

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2015. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Robinson, Mangrich, Vorwald, and Erickson. Absent: Woods. Also present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Carter Stevens, City Attorney; Justin Sullivan, Assistant Police Chief; Rick Deitrick, Police Officer; Brittany Annis, Deputy Clerk and Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk.

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

Motion by Vorwald, second by Robinson to approve the minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Robinson, Mangrich and Erickson. Nays: None.

Councilman Woods arrived at 6:03 P.M.

Amy Rechkemmer of Bellis Insurance Agency gave a presentation on options for the renewal of employee health insurance. The cost of the current plan is increasing by 32%. A decision will be made at the next council meeting to meet the November 15<sup>th</sup> renewal deadline.

Officer Deitrick reported to the council on his plans to possibly retire from the Jesup Police Department at the first of the year and would like to possibly change to reserve status here in Fairbank. He will keep the council updated as his status develops.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve the Annual TIF Report and have the clerk submit it to the Department of Management. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Erickson, Mangrich, Robinson and Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Woods, second by Robinson to certify the following amounts for collection as TIF taxes in FY 2017 -- \$94,400 in Fayette County and \$65,600 in Buchanan County. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Robinson, Mangrich, Erickson and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Erickson to approve the mayor's re-appointment of Anna Mae Wolfgram to another term on the Board of Adjustment. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Erickson, Woods, Vorwald and Robinson. Nays: None.

Some of the item to be included in the budget amendment were discusses and it will be discussed further at the next council meeting.


Although the wind turbine issue was listed as a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(c) the mayor said he would allow short comments from those in audience if they had something new to contribute. Lucy Wiebbeke was concerned about the possible adverse health effects of living near wind turbines. Susan Frost felt that Fayette County was not listening to the residents that lived in the county. Jerry VanDaele stated the county had rebated a portion of the taxes on the ethanol plant there was nothing preventing the same thing from happening with the wind turbines. Wade Heineman said he had taken a petition opposing the wind turbines to the residents in the northeast part of the city that afternoon and about 40% of the residents were home and two thirds of those signed the petition. He also had information that in areas where turbines are located it has adversely affected property values to a greater extent than was first thought and property stays on the market longer. The mayor then called for the council to go into closed session.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Mangrich to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(c). Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Mangrich, Robinson, Erickson and Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Erickson to come out of closed session. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Erickson, Woods, Vorwald and Robinson.

Motion by Robinson, second by Woods that the City of Fairbank authorizes the City Attorney to proceed with a Writ of Certiorari and other judicial remedies in the Fayette County District Court pertaining to the adverse appeal decision by the Fayette County Board of Adjustment on wind turbines near the City of Fairbank. Roll call vote—Ayes: Robinson, Woods and Vorwald. Nays: Mangrich and Erickson.

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

  
Bill Cowell, Mayor

  
Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk