

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present at City Hall: R. Woods, T. Woods, Vorwald, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Mike Everding, Part-time Police.

Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to approve the agenda as presented but with moving up item twelve to after public comments due to the need to be at another meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Williams, R. Woods, Vorwald, and Erickson. Nays: None.

There were no public comments.

The Fairbank Fire Chief, Brad Gordon, was present along with the president, Jason Kayser, to present the council with a proposed expansion to the fire station. They explained that they are completely out of room and the expansion would be located on the southeast corner of the existing building and is estimated to cost around \$100,000. \$80,000 of that is being covered by donations to the fire department. They hope to start construction around summer of 2021 and will keep the council updated on the process and funding will be discussed during budget preparations.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes from the October 12th Regular Meeting with a correction to the wrong amount posted under the library approval section for their utilities. Actual bill was \$178.71, and the remainder was the bill for the city utilities in the amount of \$5,915.19. Roll call vote – Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to open the public hearing on adoption of Ordinance #160 – Floodplain Regulations. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, Williams, and R. Woods. Nays: None. There were no comments received oral or written. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to close the public hearing. Roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance #160 - Floodplain Regulations. Roll call vote – Ayes: Williams, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance #160 - Floodplain Regulations. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, Vorwald, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve Ordinance #160 – Floodplain Regulations. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the liquor license renewal for the Fairbank America Legion. There have not been any reported issues. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Amy Rechkemmer with VanDaele Insurance, LLC was present in case anybody had any questions regarding the insurance renewal options for next year. The City has the option to renew plans for December 1, 2020 and then renew again on February 1, 2021 to take advantage of a drop in rates for 2021. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve the renewal option presented by Amy for December 1, 2020 with a 9.8% increase in premium. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None. Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to renew same plan again with a renewal date of February 1, 2021 to take advantage of a decrease in the premium of 11%. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

A sample policy was retrieved from surrounding towns on city owned security cameras. The council felt that since the City owned these cameras that there should be policy around them regarding how they are managed, handled, and the sole purpose of these cameras. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve Resolution 2020-31 – Visual Security and Surveillance Policy. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

The council tabled the City of Fairbank promoting video since it was not finished quite yet.

Public Works Director Dave asked the council on how to handle the trimming of trees on abutting properties to City right-of-way. Chapter 151 – Trees, states the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five days and failure to do so would require the City to handle the trimming and assess the costs to the property owner. The Council agreed to follow the code. Following this code would help to ensure the protection of city equipment.

Motion by Williams, second by R. Woods to adjourn at 6:37 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, Vorwald, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk