

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2019. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 600 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Vorwald, T. Woods, Miller and Erickson. Absent: R. Woods. Also present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Rick Deitrick, Police Chief; Klint Police Officer; Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk and Brittany Fuller, Deputy Clerk.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Vorwald to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote—Ayes: T. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson and Miller. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the February 11th regular meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Miller, T. Woods and Erickson. Nays: None.

There were no comments from the public.

George Lake from the Buchanan County was present to give an update on the things that are happening with their organization. He presented their annual report and emphasized the areas of housing needs, jobs and tourism.

An Iowa Regional Utilities Representative updated the status of the connection of water delivery to Fairbank. He said that a booster station needed to be connected and they would be ready for full operation. The severe weather conditions have delayed the progress. They could supply water to the city but could not fill the tower at this point. The deadline given by the DNR is for service to be fully established is May 15, but he was confident it would be earlier than that date.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to open the public hearing on the FY2020 City Budget. Roll call vote—Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None. No comments, written or oral, were received. It was pointed out that the council had chosen to go with option 2 at the last meeting.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to close the public hearing. Roll call vote—Ayes; Vorwald, Erickson, Miller and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to approve RESOLUTION 2019-03 – ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 – ENDING JUNE 30, 2020. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson Vorwald and Miller. Nays: T. Woods.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve ordering the same flower arrangements for the Main Street flower pots as last year. The council would like to encourage businesses and individuals to consider sponsoring a basket to help offset the cost so the program can continue in future years. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Erickson, Miller and T. Woods. Nays: None.

The recycling program was discussed. Newspaper and cardboard currently have the greatest value and recycling those is highly encouraged as well as clean plastic containers and metal cans. Brittany Fuller will compose an article on information of ways to help make the program as cost effective as possible to maintain the current rates. Approval of the article will be at the next council meeting and it will be mailed to all residents with their April utility bill.

The results of the annual examination report were discussed. A resolution to have the mayor and/or council sign off on time cards, invoices and financial statements will be drafted and approved at the next council meeting. It will be included as an amendment to the personnel policy when passed.

Dave informed the council that because of all the snow events the last few weeks this month employees will have a lot of overtime hours. There was a minor accident involving the snow plow which has been turned over to the insurance carrier. The mayor said he has been informed in a letter that the Iowa DOT has let a PCC patching project for this year on highway 281 from the west corporate limits of Fairbank to Iowa 150. It will be on the next agenda. The Mayor and Council complimented and thanked the Fairbank Fire Department for their service and hard work through difficult weather.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to open the public hearing pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21(i) at 7:06 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to go out of closed session at 7:50 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Miller to go back into closed session at 7:53 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Miller, T. Woods and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Miller to return to open session at 8:24 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Miller, T. Woods and Vorwald. Nays: None.

City Prendergast stated that basically as CEO of the city the mayor would set the ground rules for duties of the city employees and inform them of such rules in writing.

Motion by Miller, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 8:24 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, T. Woods Vorwald and Erickson. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk