REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2025. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Robinson, Vorwald, Erickson, Mangrich and Woods. Also present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Justin Sullivan, Assistant Police Chief; Jason Sullivan, Police Officer; Brittany Annis, Assistant Clerk and Marlene Strempke, City Clerk.

Motion by Erickson, second by Robinson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Robinson, Mangrich, Vorwald and Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Robinson to approve the minutes of the May 11th regular meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Robinson, Mangrich, Erickson and Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Woods to open the public hearing on the FY2015 budget amendment. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Woods, Erickson, Vorwald and Robinson. Nays: None.

No comments, oral or written, were received.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Mangrich to close the public hearing. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Mangrich, Robinson, Woods and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Woods to approve RESOLUTION 2015-06 – CITY BUDGET AMENDMENT AND CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Woods, Mangrich, Robinson and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Discussion was held with a resident on payment of back utility charges and ordinances he felt were unfairly applied. Motion by Mangrich, second by Woods that water service would be re-established if the customer signs an agreement to the following: 1. All current bills must be paid in full and on time and can be disconnected if one day late, 2. $500 must be paid on the delinquent utility amount by July 1st, 3. The entire delinquent amount must be paid in full by October 1st. The resident must be living in the house for this agreement to be valid and if any portion of the agreement is broken disconnection can occur. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Woods, Vorwald, Robinson and Erickson. Nays: None. This will be reviewed in August.

Motion by Robinson, second by Woods to open the public hearing on Ordinance 330 – Water Rate Increase. The rate for the second tier of usage will be $2.25 per thousand gallons of water used above the first thousand gallon. Roll call vote—Ayes: Robinson, Woods, Vorwald, Mangrich and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Robinson, second by Mangrich to close the public hearing. Roll call vote—Ayes: Robinson, Mangrich, Erickson, Woods and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Woods, second by Erickson to open the public hearing on Ordinance 331 – Sewer Rate Increase. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Erickson, Mangrich, Robinson and Vorwald. Nays: None. No comments oral or written were received.

Motion by Woods, second by Vorwald to close the public hearing. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Vorwald, Robinson, Mangrich and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Robinson, second by Erickson to approve the Application for Liquor License for Fairbank Development Corporation. Roll call vote—Ayes: Robinson, Erickson, Woods, Vorwald and Mangrich. Nays: None.

Quotes for street repairs from Prairies Road Builders, Kluesner Construction and Miller Construction were reviewed. Council members will tour the proposed sites and a final decision will be made at the June 8th council meeting.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Robinson to have the city attorney research policies of other cemeteries to come up with operating policies before a decision is made on using a rock as a monument in place of the traditional monument. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Robinson, Vorwald, Woods and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Woods, second by Mangrich to proceed with getting a credit for city purchases. The credit card will stay in the office and use will be monitored by the city clerk and assistant clerk. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Mangrich, Erickson, Vorwald and Robinson. Nays: None.

Getting a Pay Pal account for the swimming pool will be researched before a decision is made.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Robinson to approve up to $450 to pay for Office 365 when an invoice is received to avoid a disconnect. Roll call vote—Mangrich, Robinson, Vorwald, Woods and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Erickson to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Erickson, Woods, Vorwald and Robinson. Nays: None.

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Bill Cowell, Mayor

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Marlene Strempke, City Clerk