

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2021. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, Attorney; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Ben Delagardelle, Public Works; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of October 11th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Brad Gordon, the Fairbank Fire Chief, was present to inform the council that they had two new members ready for approval after completing their six months of training. Matt Johnson and Ben Riordan were sworn in with a short swearing in ceremony. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the two new members to the Fairbank Fire Department. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. The council welcomed them to the department.

Further discussions took place regarding the topic of a land exchange with privately owned property next to West Bentley Park and a portion of City owned river front. Attorney Prendergast updated the council that the city couldn't just do an exchange, that it would be a disposal of city owned property and a purchase of the land that John Woods owns. If someone was interested in purchasing the city owned land, they could draft a purchase agreement and the council could meet in closed session to discuss the agreement. Then if the council wanted to move forward with the agreement, they would have to schedule a public hearing to start the process of disposing of the land. Dean Mangrich and Jared Kane spoke from the public. A petition was submitted to the mayor. John Woods said that he was no longer interested in selling or exchanging the property next to West Bentley Park. Councilman T. Woods motioned that he was not interested in the deal now because there was no deal to be made since the land owned by John Woods would not be exchanged. Motion died for lack of a second. No other motions were made. Agenda item died for lack of a motion.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve the third reading of Ordinance 351 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section Pertaining to the Fairbank Dam. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to approve Ordinance 351 – Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Section Pertaining to the Fairbank Dam. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

A resolution was recommended to help with the process of tracking what the American Rescue Plan Act Funds are being spent on. Motion by Erickson, second by R. Woods to approve **Resolution – 2021-31 – A Resolution Establishing a Project Using the First Portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds**. The resolution stated that the first half of the funds received of \$84,421.91 will be used towards the 2021 Water Improvements Project for water main replacements in two locations on West Main Street and Grove Street. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Vorwald, Williams, R. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

The FY21 City Street Finance Report was presented to the council. It is required that all cities submit the report to the DOT by December 1st of each year. In previous years it was required to be approved by resolution but now it is just required to have proof that it was shown to the council. Motion by R. Woods, second by Vorwald to acknowledge the presentation of the documents for the city's FY21 City Street Finance Report. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, Vorwald, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Brian Delagardelle stated that they had just finished up the last of the storm damage repairs with Butler County REC fixing the last two poles that needed replaced. Councilman Vorwald said that him, Brian Delagardelle, and Ben Delagardelle met with Matt Mahoney about putting in some electrical cut outs to different areas in town to help isolate any possible future electrical outage issues. He was going to work on a quote for that. There will be a meeting on Thursday at 10 AM with the IA DOT to start discussions on the upcoming Main Street project that is planned to start in Spring of 2023. The council is interested in increasing the width of the sidewalks in the downtown by two feet. 200 tree seedlings will be coming in the middle of November from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources State Forest Nursery.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk