 1, 2022 and tabled. To clarify this module is an add on to our current website. This feature would allow for online reservations of campground spots and other city provided amenities. The website would also be updated. With no further questions, B. Schmidt motioned to approve the purchase of the Civic Rec and department header modules for the city of Fairbury website for a cost of approximately \$11,500 for year one and a recurring annual maintenance fee of approximately \$5,225. Motion was seconded by Kuzelka. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Davis, D. Schmidt, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced the next item of current business, “Consider bids for Fairbury Levee hay lease.” No bids were received. It was discussed to potentially group the levee ground with another lease option in the future.

Mayor Brown introduced the next item of current business, “Consider equipment lease agreement between the City of Fairbury and the City of Beatrice.” The current city street sweeper is 15+ years of age and is used typically 2 full weeks out of the year. The sweeper is in need of repairs that have been quoted at \$25,000. A new sweeper was priced at \$230,000 and a used one at \$100,000. Leasing options are available for a cost of \$40,000 annually for a 5-year agreement for machines that are 5-7 years old. The city of Beatrice is interested in leasing their sweeper to Fairbury for \$40/hour plus Fairbury will need to pay the price of one rear tube, approximately \$500. The contract with Beatrice would include leasing the sweeper for 14 days between the month of March and May and an additional 14 days between the months of October thru December for a cost of \$6,980. The city of Fairbury would be responsible for any breakdown repairs while in use in Fairbury and would need to work out a delivery plan with Beatrice for the machine. Council would like to see the machine utilized more often than 1 month out of the year and discussed the potential option of leasing/buying from MacQueen. There is a significant lead time currently and this is likely not feasible for the current year. The contract with

Beatrice could likely be amended to reflect additional usage dates, City Administrator Messbarger will reach out to discuss. With no further questions, Brown motioned to approve the equipment lease agreement between the City of Fairbury and the City of Beatrice amending to reflect additional usage dates near the 4th of July. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Davis, D. Schmidt, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval of the enrollment in the Sub T Group.” RVW’s study for the electric transmission line project has indicated steps needed to meet the three project timelines of 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years. MEAN has advised there are several steps that need to be taken to meet the 5-year project requirement which includes enrollment into the Sub T group which collects load data from a geographical area in which Fairbury will become a planning partner. This will get the City of Fairbury in the NPPD queue. With partnership the City’s plan could be deemed as a priority. The Sub T Group partnership is approximately \$3,600 annually. There is a deadline of April 1, 2022 to join the Sub T Group. NPPD will also need to perform a load connection study and with a cost of \$25,000 and a SPP delivery point network study will also need to be conducted with an estimated cost of \$25,000, up to 50% of this cost could be recovered. These studies will likely begin in the fall of 2022. The city may withdraw from the project up until the studies are complete. With no further questions, Davis motioned to approve the enrollment in the Sub T Group. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Davis, D. Schmidt, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval for the purchase of the NPPD load connection study.” With no further questions, B. Schmidt motioned to approve purchase of the NPPD load connection study. Motion was seconded by Davis. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Davis, D. Schmidt, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval for the purchase of the SPP delivery point network study.” With no further questions, Ebke motioned to approve purchase of the SPP delivery point network study. Motion was seconded by Rogge. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Davis, D. Schmidt, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 3107 – An ordinance of the City of Fairbury, Nebraska amending Fairbury Municipal Code to add Subsection § 50.08 regarding the establishment of general fees, charges, and regulations relating to utility services provided by the City of Fairbury and repealing conflicting ordinances and sections and to provide for the effective date thereof (**1st Reading**). City Administrator Messbarger advised council that currently there are several formal and informal procedures regarding utility deposits and extensions that the utility office adhere to and ordinance 3107 would place all of these procedures in one document. One change would be to enact a late fee of 5% to outstanding utility balances. With no further questions, B. Schmidt motioned to give Ordinance 3107 its first reading. Motion was seconded by Rogge. On a roll call vote: Rogge, Brown, Kuzelka, D. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, and B.Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Reports/Discussion: none

Mayor Brown then entertained a motion to adjourn. Rogge moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Brown, Rogge, Ebke, Davis, D. Schmidt, Kuzelka, and B. Schmidt voting “yes.” Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Spencer Brown, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date