

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2022. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

The agenda needed to be changed by moving item number seven up to right after number three which was approval of the minutes to allow for attendees to leave as soon as possible. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

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

The Buchanan County engineer, Brian Keierleber, was present along with Alex Davis to answer any questions the council had on the final plans that were received for the V62 project. Alex put the plans together and briefly talked about what the project will consist of. Letting will be in February of 2023 and they are hoping for a start date of late August of 2023. The County will be entering south of town along V62/South Walnut Street and overlaying the existing concrete with 6" of concrete to the intersection of Fairbank Street. Around the curb and gutters the concrete will be sawed out and there will be an 8" of rock base placed and then 8" of concrete placed on top of the rock base. The curb and gutter will all remain. During that time both lanes will be worked on at the same time to keep costs down. The City's engineer, Jon Biederman, reviewed the final plans provided by Buchanan County and recommended the City of Fairbank approve the Buchanan County V62 roadway plans. Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the final plans prepared by Buchanan County for the work to be done within the city limits of Fairbank. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

The council previously participated in a closed session on October 10<sup>th</sup> after receiving an offer to purchase city owned land from Jared and Rochelle Kane. Upon exiting the closed session at the previous meeting, they voted to set the public hearing for October 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the offer received. Motion by Erickson, second by Coffin to open the public hearing regarding the disposal of city owned property. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. The offer received stated that Jared and Rochelle Kane proposed to receive a section of land along the river from the city and for the city in exchange to receive a section of land connected to West Bentley Park. The section of land that the Kane's offer proposed is located along the east side of their property located on Water Street and runs to the river and the land the city would receive as consideration from them was along the south side of their property and runs to West Bentley Park. There would be no cash exchanged and an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 would be used for revenue stamp purposes. The offer also indicated the Kanes would be responsible for the survey cost in order to determine the legal description. City Hall received two written objections to the offer from Dean Mangrich and one from Donna Mangrich. Those were both read in their entirety during the public hearing. Donna was present and commented shortly referring to her written objection. Rochelle Kane was present to comment on her and her husband's support of the real estate transaction. There were no other comments received in writing or orally made. Motion by T. Woods, second by Coffin to close the public hearing. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

The council had discussions amongst themselves regarding the proposal and the drafted resolution authorizing the disposal of city owned property. There was discussion on the benefit this would provide to the city due to increasing the size of the already existing park. There was also discussion that without the acquisition of the land connected to the park, it could result in another residential location there in the future which is not preferred. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve **Resolution 2022-29 – Resolution Authorizing Disposal of City Owned Property**. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods and Erickson. Nays: Coffin. Abstain: R. Woods and Williams.

Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc. was present to present and deliver the 2022 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 preliminary numbers and scenarios for financing the City's upcoming projects include the Main Street Project in 2023.

Amanda Jipson with Sandee's out of Waterloo was present to give the council more options on what they could do for the plaques needed for the memorial trees. The council will look through the information and it will be on future agendas for discussion.

Brian Delagardelle stated that they got the pole replaced by the clinic and that it was in bad shape. They are working on another replacement tomorrow. He also stated that they had an IDNR water inspection earlier that day that he believed went well. The council talked briefly on the locked yard waste location. Another citizen dropped off a load of sticks and burnable tree debris. The yard waste area is locked now and is for compost only. A key can be checked out from City Hall during the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday.

Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

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Bill Cowell, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk