

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM via phone conference with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Dave Jergens, Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-Time Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk.

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

During the public comment section, Rochelle Kane was present along with Rob and Sharon Maricle on behalf of the Fairbank Beautification Initiative Committee. The committee was started when several people came together with the idea of mural projects they would like to see in town. They are now trying for 2-3 mural projects over the next 3-5 years and are hoping the City can take beautification ideas and funds and help put them into the upcoming Main Street Improvements project. Vicki Rigdon was also present and asked if the city could start spraying for mosquitos again. The council said they would see what all would be involved with doing that.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes of September 13th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Amending the Code of Ordinances to include a new section pertaining to the Fairbank Dam was discussed by adding a section making it unlawful for any person to walk on, climb on, stand on, or occupy any portion of the Fairbank Dam or its elevated structures. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 351 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section Pertaining to the Fairbank Dam. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Dan and Vicki Rigdon were present to discuss the removal of the tree located behind their home. The roots of it are causing sewer issues in their home and it is in the alleyway. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to share the cost of taking the tree down and removing the stump. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to get the dead tree taken down located on city property just north of 302 Fourth Street South. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Rick Woods with Modern Building Products had \$700.00 worth of white steel siding that would work for the park shelter at Veteran's Park to see if that would help with the bird issue. Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to purchase the steel for the shelter for bird prevention at Veteran's Park. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to give Davis Lawn Care permission to treat for armyworms if he sees any sign of them in the city properties. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, Vorwald, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to approve the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk's attendance at the IMFOA Fall Conference on October 21st and 22nd. They will get back to anyone with questions directed to City Hall as soon as time allows by operating the office phones from Des Moines. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Vorwald, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for Sunday October 31, 2021, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with information on upcoming and active BCEDC Programs. She provided some information on some upcoming grants that some business owners in Fairbank could try for.

Chief Everding informed the council that he would be sending out an updated list of department reports shortly and that they had been dealing with nuisance abatements on a couple of properties. Jergens stated that they got the new loader grapple, and that Butler County REC was coming to town on Thursday to get the poles fixed on the island. The City Clerk stated that the city was fortunate enough to receive some free gently used desks and cabinets, a table, and a bookshelf for the offices in City Hall. Thank you to Lynette Fuller and Townsquare Media.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk