

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday April 22, 2024. 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 Hyde. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: 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 T. Woods to amend the agenda to add resignation submitted at the end of the meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Erickson, second by Hyde to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by R. Woods to open the public hearing on the proposed FY2025 Budget. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, and Hyde. Nays: None. No comments were received. Motion by T. Woods, second by Hyde to close the public hearing on the FY2025 Budget. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Hyde, R. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve **Resolution 2024-11 – Resolution Approving City of Fairbank’s Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**. The tax rate set by the city was \$9.00003. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Hyde. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Hyde to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: April 8, 2024 Special City Council Minutes and April 8, 2024 Regular City Council Minutes. Motion carried.

The last item that needed to be discussed regarding updating some of the city’s ordinances was garbage collection and rates. With the new services starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> the council agreed to raise single and family garbage rates by \$2.00 each per month.

Regarding the concession stand at the ball diamond, Mayor Kayser said he had talked to the state food inspector and that he was told that the concession stand could work under the pool’s food license if there was no cooked food processed. Michael Gruetzmacher thought the startup costs could come out of the little league funds and he offered to help work it along with his wife and his parents. It was agreed that there needed to be more information obtained as far as a budget and processes. He will meet with the parks committee. Buying or finding a popcorn machine needs to be decided yet. Councilman Hyde suggested working out a schedule and getting the parents involved with volunteering at the stand.

Since the city had been running for quite awhile now with no Director of Public Works, Councilwoman Erickson stated that her and the administration committee and the Mayor discussed hiring one so there could be a proper chain of command within the public works department. Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to hire Brian Delagardelle as the Public Works Director. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, Hyde, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Councilwoman Erickson also stated that in these discussions they had talked about hiring Nick Kuker as the assistant to the Public Works Director since Brian Delagardelle could not be the direct supervisor over Ben Delagardelle. Since an unexpected resignation letter was received at the beginning of the meeting, a motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to table hiring an assistant until after the resignation of a public works employee was discussed since it could change flow of a needed chain of command. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Hyde, Erickson, Williams, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 363 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Rates. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, R. Woods, Erickson, and Hyde. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Hyde to approve the first reading of Ordinance 364 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Rates. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Hyde, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Williams to approve the first reading of Ordinance 365 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Gas and the Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Williams, R. Woods, Erickson, and Hyde. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 366 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Electric and the

Charge for Posting Delinquent Utility Accounts and the Charge for Reconnection. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, Hyde, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 367 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, R. Woods, Hyde, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Rentals needed from D & S Portables, Inc. for this summer were discussed. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to have three this summer and place the bathroom facilities in West Bentley Park, Riverside Park, and one at the south ball diamond at the Fairbank Ball Diamond. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, Hyde, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Mayor Kayser shared an event with the council that will be put on by the Iowa League of Cities and he also mentioned that the easements for the Fourth Street sidewalk were finished with two signed already. He mentioned the special election and wished good luck to both candidates. Councilman T. Woods and Councilwoman Erickson briefly talked about the pipeline meeting that they attended and said that there should be some town meetings starting regarding the topic. Councilman Williams said that Rick Trotter with Little Wapsie Communications asked if a couple city representatives could attend their meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

During the department reports, Brian said that the milling on the west side of the bridge had begun, and that asphalt is scheduled to be done next Tuesday. The water connection at Grove Street and Fourth Street hopefully will be completed Thursday or Friday. They got the innerduct installed and the wired pulled along Lakeside Drive and have been doing some electric inspections and they believe four poles will need to be replaced soon. Police Chief Drish gave an update on the recent police activity and stated that he had completed all his firearms and rifle recertifications. He again thanked the council for their support and stated that he was proud of his department and that it seems they all really enjoy working for the City of Fairbank. Michael Gruetzmacher stated that ball season would be starting in two weeks and that he was working on ordering shirts. Brian also mentioned there was a pretty big sewer issue at the ball diamond that they had been fighting for a few years that they finally got cleaned out and should be good now. Signs will be put up to remind residents not to flush feminine products.

Ben Delagardelle submitted a letter of resignation to the council at the start of the meeting. At the end of the meeting, he was asked if the submission was still valid, and it was. Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve the resignation of Ben Delagardelle from the Public Works Department for the City of Fairbank. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and Hyde. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by R. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Motion carried.

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Jason Kayser, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk