

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday March 24, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brandon French, Part-time Officer; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Williams to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: March 10<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and the Approval of the Request for the Street Closing for Fairbank Days June 25<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> . Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to table the public works UTV purchase until the next meeting. The council felt they needed more time to discuss with Nick the need for one and to have more discussions about the difference between buying new or used. Motion carried.

Mayor Kayser stated that he was meeting with Prairie Road Builders the next day to review the streets in town and the different products available. Ron Miller was present to state that he does not think the roads done in the past couple of years have been good. There should be more information to present in the coming meetings.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve signing the gWorks ordering document regarding the city's accounting software. The document discussed at the last meeting locks the city in with the current gWorks rate as the rate for next year for the new gWorks cloud-based system if the council chooses to onboard to the cloud. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Gruetzmacher, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by R. Woods to approve **Resolution – 2025-09 – Resolution Setting Deputy Clerk Raise After Certification**. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, R. Woods, Erickson, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

The council needed to finalize the tax rate for this next budget year. Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Erickson to **Approve Resolution 2025-10 – Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for the City's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Erickson, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. The rate will be published at the rate of \$9.000 and the public hearing was set for Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Mayor Kayser stated that the police department had finished their sign survey up in the new addition and he was going to have a meeting with Police Chief Drish to discuss the findings and see if they have any recommendations. Councilman Williams stated that they should consider amending Chapter 65 Stop or Yield Required in the City Ordinances to add a stop sign at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Grove Street for vehicles headed south on 3<sup>rd</sup> turning to Grove Street. Councilwoman Erickson said that her and Councilman Gruetzmacher met with the pool board to discuss this upcoming pool season, lots was discussed and they felt it was a good conversation. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that Little League would be starting up soon and that the garbage on his road was picked up again before 6 AM and the contract with Kluesner stated that they wouldn't pick up garbage until 6 AM or after.

During the department reports, Nick talked about a rotten electric pole that needed to be replaced by Don's Truck Sales and that unfortunately when it was replaced the power had to be shut off for a while at a few locations in town but overall, the project went smoothly. He also said that he was still reviewing and researching the request for gas services to a new subdivision in Oelwein.

Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Motion carried.

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Jason Kayser, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk