

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2016. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Miller, Harter and Vorwald. Absent: Mangrich and Woods. Also present: David Hosack, City Attorney; Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk and Brittany Annis, Deputy Clerk.

Motion by Harter, second by Vorwald to amend the agenda to include: Letters to Mayor and Council and TIF Payments. Roll call vote—Ayes: Harter, Vorwald, and Miller. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Harter to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Harter and Miller. Nays: None.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the August 8th regular meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Miller and Harter. Nays: None.

Councilman Woods arrive at 6:05 p.m.

George Lake was present from the Buchanan County Economic Development Commission to give an update on their activities. He said that they had received a Community Housing Needs Assessment Grant and asked for three to four members from the community to be a part of the board. Bill Cowell, Ted Vorwald, Tammy Erickson and Maurice Welsh agreed to be on the committee.

Randy Robinson was present to discuss problems he was having with people parking and putting yard clippings and tree trimmings on his private property along Washington Street South. The council will send letters to all residents on the street asking them to not do that and if it continues they can be cited for a municipal infraction and penalized.

Motion by Miller, second by Woods to accept the proposed agreement with Black Hawk Waste Disposal Co., Inc. for trash and recycling services. The proposal calls for service to remain the same with weekly pick up of both trash and recycling at a rate of \$12.05 per household. The contract will run for three years with a two year extension option. The new rate will take effect January 1, 2017. Roll call vote—Ayes: Miller, Woods, Vorwald and Harter. Nays: None.

Motion by Harter, second by Vorwald to purchase the Community Sign at a cost of between \$22,000 and \$26,000 dollars. Donations toward the cost will be solicited from organizations and individuals. Roll call vote—Ayes: Harter, Vorwald and Woods. Nays: Miller.

Electric and water metering policies was moved to the next agenda as the person who put it on the agenda could not be present.

The dilapidated houses was discussed. The owner did not pick up the certified letter so it will be sent again non-certified to hopefully make it more convenient for him to get. The City Attorney wanted to get more detail from the inspector before advising on how to proceed.

Everyone has now received a copy of the new code book and are reviewing them. Any changes desired will be discussed at the public hearing.

Motion by Woods, second by Harter to approve RESOLUTION 2016-31 – RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED “CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANK, IOWA”. The public hearing will be September 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Harter, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None.

The Mayor stated that he had received three letters from citizens in the last month that were not signed. He stated that if you write a letter to the mayor and want it to be answered you must sign the letter so he knows who to contact.

The economic development loan agreement for the current forgivable loans will be amended to include a personal guarantee as well as the business guarantee and this condition will be included in any future agreements that may occur.

Upon advice from the city attorney the closed session could not be held at this time.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Woods to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Woods, Miller and Harter. Nays: None.



Bill Cowell, Mayor



Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk