REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday September 28, 2026. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Hunter Robinson, Police Chief; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: September 14th Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

No one was present for informal comments.

The TIF Committee met at 5:00 PM prior to the Council meeting. Committee members present were Chris Woods, Drake Mangrich, Aaron Wust, and the Mayor. The committee briefly discussed the upcoming changes to TIF districts under Senate File 2472. The committee was informed that a meeting with the bond attorney was scheduled for Friday to discuss the changes and provide additional guidance. Information from that meeting will be brought back to the TIF Committee and Council for further discussion and consideration.

The Council discussed whether to file a claim for damage resulting from the tornado storm that occurred in and just south of town on Friday August 7th. Motion by T. Woods, second by Gruetzmacher, to approve filing a claim if it is determined to be beneficial to the city. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Gruetzmacher, R. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

The city received a request from Jason Kastli to vacate Fayette Street located on the Northwest side of town. Jason Kastli was present along with Danelle and CJ Krull. Discussion was held regarding the requested vacation, any potential future city development, and the platting of Fayette Street and Washington Street North. Additional information will need to be obtained from the Buchanan County Auditor on the platting of Fayette Street before proceeding. Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to table any potential action until additional information is obtained. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the city's current mowing agreement for city-owned property, which expires in October. The Council discussed options for future mowing services. Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to advertise for mowing services beginning next year. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, Gruetzmacher, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Future street repairs and the 400 block of East Main Street were discussed. The Council reviewed a new quote from Brewer Civil, LLC and discussed extending the storm sewer as part of the project due to drainage concerns. Funding options and competitive bidding requirements were also discussed. The Council requested that a representative from Brewer Civil, LLC attend the next meeting to further discuss the project.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Gruetzmacher to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for Saturday October 31st, 2026, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

During the council/mayor reports, Mayor Kayser informed the council that the Fairbank Fire & EMS Association Dinner would be held that upcoming Saturday evening at the fire station.

During the department reports, Nick stated that they had been working on getting the electrical service installed at the new Veteran's Park shelter. Chief Robinson reported a calm month and stated he was looking into options for a school resource officer due to scheduling changes.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

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Jason Kayser, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk