

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 22, 2018. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: T. Woods, Miller, Vorwald, Erickson and R. Woods. Also present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; David Hosack, City Attorney; Mariene Strempeke, City Clerk and Brittany Annis, Deputy Clerk.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Erickson to amend the printed agenda to include Discussion on Lawn Maintenance and Emerald Ash Borer Treatment. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, Erickson, Miller T. Woods and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to approve the Minutes of the January 8th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, T. Woods, R. Woods, Erickson and Miller. Nays: None.

George Lake of Buchanan County Economic Development Commission gave a presentation on the things the organization had accomplished during the past year and what they were planning for the upcoming year.

Dollar General Store had a representative at the meeting to answer questions from the council and community residents present. He had plans on how the site would be developed for the council to see. He said the company planned on hiring four employees when it was in operation and that local firms could bid on the construction plans.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to set the meeting with the Buchanan County Supervisors and the Fairbank Township Trustees for Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. here at City Hall to discuss the annexation proposal. This is contingent on receiving all the necessary documentation in a timely matter. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, Miller and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Miller to have the Mayor sign the applications to the IDOT and DNR for the permits for water installation to the Dollar General Store. Roll call vote—Ayes: T. Woods, Miller, R. Woods, Vorwald and Erickson. Nays: None.

Shawn Davis reviewed the lawn care program he was proposing for the season and discussed options. A decision will be made at the February 12th meeting.

Scott Stout gave a presentation on his program to treat the Emerald Ash Borer. He outlined his method of treatment and the potential cost of treatment versus tree removal. Since the majority of the trees in the parks are ash trees, this will become an important issue. The council will get a price for the treatment before making any decision.

Motion by Miller, second by Erickson to hold the second reading of Ordinance 340 -- Adding a Water Connection. Roll call vote—Miller, Erickson, T. Woods, Vorwald and R. Woods. Nays: None.

The City Attorney will write up the discussed changes to the snow ordinance and it will be set for a Public Hearing at the February 12th council meeting.

Motion by Erickson, second by Vorwald to approve the Application for Liquor License Renewal for Casey's General Store. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Vorwald, T. Woods, R. Woods and Miller. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by R. Woods to appoint Dave Ryan and Brian Delagardelle to share the duties of Zoning Administrator until a new employee is hired in the Public Works Department. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, R. Woods, Miller, Erickson and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to table the appointment of a city clerk and city treasurer until February 12th when a city clerk, deputy clerk and treasurer will be appointed. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, Vorwald and Miller. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Miller to have the Public Works Committee review the applications for a maintenance employee and bring their recommendation to the special meeting to be held on January 29th. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, Miller, Erickson, T. Woods and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve the police department's request for an In-Car Camera System at a cost of \$7,384.95 from Racom. Roll call vote—Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Vorwald and Erickson. Nays: Miller.

Considerable time was spent discussing the FY 2019 City Budget. The changes made will be incorporated into the forms and will be discussed again at a special meeting to be held on January 29th.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Erickson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, Erickson, T. Woods, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None.


Mariene Strempeke, City Clerk


Mike Harter, Mayor