

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 26, 2018. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Vorwald, T. Woods, Erickson, Miller, and R. Woods. Also present: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Rick Deitrick, Police Chief and Brittany Fuller, Deputy Clerk.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve agenda. Roll call vote – Ayes: Vorwald, Miller, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the November 12th regular meeting. Roll Call Vote – Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Miller, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Amber Vandaele was present to speak on behalf of the Wapsie Valley 7th grade class. The class is wanting to have an all-weather memorial bench placed in town for Carson McGrane. They were hoping to have it placed by the new kayak launch in West Bentley Park but are also open to alternate locations due to the possible flood waters. The council thought it could be a very nice addition to the town. This will be on the agenda for the December 10th Regular meeting for a final decision.

Ted Vorwald gave an update on the flood gate in town. He said it did not close properly for some unknown reason but because of the weather it could not be addressed until spring.

George Lake was contacted after the last meeting concerning ways the city could use LMI money. Ted Vorwald informed the council that he was trying to set up a meeting with him later in the week and hopefully have some info ready by the next council meeting.

Ted Vorwald also wanted to take the time to quickly talk to Jon Biederman from Fehr Graham, since he was in the audience for another agenda item, about the Downtown Main Street Project process. It is a couple of years away, but most approval processes can take that long. Mr. Biederman is aware and looking for opportunities for the city of Fairbank.

Jon Biederman updated the council on the water improvements project for Water Street. It is completed and up and running. He said the testing all came back fine, and all seems to be working well. Mr. Biederman commented that the home owner had already seen an improvement. The section of street work left to be completed will be done by 5/24/2019. It has not been completed yet due to the weather this last fall.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to approve change request #1 for Bryan Construction for the water improvements project for Water Street. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, R. Woods, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve Payment #1 to Bryan Construction for the water improvements project for Water Street. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Miller, Erickson, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Jason Kayser was present to update the council on the two open pool board seats. They had two applicants. Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to approve Heather Hanson and Heath Zuck as members of the Fairbank Aquatic Center pool board. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, R. Woods, Vorwald, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

Discussion was held on the year end numbers for the pool. Mr. Kayser said that he was not quite finished with the report yet but that he thought the concessions had done better than the year before. The pool lighting had all been replaced this last year. They are looking into possibly getting new computers and he is working with the Independence Aquatic Center regarding future swim team events. Ron Miller asked that Jason Kayser keep the council posted on upcoming pool board meetings. Overall the Aquatic center has been in service since 2004 and everything seems to be working properly.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Miller to approve TIF Certification for FY2020. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Vorwald, R. Woods, Miller, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

John Woods presented the council with two TIF Requests. One for Myers Polaris and one for Parkview Assisted Living. Discussion was held on the applications and they will go into the council packets for further review and decisions on the December 10th regular meeting.

Rick Deitrick informed the council of a new policy that needs to be passed by the city on immigration enforcement before January 1, 2019. If it is not passed state funds could be withheld from the city. He is getting the policy written up and a resolution for passing ready for the next regular council meeting on December 10th.

Dave Ryan gave an update on the connection to Rural Water. It is getting closer to being completed but again no confirmed final date yet.

In preparation with the succession plan for the position of the City Clerk and the end of this fiscal year, council members Erickson and Miller discussed getting together and working on updating the Deputy Clerk job description. Brittany Fuller said she could help. Mayor Harter also suggested looking into the audit process and seeing what all would need to be done to have an audit completed when the City Clerk retires.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Erickson to adjourn at 6:58 P.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, Miller, T. Woods, Erickson, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, Deputy Clerk