

FAIRBURY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 2nd, 2021
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, Kelly Davis and Tim Polson.

2. Next, was the motion to convene.

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

3. Next, was the approval of the October 5th, 2021, minutes. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Schmidt made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2021, meeting. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

4. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding the agreement with the American Legion for use of Quinn Field. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Administrator Messbarger spoke in regards to this item. It is noted that the agreement is up for renewal by January 2022 and there are some concerns specifically with discrepancies between the softball and baseball contracts. For this reason Messbarger chose to bring it before the commission to get direction on negotiation of new contracts. Because item 4 & 5 are closely related it is decided to open both items for discussion and then make recommendations separately. Messbarger noted some of the contract differences mainly, city payment to the softball association for field maintenance and referred the commission to the two suggested contract modifications in the packet that would provide consistency between the two contracts. The commission questioned what the city was subsidizing with the payments to the softball association and what work that the city currently does to maintain the fields. It was noted the city softball payments are by the hour for care and maintenance of the field which essentially pays for a contractor to chalk and prep fields and is usually between 3,000 – 4,000 a year. City staff currently mow, fertilize and maintain the fields. Rogge mentions that there are several entities that use the softball fields and Robert clarifies that there is a Field board that oversees the softball fields and then there are several organizations under that field board that use the fields. The commission discussed spreading the payment over several organizations instead of just one and there was still some questions as to what exactly the money was going towards. The commission agreed that some clarification in billing is important. When asked Administrator Messbarger noted that the organizations do receive all of the proceeds from the concessions and admission fees. After review it appeared that 4,500 a year was an average bill for softball. It is noted that the American Legion field is maintained by volunteers. Messbarger mentions that there are other organizations as well that are not currently subsidized by the City. Member Schmidt made the motion to recommend City Council terminate the current contract with American Legion and approve Administrator Messbarger to begin contract negotiation with them for use of Quinn Field. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

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

Member Schmidt made the motion to recommend City Council terminate the current contract with the Fairbury Softball Association and approve Administrator Messbarger to begin contract negotiation with them for use of the Fairbury Softball Complex. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

4. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding bids received for the 2021-01 I street paving improvement project and authorizing Mayor Brown to sign any and all related documents. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Bedlan explained the bid information in the packet and it was noted that Tiemann was lower by roughly \$56,091. Davis asked if Tiemann had done work for the City in the past and it was clarified that they did do a project on Bacon Road almost 10 years ago at which time there were some difficulties with the contractor meeting their timelines. However, she noted that she did check their references and for all of the project listed they received good recommendations. After discussion regarding timelines, workmanship, prices and subcontractors Member Schmidt made the motion to recommend City Council accept the RL. Tiemann bid in the amount of \$136,169.00 for the Fairbury 2021-01 I Street Improvement District Project. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 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 Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Rogge, Polson, Davis and Schmidt) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.