

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2018. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Miller, T. Woods, Erickson and R. Woods. Absent: Vorwald. Also present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; David Hosack, City Attorney; Rick Deitrick, Police Chief and Marlene Strepke, City Clerk.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote—Ayes: T. Woods, Miller, Erickson and R. woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes of the August 13th regular meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, T. Woods, Miller and R. Woods. Nays: None.

There were no public comments.

Buchanan County Economic Development Commission was present to update the council on their activities for the past year and for the year to come. They are launching a new website called Live the Valley and asked everyone to check it out and to encourage residents to do the same.

Jon Biederman from Fehr Graham was present to discuss the bids received at the bid opening on August 17th for the water project improvements for Water Street. Three bids were received. Motion by Erickson, second by Miller to award the base bid to Bryan Construction of Oelwein at a cost of \$60,807.00 which was the lowest of the three bids received. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, Miller, T. Woods and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Mr. Biederman updated the council on the West Main Street drainage project. He estimated the cost to be between \$65,000 and \$70,000. The earliest funds DOT funds would be available would probably be the fall of 2019. He still has some questions he needs answered from the DOT.

In his update on the Downtown Main Street Project, Mr. Biederman stated that the earliest funding for sidewalks would be available would be in 2023 construction year. Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to move forward to request FY 2023 funding for Main Street sidewalks. Roll call vote—Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods and Miller. Nays: None.

Motion by Miller, second by Erickson to hold the second reading of Ordinance 345 – Amending Water Rates. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, Erickson, R. Woods and T. Woods. Nays: None. Third and final reading will be held at the September 10th meeting.

Councilman R. Woods will talk to the bank about the interest table they presented for return on investments. Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the rates as provided until further information is known. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Miller and Erickson. Nays: None.

Motion by Miller, second by T. Woods to list all the pieces of equipment that will be up for bid and bids to be opened in one month. All written bids must be received by 6:00 p.m. on September 24th. Anyone who has submitted a written bid may attend the council meeting and raise their bid at that time. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, T. Woods, R. Woods and Erickson. Nays: None.

Updates on abatements and nuisance properties: The dangerous tree has been removed and the vegetation on the property which received the abatement has been removed.

No additional information has been received on the flood control issues.

Dave gave an update on the progress of the meter replacement program and would like to have it completed within three years. He also had a quote for a surveillance system for city hall and the city shop for the council to consider and has applied for a grant to cover some of the cost.

The closed session was not needed.

Motion by Erickson, second by R. Woods to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Roll call vote—Ayes: Erickson, R. Woods, T. Woods and Miller. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Marlene Strepke, City Clerk