

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2019. Mayor Harter called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Vorwald, T. Woods, Miller, and R. Woods. Absent: Erickson. Also, present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Clint Bentley, Police Chief; Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Brittany Fuller, City Clerk; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk and Marlene Strempeke, Assistant Clerk.

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

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the minutes of the August 12th regular meeting with the following informational info added regarding RESOLUTION 2019-17 -- SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT: The public hearing was set for September 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, Vorwald, T. Woods, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

During the public comments section, Councilman Vorwald mentioned a contest he had heard about. He said there is a water tower contest which is giving communities in Iowa the chance to submit a short video showing-off their hometown pride for a chance to win a one of a kind water tower design. He said he was going to investigate what he needs to do in order to get a submittal going. The videos will be accepted from August 19 through September 30. Voting will be public, and it will be held from October 1-11. Vorwald also wanted to thank the many people that helped with bringing Squeezebox featuring Ted Lange and Mollie B from the Mollie B Polka Party on RFD-TV to town. The performance was held at the West Bentley Park in town on Wednesday August 21, 2019 from 2-4 P.M. He said it turned out to be a great day for music in the park. He wanted to thank all the sponsors for their generosity, the people that gave donations that day, the city crew (Dave Ryan, Brian Delegardelle, Dave Jergens, and Mary Beth Ryan), Miss Fairbank (Melody Kayser), the property owners (John Woods and Andrew Shaffer) for allowing for extra space for parking, all the golf cart owners who donated their resources and time to help with transportation and all of the other volunteers that helped that day to help it run smooth. Councilman T. Woods commented that he had heard rave reviews on the event.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Vorwald to set the time and date for the informational town hall meeting on high-speed internet to Wednesday October 2nd at 7:00 P.M. at the Fairbank American Legion. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, R. Woods, Vorwald, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to set the date for the fall city wide clean-up day to Monday, October 7. It will start at 7:00 A.M. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Miller, R. Woods, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to approve ordering the treated lumber needed to repair the walking swinging bridge from the storm damage it received at the end of June 2019. The cost for materials came in at \$3,604.50. The council will finish up getting quotes on the work needed to repair the bridge and decide at the next council meeting who to hire. Councilman Vorwald thought the city employees could help and that hopefully that would bring the cost of rebuilding the bridge down. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, Miller, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Miller to approve the purchase of a street sweeper for Fairbank for \$19,500. It is a Johnston 3000 and it is in great shape. Almost all the council members had a chance to look at it during the past week and they all thought it was a very nice machine that had been maintained well. Roll call vote—Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Miller, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

During the department reports Chief Bentley said that he will be participating in a 3-day victim training in September. He also mentioned that the top light bar on the police car had lights burned out. They do not make the LED bulbs for that exact light bar anymore. He is going to get quotes to replace the light bar on the car. He did mention there could be some light bars available from squad cars that were being retired but those are all interior mounted light bars and that the police car in town needed an outside mounted light bar. Since school has started back up, Chief Bentley said the police department was spending more time driving around the school in the am and the pm to help with kids and their safety. Ryan gave the council an update on an electrical upgrade project that was done in town that past week due to customers experiencing voltage drops. They had Independence Light and Power do the project since their bid came in the lowest. He was very happy with the job they did and reported the project was completed with no issues. Ryan also gave the council some quotes on tractor and blower options. He will continue to gather more available options for the council and maybe they will be able to decide on one to purchase at one of the upcoming council meetings. Mayor Harter wanted to again thank Councilman Vorwald for

all the work he put into bringing the polka performance to town. He also said that he was approached by someone who said the tombstone his family owned at the Fairbank Cemetery looked to be tipping over. It is documented that the owners are responsible for maintaining tombstones in the cemetery. He was going to let them know.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa code Chapter 21.5(1)(j) at 6:45 P.M. Roll call vote-Ayes: R. Woods, Miller, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by T. Woods to exit closed session at 6:58 P.M. Roll call vote-Ayes: R. Woods, Miller, T. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Vorwald to give the city attorney the authority to communicate with the seller's attorney under the terms discussed in closed session. Roll call vote- Ayes: Miller, R. Woods, Vorwald, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by R. Woods to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote-Ayes: T. Woods, Miller, R. Woods, and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Mike Harter, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk