

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday July 22, 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: Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; 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 Williams, second T. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: July 8, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and Liquor License for Costa's. Motion carried.

There were no comments during the informal comment section.

An option of a space arch as a replacement to the brakeless space shuttle park equipment was presented to the council. The cost of that piece of equipment for the park was around \$2,000.00 and it would fit in the area where the current broken equipment is located. Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Erickson to remove the current space shuttle equipment and order the yellow space arch equipment as a replacement. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

The quotes for the ball diamond upgrade project were all updated, and Gruetzmacher presented them to the Council. He was able to save some money for hauling the material since it was last quoted. The updated total for just the fieldwork was quoted at \$40,128.00 not including the scoreboards and currently between donations and grants that will be received, the Little League account will have over \$42,000.00 in it to put towards the project. Motion by Erickson, second by Gruetzmacher to approve getting the project started. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Gruetzmacher, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Lonnie Brewer was hired at the last meeting and the Council was informed that he had been doing very well. Motion by T. Woods, second by Gruetzmacher to approve **Resolution 2024-21 – Resolution Setting Wage for New Public Works Employee**. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Gruetzmacher, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Removal of the well house at Veteran's Park and the capping of well #3 was discussed. Brian stated that an inspection by the IA DNR a few years ago was asking for a timeline of when the city had planned to do those things and that a timeline should really be done. He received three quotes for the capping of the well. Gingerich quoted removal of the building and the capping at \$57,960.00 and a second quote for just capping and not removal of the building at \$53,250.00. Brian also had another quote from Cahoy Pump Service for just capping of the well for \$12,375.00. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to have public works investigate getting the building removed and to go with Cahoy Pump Service to cap well #3 this year and then they planned to do the other wells over the next couple of years for a three-year plan to cap all wells and to give the timeline to the IA DNR. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, Gruetzmacher, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

A quote was received from Maguire for \$2,650.00 and one from K & W Coatings LLC for \$1,800.00 for a water tower washout inspection. Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by T. Woods to approve the contract with K & W Coatings LLC for the washout and inspection of the water tower. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, T. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Councilman Williams asked public works about trimming a pine tree located in West Bentley Park. Councilwoman Erickson said that she had several citizens ask her why the city didn't spray for mosquitos. Years ago, it was done but it was expensive, and it was thought at that time that with the river it was not effective. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that Drake Mangrich said that they have had Davis Lawn Care

spray the volleyball courts and that it seemed to help during volleyball league and that maybe Davis Lawn Care could do a liquid application to the parks instead of fogging. Gruetzmacher also presented pictures of the new sand at one of the volleyball courts and stated that it was fabulous and wanted to thank Louie Miller, Derek Kaufman, and Drake Mangrich for their help in completing that project. He also mentioned he was unhappy with Randy's Lawn Care and some mowing issues that he noticed at the ball diamond and Mayor Kayser stated that he had a conversation with them about it.

During the department reports, Brian stated that the tree next to the concession stand had been trimmed and they also repaired the curb stop valve there and were hoping to get the sidewalk re-poured next week. Innerduct was bored along Lakeside Drive, and they were able to get the new primary cable pulled through earlier that day and Butler County REC will come and finish up the connection. The pool inspection was done and seemed to go very well, and Brian stated that the inspection at the sewer plant was also completed and seemed fine as well. Police Chief Drish gave the council an update and stated that the camera system in the car was not repairable and that he was going to have to get a new system ordered.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. Motion carried.

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Jason Kayser, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk