

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2023. Mayor Bill Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and Coffin. Absent: T. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the agenda. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Motion by Erickson, second by R. Woods to approve the minutes of the February 27th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of February were: General, \$7,189.98; Special Revenue, \$27,102.75; TIF, \$158.99; Capital Projects, \$90.78, Permanent Funds, \$17.92; Proprietary, \$230,055.67; and Transfers In, \$27,055.00. Disbursements for the month of February were: General, \$18,656.79; Special Revenue, \$8,170.92; Proprietary, \$186,701.29; and Transfers Out, \$27,055.00. Balance on hand at close of business on February 28, 2023, was \$5,197,397.03.

A representative from the Fayette County Fair was not present to discuss their request for a carnival sponsorship.

Adam Kerns, the city's insurance agent, was present to discuss the renewal information on the city property insurance which is up for renewal on April 1st. Everyone is seeing 15-20% increases and those increases don't look to end anytime soon. He stated that the city renewal for this year had an increase from \$50,902.00 to \$60,296.00. Motion by R. Woods, second by Coffin to approve the ICAP Insurance Renewal for 2023 at \$60,296.00. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Main Street Project updates were discussed with the council. Brian informed everyone about the information talked about during the preconstruction meeting held that past week. They are planning on starting March 27th pending weather with phase 1B then 1A. The bridge will remain open with one lane operating alternating traffic using traffic lights. Baker Concrete & Excavating, the contractor working on the underground utilities, said that they would not have any time to work on personal water service lines. After learning this, Jon Biederman asked Brian if there were any local contractors that might work on them for each individual owner and the one that was contacted stated that it would be quite the job. One positive regarding this information, is that they are 90% sure that everyone has copper lines and copper shouldn't wear out. The connections could. Those are located underground but there wouldn't be any connections under the buildings. Public Works will watch this process as these service lines are uncovered. The water service line to City Hall will be changed because the current connection comes from a neighboring business and there will also be a service line stub added to the lot between the Post office and the Flower Shop for any possible future development. A few of the light poles will have to be held in place or moved when the project gets started. All the plans and detours can be found on the homepage of the city's website.

Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to approve the liquor license submitted for the new owners of the bar located at 108 East Main Street. The name of the bar will be Outer Banks. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

The impact of Senate File 181 signed into law was discussed during the budget discussion. This law required the Department of Revenue to recalculate residential rollback for the 2022 assessment year. The rollback on residential property was lowered from 56.4919% to 54.6501%. That resulted in a reduced taxable valuation in all the property classes. It was further explained that this caused the amount of property tax dollars that could have been received at the same rate to be lower than under the previous taxable valuation. If the council chose to stay at the rate of 9.15 the city would see an overall drop of \$12,240.00 in property taxes able to be received. The council will have to discuss this more at the next budget meeting and see if there is room for that reduced income, or if some department budgets need reduced, or if an increase in taxes is needed to compensate. The budget deadline was extended to April 30th to allow all cities the time to properly plan for this and finalize their budgets. Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to set the next budget workshop for March 27th at 5:30 pm. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Approving the budget for publication and setting the public hearing was tabled.

An Electric Reliability Plan is required to be reviewed and passed annually. The plan passed last year was reviewed and updated. Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to approve **Resolution 2023-05 – Resolution Adopting Electric Reliability Plan of the City of Fairbank Municipal Electric Utility**. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. This plan will be filed with IUB by April 1st.

Last year there were ten trees that the city received and planted as memorial trees. Motion by Coffin, second by Williams to do ten more this year. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. The cost of the memorial tree for the individual donating the tree was \$200.00 which included the tree, a cement ring, and a plaque and that will be the same for this year. Ted Vorwald talked with Cannon’s Greenhouse again and got an updated list of prices and trees available. Two of the ten trees for this year will be from the city in memory of Police Chief Mike Everding and Mayor Mike Harter. The council picked two Pin Oak trees and would like to see them both planted in Riverside Park. There is a list of individuals who were interested last year that were put on a list for this year after they were all spoken for. They will be contacted to see if they are still interested, then city hall will get the word out for the remaining available trees.

The Council received a quote from Frontline Warning Systems for a service contract for one year. The \$800.00 contract included inspecting the warning sirens twice a year. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the one-year contract with Frontline Warning Systems. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None

Blane Benham with Black Hawk Waste Inc. submitted a new contract for the one-year extension option on the current contract for the council to review. The only change to the current contract was an increase of 5% for the next year. Motion by Coffin, second by Erickson to approve the one-year extension contract with Black Hawk Waste Inc. for garbage collection for the City of Fairbank. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Councilwoman Erickson and Mayor Cowell met with the two current pool board members and they are going to set up interviews for the applicants that applied for the management positions at the aquatic center. They are still looking for a third person to fill the president vacancy on the pool board.

Motion by Erickson, second by Coffin to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, Supplies	\$ 849.33
B & K AUTOMOTIVE, Services	\$ 209.95
BLACK HAWK WASTE DISPOSAL, Pick-up Fees	\$ 5,830.68
BRIGHTGUY.COM, Supplies	\$ 170.80
BUCHANAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV., FY23 Utility Dues	\$ 500.00
BUCHANAN COUNTY EMERG MAN, Reimbursement	\$ 505.46
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Electric	\$ 54,351.23
BUTLER COUNTY REC, Services	\$ 929.50
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, Gas	\$ 658.16
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Natural Gas	\$ 29,685.75
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION, Reservation	\$ 17,241.09
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, Equipment	\$ 847.72
BEN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
BRIAN DELAGARDELLE, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
DELTA INDUSTRIES, INC., Supplies	\$ 541.69
DES MOINES STAMP MANUFACTURING, Supplies	\$ 31.83
DON'S TRUCK SALES, Services	\$ 613.26
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP, Services	\$ 371.94
ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS, Services	\$ 1,314.72
FAIRBANK FIREMEN'S FUND, Reimbursement	\$ 399.99
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Utility Bill Postage March 2023	\$ 182.40
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 5,340.33
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Utility Deposits Applied	\$ 400.00
FEHR GRAHAM, Engineering Fees	\$ 8,604.25
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS, Annual Siren Contract	\$ 800.00
BRITTANY FULLER, Mileage	\$ 32.48

GRAINGER, INC., Supplies	\$ 131.38
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CO., Alarm Monitoring	\$ 300.00
IA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, N. Kuker Certification	\$ 20.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Pool & Slide Registration	\$ 70.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, Training	\$ 30.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC., Water	\$ 6,588.38
IPERS, Benefits	\$ 5,169.23
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, Clothing Allowance & Supplies	\$ 173.94
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC., Testing	\$ 403.00
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Training	\$ 525.00
NICK KUKER, Cell Phone Reimbursement	\$ 75.00
LITTLE WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, Static IP Addresses	\$ 20.00
MAURER TREE SERVICE, Services	\$ 1,800.00
MEDIACOM, Phone Line	\$ 46.96
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR, Maintenance	\$ 503.98
MODERN BUILDING PRODUCTS, Supplies	\$ 364.10
NSB/HSA - H S A Contributions	\$ 625.00
NSB/HSA- H S A Payroll Deductions	\$ 280.00
OELWEIN PUBLISHING, Publishings	\$ 465.60
PLAYTIME LLC, Equipment Deposit	\$ 7,200.00
PREMIER TECHNOLOGY, Equipment & Services	\$ 1,608.75
QUICK MED CLAIMS, Ambulance Billing	\$ 108.69
ROBERT GIPPER, Supplies Reimbursement	\$ 145.00
ROBERTS, STEVENS,PRENDERGAST, Attorney Fees	\$ 579.50
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB, Supplies	\$ 59.81
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, Return	\$ 12.50
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 2/1/23	\$ 10.00
NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 2/15/23	\$ 8.66
NE SECURITY BANK, Utility ACH Service Charge	\$ 10.00
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT, Supplies	\$ 37.44
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, Supplies	\$ 399.11
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMP, Life Policies	\$ 82.70
T & R SERVICE COMPANY, Equipment	\$ 5,852.96
TAPCO, Supplies	\$ 438.36
THOMAS ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, Equipment	\$ 600.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IOWA, Feb. Sales Tax	\$ 3,922.02
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, Feb. WT Excise Tax	\$ 1,191.39
U. S. TREASURY, 941 Taxes	\$ 7,058.61
U.S. BANK, PEFA Commodity	\$ 15,231.62
USA BLUEBOOK, Supplies	\$ 157.33
VERIZON WIRELESS, Cell Phones	\$ 143.01
VISA, Microsoft Emails/AVAYA Phone System/Supplies/Training/Website Updates	\$ 1,375.21
WELLMARK, Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,303.13
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$ 120.00
BRENT WIERCK, Services	\$ 525.00
WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE, Gas Alarm Phone Line	\$ 67.71
The Library Board Approved the Following Bills on March 8, 2023:	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Supplies	\$ 60.33
ANGELA BERG, Mileage	\$ 19.65
BAKER & TAYLOR INC., Books	\$ 1,013.42
FAIRBANK POSTMASTER, Box Fee	\$ 104.00
CITY OF FAIRBANK, Electric & Gas	\$ 255.90
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC, Printer Services	\$ 54.20

NE SECURITY BANK, Payroll Processing Fee 2/15/2023	\$	1.34
OVERDRIVE, INC., EBooks	\$	500.00
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB, Supplies	\$	19.93
VISA, Microsoft Email/AVAYA Phone System/Website Updates	\$	103.10
ROXANNE WENNER, Services	\$	160.00

Police Chief Drish stated that their Toughbook was up and running and functional. He also stated that they finally got their new shot gun that was ordered a year ago and the department issued ten speeding citations, jake braking warning, and three municipal infractions for a dangerous dog that past week. He also wanted to recognize Officer Franck's great response when reporting to a call about an individual exercising their first amendment rights. Brian stated that they had started the process of inspecting all the lead service lines. It will be a lengthy process given they have to physically go into every house to confirm. Nick had been busy putting up squirrel guards on the poles and they were also still working on GIS inputting.

Motion by Coffin, second by Williams to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Bill Cowell, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk