

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present at City Hall: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Absent: Erickson. Also, present at City Hall: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Mike Everding, Part-time Police Officer; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

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

During the public comment section Chris Woods was present on behalf of the Fairbank Development Corporation. He wanted to express their interest in purchasing the city property located at 405 Grove Street. The Development Corp had been tossing ideas around and they wanted to let the city know of their interest.

Councilwoman Erickson arrived at 6:02 PM.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Williams to approve the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, Erickson, Williams, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None. Receipts for the month of July were: General, \$24,206.79; Special Revenue, \$28,972.51; TIF, \$64.27; Capital Projects, \$18.66, Permanent Funds, \$13.19; Proprietary, \$148,055.93; and Transfers In, \$24,555.00. Disbursements for the month of July were: General, \$82,622.77; Special Revenue, \$5,318.31; Proprietary, \$133,732.99; and Transfers Out, \$24,555.00. Balance on hand at close of business on July 31, 2020 was \$4,028,129.67.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to open the public hearing on the agreement with Little Wapsie Communications regarding right-of-ways. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Vorwald, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None. Attorney Prendergast stated that the aerial component was removed from the verbiage on the options of how to place the fiber optics. There were no other written or verbal comments received. Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to close the public hearing. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, Williams, Vorwald, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2020-24 – Resolution Approving Right-of-Way Agreement with Little Wapsie Communications and Entry into Contract Regarding the Same**. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to open the public hearing on entry into a lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Vorwald, R. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None. Discussion took place on whether the council was satisfied with the free internet to the six city locations and whether they wanted to add a money amount as well. The hut will be placed by the base of the water tower and the location complied with city zoning and railway right-of-ways. Attorney Prendergast requested an aerial image of where the hut was being placed to add as an attachment to the agreement. Public Works Director Dave said he would get that to her. Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to close the public hearing. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, R. woods, T. Woods, Vorwald, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to enter into the fifty-year lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications in exchange for free services at the six city locations and a six hundred dollar (\$600.00) a year lease and to go ahead and approve **Resolution 2020-25 – Resolution Approving Entry into Lease Agreement with Little Wapsie Communications and Entry into Contract Regarding the Same**. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Lisa Kremer was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to present the council with information on upcoming and active BCEDC Programs and thank them for their contribution with a plaque. Their biggest obstacle over the past year had been COVID-19, but they are doing all that they can to help Buchanan county businesses.

Jared Kane was present to discuss the possibility of moving a utility pole located south of 301 N. Water St. He had been entertaining the idea of purchasing a lot to build on and the location of the utility pole is where a future driveway would be located. Councilman Vorwald stated that it is a very important pole with four different feeds on it. The council wanted Public Works Director Dave to get solid quotes and it will be discussed at future meetings.

Jon Biederman was asked to attend the meeting to give the council an update on the future Main St. project. The state has the project in their budget year FY2023 for their portion of Main St. and the sidewalks. He is going to work on finishing up an estimate and will meet with everyone again in the future.

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

Discussion took place on the house removal project at 405 Grove St. Public Works Director Dave said that the asbestos was coming out that week. A few bids on removal were discussed. Councilman Vorwald stated that the Fairbank Fire Department is willing to burn it for the city after the asbestos is removed and the house is torn down. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods for the city to dispose of the property through use of controlled burn and discussions with the Fairbank Development Corporation. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Discussion took place on the parking lot extension at West Bentley Park. The council received a quote for concrete and one for asphalt. It was agreed upon that the asphalt would look better. Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to approve Item #1 for \$3,964.00 from Kluesner Construction's proposal for a parking lot area along Water St. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

The police department had been in the process of interviewing candidates to acquire a couple more part-time officers. Police Chief Everding said that Mark Gudenkauf would be an asset to the City of Fairbank's police department. Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve **Resolution 2020-26 – Resolution Hiring Part-time Officer**. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Police Chief Everding also stated that Dakota Drish was interviewed and comes to us highly recommended by him. Drish was present and stated that he lives in Stanley and works full time for the DNR in the Conservation and Recreation Division. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2020-27 – Resolution Hiring Part-time Officer**. Roll call vote – Ayes: Vorwald, R. Woods, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Governor Kim Reynolds allocated money for reimbursement to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency. If the City of Fairbank had expenses that fit into their categories for reimbursement eligibility, the council needed to pass a resolution stating that they approved applying for such possible reimbursement. Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve **Resolution 2020-28 – Resolution Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund**. The City Clerk will gather the expenses and see if there is a need to apply. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Vorwald, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

During department reports, Police Chief Everding stated that he is back in town now and is going to continue working on the speeding complaints.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

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Mike Harter, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk