

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 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, and Williams. Erickson attended via freeconferencecall.com as well as Public Works Director, Dave Ryan. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Mike Everding, Part-time Police.

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

Motion by Williams, second by Vorwald to approve the minutes from the November 9th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, Vorwald, and Williams. Nays: None.

JJ Little was present during the public comment section to discuss the option of changing the current regulations on allowable operating hours for UTVs and golf carts. Discussion on samples of allowable times were discussed as well as what other towns and counties are doing. One suggestion was 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM instead of Sunrise to Sunset. More research will be done on surrounding area regulations and there will be further discussions at upcoming meetings.

The quote from Jetco for a natural gas alarm system was discussed. The amount quoted was put into the budget as an expense for the current fiscal year and Councilman Vorwald commented that it seemed needed for our natural gas operating system. Motion by T. Woods, second by Williams to approve the purchase of the natural gas alarm system from Jetco. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, R. Woods, Williams, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the TIF Certification for FY 2022 and direct the city clerk to submit the information to the county. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, Williams, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Simmering-Cory finished the initial phase of preparing the City's comprehensive Code of Ordinances update and sent a letter to the city clerk for the council to review. They highlighted areas that the council might want to review and had a few specific questions that should be addressed. The council thought it would be a great project for a couple council members and the mayor to work on with the city staff. Meetings will be scheduled and the need for council discussion will be addressed as needed for future meetings.

In the past, there has not been a need for a second meeting in the month of December. Motion by Williams, second by R. Woods to approve one council meeting in December for the 14th if no need arises to have a second meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Police Chief Everding mentioned there had been a couple of kids ringing doorbells in the middle of the night around town but that he thought they had gotten that to stop. He said he had gotten an estimate on the squad car for new brakes, inner and outer tie rods, and a realignment. He also wanted to thank the council for the approval to purchase the rifle which makes for a great addition to the Fairbank Police Department. Mayor Harter said that he had been speaking to Attorney Prendergast on the personnel manual and the needed updates. He scheduled a meeting with 2 council members for Monday the 30th at 5:00 PM. Public Works Director Dave said that he had just talked with John Biederman from Fehr Graham earlier that day about a letter he had gotten from the state which stated that they agreed to use portland concrete on their portion of the upcoming Main Street project.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk