

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 26, 2026. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Gruetzmacher. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Lonnie Brewer, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Motion by Williams, second by R. Woods to open the public hearing on the FY 2026 budget amendment. Motion carried. There were no comments received orally or in writing. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve **Resolution 2026-17 – Resolution Approving City Budget Amendment #1 and Certification for Fiscal Year 2026**. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: May 11th Regular City Council Minutes, Approval of Office Closure for Iowa Municipal Academy Attendance June 16th-18th, 2026, Approval of Cigarette Permit for Casey's General Store, and Approval of Fireworks Permit, Main Street Closure, and the Liquor License for Fairbank Days. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Williams, R. Woods, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

During the informal comment section, Steve Osterhaus was present to turn in a letter of support to the council. The letter was signed by his neighbors and surrounding property owners showing their support for him to raise quails within the city limits for rural release. Mayor Kayser stated that it was decided at the last meeting to deny the request as they were not comfortable with making the decision to allow raising quails in town. He also stated that maybe they could go and talk to the neighbors to investigate the possibility some more and possibly discuss and review again at a future meeting.

The council reviewed proposals from two companies, Mallon Construction Services, Inc. and MidAmerica Basement Systems, for installation of a radon mitigation system at City Hall. The proposal from Mallon Construction Services, Inc. out of Denver for \$2,495.00 was for the installation of an exterior-routed radon mitigation system for the basement and crawl space areas vented above the roofline. The proposal from MidAmerica Basement Systems out of Davenport quoted \$2,185.00 was for installation of a radon mitigation system including a premium fan, sump pit lid, additional extraction point, pressure testing, and noise reduction component. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to have Mallon Construction Services, Inc. install the proposed radon mitigation system at City Hall. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, Erickson, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

At the May 11th Council Meeting, the council discussed repair options for the 400 Block of East Main Street and approved moving forward under a competitive bid structure. After further review, it was determined that the project would exceed the bid threshold and would require a formal competitive bid process. The scope of the work has changed since the first time the project was reviewed and updated engineering input and pricing are needed prior to proceeding. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to direct the mayor to consult with the engineer to confirm scope and fees before further action. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve six of the thirteen suggested street repairs by Prairie Road Builders, Inc. The total will come in just under \$40,000.00 and will include work on Washington Street South, Sixth Street North, Rainbow Drive, Front Street, and a section of right-of-way along Second Street South. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve ordering another Main Street light pole. The city will have two spares in case of another incident. They will be stored on a shelf in the storage building at the sewer plant. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, R. Woods, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to have a work session to discuss FY27 wages before the next council meeting at 5:30 PM. Motion carried.

TruGreen Commercial submitted a proposal again this year for the treatment of the Ash Borer in

town. The proposal was for \$3,240.00. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the proposal with TruGreen Commercial for the treatment of Ash Borer on the trees presented in the proposal. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Attorney Prendergast presented the draft right-of-way agreement to send to Kinetic by Windstream for their proposal to bring fiber into town. The council reviewed the updates and approved but also wanted an addition added to make them liable for five years to come back and fix any issues from the installation of the underground fiber. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the draft agreement with the additions that were added and to have Attorney Prendergast send to Kinetic by Windstream for their initial review. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, R. Woods, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Since Gruetzmacher was not present, if needed the ball diamond shed security will be discussed at a future meeting.

During the council/mayor comments, Councilman R. Woods stated that he noticed quite a bit of material accumulation at the sewer plant mainly due to ongoing projects and suggested cleaning up some of the piles. He also asked about removal of the sander from the plow truck and Lonnie stated that they had planned to do that. Mayor Kayser said that an individual in town had offered a \$200.00 donation for swans to help deter geese. He noted that there will need to be further review before any action but wanted to let everyone know so they could start thinking about it. He also stated there had been no new plans submitted or updates from bidders on the Patterson Street lot and that he had compiled information for the nuisance abatements and that they are going to be addressed soon. Additionally, he reported that the pool has ended its contract with Coke, which may impact the ball diamond concession stand cooler. Councilman T. Woods commented that the Civil War memorial at Veteran's Park appeared to need maintenance and suggested addressing it once the new shelter project is completed.

During the department reports, Lonnie reported that the utility pole and new light pole on Main Street were repaired the previous week. The pool was ready for opening day on June 27th. Water needed at the new location for the shelter at Veteran's park had been run. He also mentioned that the individuals that watered the flowers on Main Street were unable to do it this year and until a replacement is found they will have to water them.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk