

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 28, 2024. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Erickson/Gruetzmacher to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

T. Woods/Williams to open the public hearing on the FY 2024 budget amendment. Ayes: Four. Nays: None. There were no comments received orally or in writing. T. Woods/Gruetzmacher to close the public hearing. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve **Resolution 2024-14 – Resolution Approving City Budget Amendment #1 and Certification for Fiscal Year 2024**. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: May 13, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and April 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report for the Month of April 2024: Revenues - General, \$134,647.64; Special Revenue, \$25,605.17; TIF, \$35,206.84; Capital Projects, \$37.24; Permanent Funds, \$23.47; Proprietary, \$208,067.11; and Transfers In, \$27,055.00. Disbursements - General, \$71,418.62; Special Revenue, \$3,205.27; Capital Projects, \$1,190.50; Proprietary, \$170,881.37; and Transfers Out, \$27,055.00. Balance on hand at close of business on April 30, 2024, was \$5,688,586.43.

After being asked by the Mayor, the police department visited some residents to see if they were feeding stray cats. Tammy Rahlf and Linda Ferguson were present to read letters regarding their support of the stray cats and they explained the importance of them to the town. They stated they were against any ordinance changes, not allowing them. They were thanked for sharing their information.

Williams/T. Woods to approve the third reading of Ordinance 363 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to approve the third reading of Ordinance 364 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Erickson/T. Woods to approve the third reading of Ordinance 365 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Gas and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve the third reading of Ordinance 366 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Electric and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Erickson to approve the third reading of Ordinance 367 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/Gruetzmacher to pass and approve the following ordinances: Ordinance 363 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates, Ordinance 364 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Rates, Ordinance 365 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Gas and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection, Ordinance 366 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Electric and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection, Ordinance 367 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Matt Egen was present on behalf of the Fayette County Fair Board with a request for sponsorship from the City of Fairbank for their scheduled 2024 fair. The sponsorships received provide free admission and a free carnival to the public. The Fayette County Fair is scheduled for July 23-27, 2024. Williams/Gruetzmacher to approve a \$600.00 sponsor to the fair. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

A letter was received from Christy Gruetzmacher asking to be able to run the concession stand at the ball diamonds. T. Woods/Erickson to approve Christy Gruetzmacher to utilize the building for little league concessions. Ayes: Three. Nays: None. Abstain: Gruetzmacher.

An additional rental with D & S Portables Inc. was requested at Veteran's Park. Williams/Gruetzmacher to place another facility at Veteran's Park this summer. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

At the last meeting discussions were had on whether the City Clerk should be paid for the attendance at council meetings and after interest from the council in doing that, a resolution was drafted for this meeting. Councilman Gruetzmacher questioned where the resolution came from and how the pay was determined. It was drafted using the information gathered at the last council meeting and any of the information could be changed. There were no changes. Gruetzmacher/T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2024-15 – City Clerk Pay for Council Meeting Attendance**. The Clerk will be paid for the attendance at meetings at the same rate the council is paid per section 17.06 in the city code. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

The Workers Compensation proposal for FY 25 was presented. The premium decreased again. The premium went down \$8,406.00 for a total cost of \$6,103.00. Erickson/Gruetzmacher to approve the payment of \$6,103.00 to IMWCA for the FY25 premium. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Attorney Prendergast reviewed the Fairbank EMS Affiliation Agreement and stated that it was a good way to provide both communities an opportunity to be efficient. If the city approves it will still be pending signatures and approval from Oran.

Williams/Erickson to approve **Resolution 2024-16 – Resolution Approving Entry into a Contract with Oran Fire and EMS Inc**. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

Williams/T. Woods to approve sending out a request for proposals for the annual exam that is required for FY 2024. RFP's will be sent out asking for quotes on an annual exam and an audit and those received by June 21st will be reviewed at the meeting on June 24th. Ayes: Four. Nays: None.

During the council concerns/Mayor's report, Councilwoman Erickson explained her thoughts on the upgrades needed at Veteran's Park. This will be discussed during a goal setting workshop and grants will be investigated. Councilman Gruetzmacher said he had noticed one of the gliders at the ball diamond was broken and that he had some citizens approach him regarding water concerns they had along their road. Mayor Kayser stated that he was approached by a citizen wanting to donate a bench to a park. That information should be submitted to the council and reviewed at a council meeting. He will let them know.

During the department reports, Brian wanted to thank Ron Woods and Woods Construction for their time volunteering with clean-up at West Bentley park after the storm. It was a tremendous help. He also stated the pool was up and running and the flags and flowers were put up that past week. The street is now open and talks of final walk-throughs will have to be done before signing off on anything. The light poles base issues have not yet been resolved. Kevin Bodensteiner was present and stated that the fire department had been busy storm watching and helping with clean up during and after that past storm.

Gruetzmacher/Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk