

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 19th day of July 2022, at 7:30 PM. Mayor Brown 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 Mayor Brown as required by law.

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

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 July 5, 2022
2. Approval of Claims \$434,592.87
3. Re-appointment of Eric Borch and Warner Krumme to the Fairbury Public Library Board
4. Authorize Jacob Matthews, City Administrator, to become a signatory on the following bank accounts at Heartland Bank: General, CDBG, Storm Bond, Keno and Keno Reserve

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on July 5, 2022, \$434,592.87 in claims, the re-appointment of Eric Borch and Warner Krumme to the library board, and the authorization of signatory of Jacob Matthews to the Heartland Bank accounts: General, CDBG, Storm Bond, Keno, and Keno Reserve. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On roll call vote: Davis, Brown, Ebke, Kuzelka, B. Schmidt, Polson, and P. Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Public Hearing/Presentation:

Public Hearing concerning declaration by the City Council of an area within the City of Fairbury, as previously designated, as blighted and substandard and in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law. Laura Bedlan- Development Services Specialist was present to answer any questions and informed Council that the hearing today is to consider an additional to the current plan for future development. Class II cities may designate up to 50% of their total area as blighted in which Fairbury is currently under the cap. To increase funding opportunities and designate additional areas a study was performed by Marvin Planning.

Next item of business: **Current Business**

Mayor Brown introduced the first item of current business, “Consider recommendation from the public works commission regarding a request from Sheriff Georgi to place barricades at the entrance to City Pool Drive for National night out on August 2, 2022, from 5PM to 830PM.” Public Works met prior and was excited that the event was returning. With no further questions, Rogge motioned to approve recommendation from the public works commission regarding a request from Sheriff Georgi to place barricades at the entrance to City Pool Drive for National night out on August 2, 2022, from 5PM to 830PM. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Polson, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, B. Schmidt, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval of the agreement between the City of Fairbury and BRB Contractors, Inc. regarding the water resource recovery facility improvements phase I project (WWTP upgrade) and authorizing City Administrator Matthews to sign the agreement. Council expressed strong opposition to receiving change orders during the project. It was determined that the project manager, Mary Renn, is to be presented with any change orders via the engineer. After receiving any such change order project manager, Renn will discuss/present to the City Administrator who will then place on the agenda for Council consideration and final approval. With no further questions, Brown motioned to approve the agreement between the City of Fairbury and BRB Contractors, Inc. regarding the water resource recovery facility improvements phase I project (WWTP upgrade) and authorizing City Administrator Matthews to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by Rogge. On a roll call vote: Polson, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, B. Schmidt, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval of the contract with Blobaum and Busboom, P.C. regarding audit services for the years ending September 30, 2022, thru 2024. With no further questions, Rogge motioned to approve the contract with Blobaum and Busboom, P.C. regarding audit services for the years ending September 30, 2022, thru 2024. Motion was seconded by Kuzelka. On a roll call vote: B. Schmidt, Polson, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval of the contract with Blobaum and Busboom, P.C. regarding preparation of the budget and accompanying schedules for the years ending September 30, 2023, thru 2025.” With no further questions, B. Schmidt motioned to approve the contract with Blobaum and Busboom, P.C. regarding preparation of the budget and accompanying schedules for the years ending September 30, 2023, thru 2025. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: Polson, B. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution No. 1197 declaring a portion of the City of Fairbury to be blighted and substandard, pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law. With no further questions, Rogge motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1197 declaring a portion of the City of Fairbury to be blighted and substandard, pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: Polson, B. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1198 appointing Jacob Matthews to serve as the representative to the NMPP Members’ council, the MEAN management committee, and director to the MEAN board of directors. With no further questions, Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1198 appointing Jacob Matthews to serve as the representative to the NMPP Members’ council, the MEAN management committee, and director to the MEAN board of directors. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Polson, B. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Reports/Discussion: Mayor Brown informed Council of the gracious donation of Chappell Roofing to re-roof the concession stands at both the baseball and softball fields.

Mayor Brown then entertained a motion to adjourn. Rogge moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Polson. On a roll call vote: Brown, Ebke, Davis, B. Schmidt, Polson, Kuzelka, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Spencer Brown, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date