

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2020. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, T. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Absent: Vorwald. Also, present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Klint Bentley, Police Chief; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Heather Prendergast, Attorney.

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

Mayor Harter welcomed the audience. There were no public comments.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of February 10th regular meeting and February 19th special meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to open the public hearing on maximum tax dollars for budget year 2020-2021. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None. Mayor Harter explained that the max property tax levy was published at \$10.77182 and it did not mean that the tax rate would be set at that, it just meant that it could not be more than that. No other oral or written comments were received. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to close the public hearing. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Erickson, T. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-07 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS FOR BUDGET YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

George Lake was present from BCEDC to give the council an update on a labor shed study performed and to talk about upcoming and active Buchanan county programs and events.

Blane Benham with Black Hawk Waste Disposal, Inc. was present to give the council a proposal for garbage/recycling pick up. The council asked to see the proposal broke out to show the cost of the two clean up days separate from the weekly pickups. He said he could do that and get a new proposal to them soon.

Jon Biederman with Fehr Graham gave the council a presentation on GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping for the city. There are many benefits to having this mapping system for the city. All utilities can be tied to it, county information, flood maps, parcels, etc. The council thought it would be very beneficial and would like to see a quote at the next meeting on what it will take to start the process.

Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to approve the second reading of Ordinance 346 – Amending Gas Rates. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Time was spent discussing the budget for FY21 and the different levy options. Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to submit the FY21 budget for publication with the rate of \$9.96963 from option 2 presented to the council. That rate will be about a 76-cent decrease from the levy rate set for FY20. There were concerns expressed that the decrease could mean an increase next year depending on some factors but relief for residents and their property tax for now was wanted. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Williams, and R. Woods. Nays: Erickson.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Williams to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-08 – RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED FY 2020-2021 BUDGET**. Roll call vote- Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, Williams, and T. Woods. Nays: None. The budget hearing will be held at City Hall on March 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Public Works Director Dave Ryan handed the council a paper with park sign options that showed wording and location descriptions. He did not have any pricing yet, but he wanted the council to look at them now to see if any changes needed to happen. Water drainage issues by the property at 405 Grove Street were discussed. Chief Bentley said he had taken quite a few complaints on a house in town. He was working at getting that resolved. He also is going to meet with the safety committee to discuss hiring options for part-time police help.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: William, R. Woods, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk