

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday September 23, 2024. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

There were no public hearings.

Motion by Gruetzmacher, second R. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: September 9, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and Approval of the Annual Financial Report for FY2024 and to submit the report to the state. Motion carried.

There were no comments during the informal comment section.

Shelter sizes were discussed for the replacement shelter at Veteran's Park. The shelter located at West Bentley Park was agreed upon as a good starting size for quotes. Once quotes are obtained then more discussions will be had on the possible project and research could be done to see if there are any grants available to apply for.

Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc. was present to present and deliver the 2024 TIF Report and city debt reports. She provided a summary of the reports and discussed the financial health of the city. She also provided some more preliminary numbers and scenarios for financing the Main Street Project that the city is still waiting on an invoice for.

At the beginning of September, Roxie Wenner stated that after a lot of deliberation she submitted a letter to City Hall that she would no longer be cleaning City Hall or the Library. There were no new discussions on what to do with the cleaning services needed at City Hall. Her last day is September 29th.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for Thursday October 31st, 2024, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

IMWCA is offering a grant that would pay 100% of the cost for slip resistant footwear up to \$10,000.00. Before the grant could even be applied for the council would need to agree to add a section about the footwear in the city's personnel manual. The council wanted some more research on what kind of slip resistant footwear qualifies. That will be researched and brought to the next meeting.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Councilman R. Woods asked if some of the low hanging trees around town could be looked at and addressed. Councilman Gruetzmacher stated that the work is continuing moving forward and that he hoped the infields could be done by the end of next week. Also, he mentioned that there is a tree at the ball diamond he thought needed trimmed. Mayor Kayser wanted to recognize Heather Hanson for her hard work serving on the pool board. She recently resigned from the board and the Mayor had a certificate of recognition printed and signed to give to her after the meeting sometime. Bridget Mangrich had mentioned to Mayor Kayser that she would be interested in being on the pool board. He reminded everyone about the Black Hawk Gaming Grant event happening on Thursday at the Isle Casino. He also stated that the abatements were all progressing, and one homeowner had requested a meeting with the Council which will be held at the second meeting in October. He also informed the council that some garbage concerns at the east and west senior housing facilities had been addressed. Councilman Gruetzmacher asked when the garbage dumpster would be picked up from the pool and when the porta potties would be gone from the parks which will have to be looked into.

During the department reports, Brian stated that he was pretty much done with the big report due to the DNR regarding lead service lines. He thanked Michelle for all her work in helping get that done. The new monkey bar equipment was delivered that last week, so they will be looking into getting a time set to get that installed. He reported that Lonnie was at gas training the rest of the week and that they had all attended a very good mutual aid meeting put on by IAMU that past week. Police Chief Drish said the car was scheduled for its camera system repair on October 1st and that they would be using the city shop to get it done instead of taking the car to them. He also informed the council on what the department had been up to the past two weeks.

Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to enter into closed session at 6:45 PM pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (j) – to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay

for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Gruetzmacher, R. Woods, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by R. Woods to come out of closed session at 6:56 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, R. Woods, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Nays: None.

No action was taken following the closed session.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk