

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday July 28, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Ken Schnor, 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 R. Woods, second by Gruetzmacher to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: July 14<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

During the informal public comment, Bill and Beth Dixon were present to inquire about removing the sidewalk in front of a home that they had purchased. They explained that the home was the only residence in the block where the sidewalk still existed. Attorney Prendergast stated that she would draft an email for everyone, and the council could act on the request at the next meeting if they wanted to. Mary Ann Hess was present to see about getting some garbage cans at Veteran's Park. She also wanted to ask why there was water collecting at the corner of Grove Street and Fifth Street South. Councilman Tyler Woods spoke up since he owns that piece of land and said he had been working on getting a contractor to that area.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with information regarding past accomplishments and on upcoming and active BCEDC Programs.

Jon Biederman was present to discuss project updates. He stated that the Fourth Street sidewalk project was scheduled to begin August 4<sup>th</sup>, and they were still working on the final details with that project. He also stated that any issues regarding the Main Street Project needed to be discussed with IA DOT. Attorney Prendergast asked Jon Biederman to review the entrance and access to the Farmer's Kitchen and provide an opinion on its compliance and design.

The water tower and cathodic protection was discussed regarding whether or not to keep renewing the annual contract. Cathodic protection helps with corrosion inside of a water tower and if the inside coating is good then not much protection would be used but even with the smallest of holes exposing steel the protection would be very beneficial. The last inspection showed that the inside was doing great and that could be because the cathodic protection is doing its job. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve tabling until the next meeting and in the meantime contacting Aegion/Corpro to see about getting some of the annual reports that they have gotten from inspections over the years to help make the decision on whether to keep the cathodic protection or not. Motion carried.

Attorney Prendergast explained that the property at 506 Patterson Street was officially owned by the city. This property was acquired by using Iowa Code Chapter 657A. The council felt that the house needed to be removed. The asbestos would need to be checked before any removal could happen and then the plans for the property could be discussed at future meetings. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve reaching out to Advanced Environmental Testing out of Waterloo to look into the asbestos and table for a future meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Nays: None.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Williams to approve the second reading of Ordinance 375 – Electric Rates. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Williams, R. Woods, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2025-26 – Resolution Setting the Date for Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 and Authorizing the use of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection Therewith.** The city is prepared to enter into a general obligation loan agreement pursuant to the provisions of

Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for the purpose of paying for the Main Street Project. The date was set for August 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM and the sealed bids for the purchase of the bonds shall be received and canvased on behalf of the city until 11:00 AM on August 11, 2025. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, Gruetzmacher, and Williams. Nays: None.

The council was informed that Fayette County is getting ready to do road maintenance on V68 north of town and there was a quote acquired from the contractor that is doing the work to do the maintenance and repairs needed to the portion of that road that lies within the city limits. The quote from River City Paving was \$87,967.32 and included the area of Fourth Street North from the city limits to the intersection of East Main Street where the new concrete from the Main Street project ends. Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the street maintenance and repairs quote with River City Paving and to use money from RUT funds. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Gruetzmacher, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

The city was approached by the Jeanne Hermesen family as they were wanting to donate a bench to Riverside Park. They provided bench examples and would like it placed by a light pole from another family member donation. Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to approve the brown and black bench donation so that it matches the others in the park. Motion carried. The city guys will form and make the concrete base for the bench.

During the council/mayor reports, Councilman Gruetzmacher wanted to thank everyone for their support during the Ragbrai event. It all went very well for the community, and they discussed maybe having Fairbank as an overnight someday.

During the department reports, Ken stated that four of the eight condos had been ran and depending on the weather they had planned to finish the others up soon. The Christian's Trail project was set to start the first week of September starting with the tiling company.

Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Motion carried.

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Jason Kayser, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk