

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2019. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Vorwald, and Miller. Also, present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Klint Bentley, Police Chief; and Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk. Absent: Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

Motion by Vorwald, second by Miller to approve the minutes of October 14th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None.

T. Woods arrived at 6:02pm.

There were no public comments during the public comment section.

Motion by Vorwald, second by R. Woods to approve the tobacco permit for the Fairbank Food Center. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Miller, R. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the beer license for the Fairbank Food Center. Roll call vote- Ayes: Miller, Vorwald, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None

Erickson arrived at 6:07pm.

Councilman Vorwald received two bids to raise the cement at the Fire Station. First bid came from BMC for \$1,750. Second bid totaling \$4,563 was from Iowa Wall Systems. Motion by Vorwald, second by R. Woods to approve Fire Station cement raising with BMC. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, Miller, R. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None

Councilman Vorwald was not able to get a quote for a video about promoting the City of Fairbank. He talked about getting together with Stone Kane and making a short video for advertising. He still plans on doing that. Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to approve Stone Kane to create a video to promote the City of Fairbank. Roll call vote- Ayes: Miller, R. Woods, T. Woods, Vorwald, and Erickson. Nays: None

Ryan presented the council with two tractor bids, one a John Deere and the other a Case. The John Deere tractor was the lowest out of the two bids. Ryan stated that the John Deere option had been chosen by the public works committee. Motion by Miller, second by T. Woods to approve the purchase of the John Deere tractor with adding a ride control option. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, R. Woods, Erickson, T. Woods, and Miller. Nays: None

City Hall's open hours were discussed. The council felt that maybe it would be good to have City Hall not close for an hour every day. Fuller and Laube will stagger lunch hours to have City Hall open during the noon hour. Motion by Vorwald, second by R. Woods to test having City Hall hours open during the noon hour starting November 4th. This will be revisited again at the end of December. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, Miller, R. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None

Dave left at 6:45pm.

Discussion was held on whether to purchase some updated desks for City Hall. The model looked at was L shaped and would provide a very good work space for the City Hall office staff. Motion by R. Woods second by T. Woods to approve the new desks for City Hall contingent on the materials quality and if a return policy is available if needed. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, Miller, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None

Chief Bentley informed the council that the school/daycare center lockdown in town that past week ended peacefully. Councilwoman Erickson thanked Bentley for the smoothness of the day of the lockdown. Mayor Harter also thanked Chief Bentley on how the situation was handled. Harter mentioned to the council that Bentley would like to have a new gun. Bentley will gather prices and present to council at a later date. Councilman Vorwald mentioned Marty Fisher appreciated Bentley. Chief Bentley also reported that the streets will be blocked off during trick or treating hours on Halloween night. Mayor Harter informed the council that the Municipal Leadership Academy was coming up and would offer great training classes and he passed out a detailed schedule. Deputy Clerk Laube informed the council that City Clerk Fuller thought these classes would be beneficial. Mayor Harter would like to add this to discuss/approve at the next council meeting. Harter passed a flyer around about a legislative priorities discussion class that will be held in Elkader on December 12th from 9am-11am if any of the council members were interested. Harter reminded the council of the closure happening on IA 281 west of Fairbank starting Monday November 4th. Harter informed the council that the fiber optic cable surveys deadline to turn in had been extended to October 31, 2019. Laube will put a reminder on the sign.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Miller, and Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk