

## EMERGENCY MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in an emergency session on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 12:30 PM. The agenda was posted at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. An emergency meeting was needed to discuss storm damage from the previous day. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Members present: Williams, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: R. Woods and Vorwald. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Mayor Harter wanted to meet to discuss the storm damage after math procedures and clean up following the storm that occurred on Tuesday afternoon on August 24, 2021. The City of Fairbank was hit with winds that caused city wide power outages, tree damage, tree loss, and debris to all areas of the town. Luckily there were no injuries and very minimal home damages to report. Jergens was still working on trying to get power back to homes in town. Cedar Falls Utilities, New Hampton, and Traer came to town on Tuesday evening to start getting the power outages figured out. Most areas were back on by noon but there were still some issues he had been trying to get figured out. The debris cleanup process had begun by the public works and volunteers as well. Attorney Prendergast informed the mayor to remind the council that no contract work could be done on private residential properties. Everyone had been working hard to get the roads cleared and their yards and neighbor's yards cleaned up. Jergens reported that the yard waste site was keeping up with all the brush as of right now. A group of volunteers went into Riverside Park and started clearing it out. It was thought that the Island Park, West Bentley, and Veterans Park were too dangerous to enter without an expert in tree cutting to make it safe first. Mayor Harter thought he would make a proclamation closing the parks until they were safe to enter. Wilson Custom Trees out of Cresco and Boomarang out of Cedar Rapids were present to see if they could offer their services to the city. Jeff Wilson with Wilson Custom Trees was going to ride around with Jason Kayser (Fairbank Fire Department member) to figure out which right of way trees needed removed and trimmed for being dangerous. Mayor Harter stated that there would be a meeting scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:00 PM to make some decisions on who to hire to help with the right of way trees and parks.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to adjourn at 1:05 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

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Mike Harter, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk