

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 27, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: R. Woods, Erickson, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: Williams and T. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dakota Drish, Part-time Police Chief; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

There were no public hearings.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: May 12th Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Approval of Class C Retail Alcohol License for Fairbank Development Corporation, Approve Street Closure for Block Party on Collins Rd, Approve IC Church Outdoor Mass at Riverside Park Sunday June 1st, and Approve Soliciting RPF's for FY 2025 Exam. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams arrived at 6:01 PM.

There was no informal public comment.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the contract with Outer Road Development LLC for the installation of natural gas services to their new addition on Outer Road. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Gruetzmacher, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Gruetzmacher to approve Resolution 2025-16 – Resolution Establishing Employee Salaries. Roll call vote-Ayes: R. Woods, Gruetzmacher, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Erickson to approve Resolution 2025-17 – Resolution Establishing Employee Salaries. Roll call vote-Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Erickson, and R. Woods. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by R. Woods to approve the second reading of Ordinance 373 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairbank, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining Natural Gas and the Charge for the Gas Meter. Roll call vote-Ayes: Gruetzmacher, R. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Discussion took place on whether to do some asphalt maintenance to the walking paths located at Riverside and West Bentley Parks. They are used every day, and it was felt that maintenance was important. Motion Gruetzmacher, second by R. Woods to approve quote #25385 with Kluesner Construction Inc. for \$4,166.84 for asphalt maintenance on the walking paths. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, R. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Gruetzmacher to hold off on the crack sealing quote from Kluesner Construction Inc. for now. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to table Christians Trail repairs until more quotes are received. Motion carried.

Aaron Wust was present on behalf of the TIF (Tax Increment Finance) Committee to help with any questions regarding a letter submitted to the council about a TIF application they received from Nita and Beni Rushiti for Costa's Sports Bar and Grill. The letter explained that they received the application and that they were applying for some TIF assistance to help with an addition to the building of an outside eating area. The committee recommended the approval of the project to the council. Before approval, the area would need to be added into a TIF district. Motion by Gruetzmacher to approve the \$30,000.00 TIF request contingent upon urban renewal approval. Motion by R. Woods to amend that motion to include reaching out to Dorsey and Whitney to see if it was possible to expand the TIF District to the two locations of Costa's and Don's. Seconded by Erickson. Motion carried. The city clerk will contact Jon Danos with Dorsey and Whitney and more information will be presented when available at the upcoming meetings.

Motion by Wiliams, second by Erickson to table the personnel policy manual updates and changes until more review could be done. Motion carried.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second d by Erickson to approve Resolution 2025-18 – Resolution Naming Depositories. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Erickson, and R. Woods. Abstain: Williams. Nays: None.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, the yard waste area was discussed, and the new cameras previously discussed were installed. Also, a reminder that there will be a Ragbrai 2025 townhall meeting that next day at the Fairbank American Legion.

During the department reports, Nick stated that Lonnie acquired his WW1 (Wastewater 1) certification and that he was signed up for the next test for the WW2 certification. He also stated that the pool was set to open that next day, and they had been very busy getting that ready. Police Chief Drish stated that the department had been busy and that he really appreciated the council and being able to serve the community for as long as he did. Since his last day is June 30th, he is helping to achieve a seamless transition and stated that he will still be around just in a different uniform.

Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk