

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2023. Mayor Bill Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Ashly Bast and Kari Land were present to discuss a concern they have with the intersection of South Second Street and Grove Street. That intersection is a 4-way stop intersection. Ashly explained that nobody stops at the stop signs unless there is a cop sitting there and that along Grove Street, vehicles are speeding. There has been more traffic due to the Main Street project and the current detour for Hwy 281. Mayor Cowell stated that he had talked with the police chief about this and that he would mention it again. Councilman R. Woods stated that he had also talked with the police chief about it that past week. Councilman Williams stated that he had noticed a lot more patrolling in that area since then. The monitoring of that area will be continued.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Coffin to approve the minutes of the July 10th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of June were: General, \$61,428.93; Special Revenue, \$33,689.14; TIF, \$69.64; Capital Projects, \$35.79, Permanent Funds, \$219.48; Proprietary, \$172,023.06; and Transfers In, \$590,997.73. Disbursements for the month of June were: General, \$63,315.00; Special Revenue, \$52,269.45; Proprietary, \$412,036.53; Capital, \$12,621.68; and Transfers Out, \$590,997.73. Balance on hand at close of business on June 30, 2023, was \$5,308,106.55.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Coffin to approve the liquor license for Costa's. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Jon Biederman was present to discuss with the council the agreement that was tabled at the last meeting. He said they could change the liability amount to \$250,000.00. Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the Agreement with Fehr Graham for professional services for the 4th Street Sidewalk with a change to section 16. Changing the liability amount from \$150,000.00 to \$250,000.00. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Biederman also updated the council on the Main Street project. The water main has been completed up to Third Street and the storm sewer crew was working at the intersection of Second Street. There might be some paving happening the week of August 14th, but he did think that it seemed too soon. They also might be starting the storm sewer work on the west side of the bridge when they are done with the storm sewer work in this phase.

A water service was omitted from the original plans due to an alternate supply. Not doing that amounted to \$3,285.00 worth of savings for the city but Gene Carpenter with Don's Truck Sales had to do some internal waterline work to make things work which cost him \$1,162.45. Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to reimburse Don's Truck Sales for the work that was completed by Fairbank Plumbing and Heating Inc. for \$1,162.45 since the water service line was not able to be installed that was part of the Main Street project. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant Agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority for an Iowa Downtown Resource Center Community Catalyst & Remediation Grant project for the 1897 Café located at 111 East Main Street. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Coffin, second by T. Woods to approve the Development Agreement with JSW Enterprises, LLC for the 1897 Café Catalyst Grant at 111 Main Street in Fairbank, Iowa. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams.

Mayor Cowell had a discussion with Dave Mauer with the Fairbank American Legion and was told that the legion agreed and approved the location of the new outlet installed in Riverside Park. The Fairbank American Legion will continue to pay the utility bill for the Veteran's Memorial including the new outlet.

Ben wanted to present the council with information regarding some future maintenance needed at the Fairbank Aquatic Center. The gutters are original, and the plaster must be touched up every year. Due to the water loss the pool experiences, all new plaster should be considered. The gutter estimate was for \$12,378.00 from P & R

Metals out of Alabama. The two estimates received so far for the plaster were from Horizon Commercial Pools out of Minnesota for \$216,377.00 and from Mid-America Pool Renovation, Inc. for \$177,090.00 with another option for a plaster called white INTER-Glass for \$248,570.00. Price depends on the option chosen. Ben stated that him and Councilwoman Erickson were going to go visit pools in the area that have used both companies and study the different options. More information will be researched about these pool improvements needed and when they need to be done. Discussions will take place at future meetings with a decision happening after all the information can be reviewed.

During the department reports Brian stated that public works were able to get the business signs put up that were discussed at the last meeting. They also updated the yard waste sign to correlate with the current rules. So far, he stated that the yard waste area being open on Saturdays had been working. Thanks to everyone for helping abide by the new rules. He also stated that earlier that morning there was a tree that fell that needed immediate attention. They were able to get everyone to town that they needed to fix the issues it caused.

Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Bill Cowell, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk