

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday May 22, 2023. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Williams and Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Russ and Debra Myers, Jim and Elly Fink, and Dennis Maddigan were present again to see if there were any updates on the topic that was brought up at the last meeting about their concern with the excessive speeding and noise on the entries and exits in town. Police Chief Drish stated that the department is working on getting some more morning shifts covered and that these issues have been a top priority for them. He mentioned that there was a warning for a jake braking violation given. He reminded them to use the cell phone to reach him and that he was going to work on a possible muffler citation process with the city attorney. Russ asked if the council would support a speed limit reduction on Fairbank Street. The council and the police department agreed but stated that some traffic data and speeding violations would be needed first. A speed survey could be requested after the construction projects are completed and there is no detour that could affect traffic numbers. Mayor Cowell stated that everyone would continue working towards a resolution for these issues and on getting some more patrolling.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes of the May 8th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to open the public hearing on the FY 2023 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None. There were no comments received orally or in writing. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to close the public hearing. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2023- 10 – Resolution Approving City Budget Amendment #1 and Certification for Fiscal Year 2023**. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

The City Clerk and Brian were able to meet with Gee Asphalt Systems Inc. about their product that past week. The city did not receive a quote from them for the work that needed done. The product was more of an overlay to an already good road. Sealcoating and asphalt repairs quoted by Prairie Road Builders seemed to be the better option for all the road issues that needed to be addressed. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve the seal coating and asphalt repair quote from Prairie Road Builders, Inc. The total work should be around \$42,000.00 and was for fifteen different areas in town. Work could get started as soon as Tuesday the 23rd. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

A new drop slide for the Fairbank Aquatic Center was discussed. The slide that was picked out by the pool board had a lead time of 30-32 weeks. There is still some information that needed to be obtained before a decision could be made. Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to approve tabling the purchase of a drop slide for the aquatic center. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

A quote of \$555.00 was received for the counter that would be needed for the city hall reception window upgrade from Modern Building Products. Along with the purchase of the window from Allen Glass Co., Inc. for \$745.00 there would also be some minor construction materials needed, which was quoted at \$83.22. Public Works would be able to put the window in and rearrange the door while Main Street was under construction. Since the front door would be closed off to the public it would be a great time to upgrade that area. A \$1,000.00 safety grant from ICAP would be applied for and used to help with the office upgrade costs. Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to approve the City Hall reception window upgrade. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to table approving the liquor license for the Fairbank Development Corporation until the next meeting due to not having enough council members present to approve it. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to table the approval of the fireworks permit for Fairbank Days until the next meeting also due to not having enough council members present to approve it. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve the City Clerk's attendance at the Municipal Professionals Academy July 26-28th for continuing education. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve the Deputy Clerk's attendance at the Municipal Professionals Institute July 17-20th to continue working towards certifications. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Police Chief Drish stated again that the department was going to continue working on traffic safety, speeding, traffic noise, and jake braking. He stated that everything in the department had been working well and that the rifle was almost ready just waiting on the ATF permit. Brian commented that four hydrants in total were upgraded that past week and eight valves. The Main Street project was still moving smoothly, and they were only about two days behind schedule thanks to the weather. The restrooms at the ball diamond experienced a backup that past weekend but Roto Rooter came to town and the issue was fixed. Independence Light and Power would be in town helping with pole stabilization and some electrical work needed at Riverside Park. Nick stated that he had been to Kirkwood for training for a few days and had applied to test for his Water Distribution 1 certification but had not heard back on that yet. The City Clerk updated the council on the cemetery information found out about keeping a Veteran's list and getting paid by the county for the list. Both Fayette and Buchanan Counties offer this program, but it would take some investigation to get everything together. After that is figured out to see what the amount of money that could be received is, then the technology upgrade would be discussed with the council on whether it was something they felt the cemetery could support. Councilwoman Erickson brought up the possible need for a stop sign being placed at the intersection of South Fifth Street and South Washington Street. An ordinance amendment will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Bill Cowell, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk