

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 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, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. 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 R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote- Ayes: Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, Williams, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes of the September 14th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Adam Kerns, our ICAP representative, was present to give the council information on an evaluation process that ICAP did across the state that affected everyone. They came back with evaluations very different from what we had had in the past which are forecasted to be a 22% increase. The council asked Adam what other choices they had. He said that there are two other companies they could explore that offer property insurance or possibly might be able to negotiate on a few of the increases. This will go into effect on April 1st so he will be in touch and keep the council up to date but wanted to personally give them a heads up.

Chris Woods was present on behalf of the Fairbank Development Corp wondering if the City would be willing to sell the 405 Grove Street property on contract. Attorney Prendergast said that she wasn't necessarily in favor of contract purchases but that if they wanted, they could submit a purchase agreement for the council to review under a closed session. Public Works Director Dave stated that the fire training at 405 Grove Street was scheduled for that upcoming Saturday, October 3rd. The house will be knocked down, burned to continue with fire training, and then hauled away.

Jared Kane was present on behalf of the Fairbank Development Corp to talk about the possibility of the council abating the city portion of the taxes that they pay on the eight empty industrial park lots. Attorney Prendergast said that she would do some research on what that would entail. She will let the council know when it is ready to be put back on the agenda for consideration.

The previously approved lease agreement with Little Wapsie Communications was approved with an attachment added for specifics on hut placement. Attorney Prendergast got the finalized aerial image from Public Works Director Dave and just wanted the council to motion to approve its location. Since nobody had a problem with the location, motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the location of the hut. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Ordinance Chapter 160 – Floodplain Regulations was discussed. The draft copy presented to the council came from Iowa Codification after working with the Iowa DNR on optional language. The council will meet in committees to try and go through the optional languages then present the final verbiage at an upcoming council meeting for approval and to start the adoption process.

No public hearing was set due to not having the final draft of the ordinance ready.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Williams to set the Trick-or-Treat hours for October 31, 2020 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, Williams, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Police Chief Everding gave the council an update on the police department. He said they are averaging around 50 hours a week and have been working hard to get the paperwork needed to have a smooth-running process. He is still looking into available grants for a new police vehicle and there has been some call outs lately. Public Works Director updated the council on a water main break on the north east side of town and the trees that blocked the view of traffic by fourth street had been trimmed. Councilwoman Erickson said that she had noticed that they were trimmed. That it wasn't great, but it was better.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 6:48 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Vorwald, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk