

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Absent: Williams. Also present: Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; and Klint Bentley, Police Chief.

Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to approve the agenda. Williams arrived at 6:03 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Williams, Vorwald, and Erickson. Nays: None.

There were no public comments.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes of the May 11th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, Vorwald, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

A Fairbank Floodplain Development Permit application was on for approval for the rip rap placement on the area south of the dam on the east side to finish up the Homeland Security Disaster project #4334. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the Fairbank Floodplain Development Permit application from the City for this project. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

A quote was presented for treatment of the Ash Borer in town from TruGreen Commercial that was a \$1 less per DBH compared to the company that treated the trees last year. John Atkinson attended the meeting via freeconferencecall.com and stated that he had been treating trees for years and the treatment had been very successful. The quote included the 10 trees at Island Park and the 10 trees at West Bentley Park that have been treated in the past. He also recommended adding some trees from Riverside Park. Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to have TruGreen Commercial treat the original trees and to add the trees needing treatment at Riverside Park. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Williams to approve the seal coating and asphalt repair quote from Prairie Road Builders and Kuesner Construction. The total work should be under \$30,000.00 and includes 13 areas in town. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, R. Woods, Williams, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

The beginning stages of the demo options were discussed again for the property that the City owns at 405 Grove Street. A quote for the removal of siding was received from Advanced Environmental for \$7,850.00. Public Works Director Dave was asked to check with the DNR about the rules of burning once siding is removed. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the removal of siding through Advanced Environmental. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter said that Mitch Coffin was taking over the Little League program for Nick Curley. He said that he will leave it up to Mitch to see if they will offer a Little League Program for the summer of 2020 due to Covid-19. He also suggested maybe holding something later in the year but is leaving that decision up to Mitch.

Jason Kayser, the Fairbank Aquatic Center President, joined the council meeting via phone and stated that they would not be ready to open until at least June 10th if they could even open at all. The council agreed to put it on the next agenda for June 8th hoping to know more details on whether there will be a pool season for this summer due to Covid-19.

The City parks and restrooms were discussed due to Covid-19. The restrooms will stay closed at this time and the playground equipment as well. Volleyball courts, ball diamonds, and basketball courts are available for playing but the council wanted to remind everyone that the bathrooms are currently staying closed.

Mayor Harter was asked if there was the possibility to have Prom on the Island. He said that if they had a committee and wanted to plan it that they could but to keep in mind that as of right now the public restrooms in town are closed and that they would need to practice the current social distancing requirements at the time of the dance.

Mayor Harter appointed Ron Miller to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill the empty position. Motion by T. Woods, second by Vorwald to approve appointment. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, Vorwald, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Mayor Harter appointed Jason Fuller to the Board of Adjustment after Anna Mae Wolfgram resigned from her position. Motion by T. Woods, second by Williams to approve appointment. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Williams to approve the staff in City Hall to follow the Iowa League of City's Retention Policy when it comes to documents and whether to keep them. Since the storage room had been organized and cleaned out, they agreed to allow City staff to follow the policy and have a shredding company come

and take the documents needing destroyed. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Police Chief Bentley said that he was looking into a refurbished light bar for the police car and wanted to know if the council was in favor of buying a used one. They agreed that it would not be wise to buy a brand-new light bar when they are not for sure what is going to happen with the current cop car. Bentley will get that installed and ready for bill approval at the next meeting. Public Works Director Dave says he will be getting the replacement tornado sirens replaced soon at \$1,500.00 a horn. City Hall will remain locked but open for appointments until at least the next meeting and it is advised that the public wear masks when entering. Councilman Vorwald said that the Fairbank Islander was set to be sent out on June 3rd and looked to be about 16 pages long. Councilwoman Erickson stated that the playground equipment was getting ordered and that it was a little different of a set up but that it was still within the same price that the council had voted on. Mayor Harter said that the City's Attorney, Heather Prendergast, said that she had reached out to John Danos, a bonding attorney with Dorsey and Whitney, in regard to a possible partnership with Little Wapsie Communications, LLC. More information will continue to be gathered for this possibly option and brought to the council meetings as updates until something can be voted on.

Motion by Erickson, second by R. Woods to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk