

The Mayor and Council of the City of Fairbury met in the Council Chambers located at 612 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska, on the 16th day of August 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, Phil Rogge, Dusty Schmidt, 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 August 2, 2022
2. Approval of Claims \$1,000,329.50

Rogge moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on August 2, 2022, and \$1,000,329.50 in claim. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On roll call vote: Davis, Brown, Ebke, Kuzelka, B. Schmidt, D. Schmidt, and P. Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Public Hearing/Presentation:

Museum Annual Report- Mick Suey present a museum update for August 2021- August 2022. The museum saw over 1000 guests. Pa’Ren delivered 38 research requests and provided 50 tours. The museum has received some upgrading in the past year that includes LED lighting, the Sherman WWII tank was repainted, 4 informative signs were added, and the furniture room was completed. Future projects include the business and organizational room. The car show continues to grow each year and this past year they saw over 700 guests in attendance. The Veteran’s Memorial in on track to be dedicated Memorial Weekend of 2023. There will be 275 veteran bricks on the inside and 60 donor bricks on the outside. Mick discussed a few items that need attention: Sidewalk on the south side and the heat pumps are beginning to need repair and may need replacement in the near future.

Fairbury Housing Authority-Twilya L’Ecuyer was present to discuss a grant application through the federal home loan bank for the Fairbury Housing Authority to provide workforce housing in the community. Fairbury Housing can apply for up to 1 million dollars in funding- they are proposing 15 units (1 triplex unit and 6 duplex units). The square footage is estimated at 1500 sq feet and the estimated construction cost is \$220,800 per unit. Fairbury Housing Authority would maintain ownership of the properties and would take care of the mowing and lawn care. The housing authority has received backing of the project from: Endicott Brick, Westin Foods, and Jefferson Community Health and Life. There will be a potential need for additional staffing of the authority upon leasing. The deadline for the grant is 5pm on August 19, 2022. The housing authority will be notified in approximately 60 days as to whether or not their application is being considered, and the acceptance would be announced December 30, 2022. If awarded the grant the bid process would begin in the spring.

Next item of business: **Current Business**

Mayor Brown introduced the first item of current business, “Consider Fairbury Housing Authority’s request for a letter of support pledging the donation of land.” With no further questions, Davis motioned to approve a letter of support pledging the donation of land, as available, to the housing authority for their proposed workforce housing grant application. Motion was seconded by B. Schmidt. On a roll call vote: Davis, Ebke, D. Schmidt, Kuzelka, Brown, B. Schmidt, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then introduced the next item of current business, “Consider approval of Drawdown #10- owner occupied rehab project #19-HO-36100 in the amount of \$4,585 to SENDD, \$1,995 to MIT contracting and \$23,865 to Rooforia, CDBG funded.” With no further questions, B. Schmidt motioned to approve Drawdown #10- owner occupied rehab project #19-HO-36100 in the amount of \$4,585 to SENDD, \$1,995 to MIT contracting and \$23,865 to Rooforia, CDBG funded. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: B. Schmidt, D. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: None

Reports/Discussion:

Resolution 1199- to sell assets used in the prior operation of the City of Fairbury’s municipal power plant. With no further questions, B. Schmidt motioned to approve resolution 1199 to sell assets used in the prior operation of the City of Fairbury’s municipal power plant. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: B. Schmidt, D. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Resolution 1200- appointment of City Administrator Jacob Matthews as the primary representative of the Little Blue Valley Water System (LBVWS) board of directors. With no further questions, Rogge motioned to approve resolution 1200 appointment of City Administrator Jacob Matthews as the primary representative of the Little Blue Valley Water System (LBVWS) board of directors. Motion was seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: B. Schmidt, D. Schmidt, Davis, Ebke, Kuzelka, Brown, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried.

Mayor Brown then entertained a motion to adjourn. Rogge moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ebke. On a roll call vote: Brown, Ebke, D. Schmidt, Davis, B. Schmidt, Kuzelka, and Rogge voting “yes.” Motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Spencer Brown, Mayor

Date

Erin Reimer, City Clerk

Date