

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on October 24, 2016. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Miller, Harter, Vorwald and Mangrich. Absent: Woods. Also present: Dave Ryan, Public Works Director; Jonathan Kono, Utility Worker; David Hosack, City Attorney; Rick Deitrick, Police Officer; Marlene Strempeke, City Clerk and Brittany Annis, Deputy Clerk.

Motion by Vorwald, second by Harter to amend the agenda to include Rules on Use of the Burn Pile. Roll call vote—Vorwald, Harter, Mangrich and Miller. Nays: None.

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

Motion by Vorwald, second by Mangrich to approve the minutes of the October 10th regular meeting. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Mangrich, Miller and Harter. Nays: None.

Council man Woods arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Matt Mahoney from Butler County REC was present to inform the council on a rate increase for electric that will be in effect beginning January 2017. This increase is a pass through from Basin Electric Power Cooperative to Butler County REC. The increase will be 9.88%.

Amy Rechkemmer with Bellis/Neil Insurance Agency presented the council with options for group insurance premiums for employees. Motion by Woods, second by Mangrich to give employees a choice of Wellmark BC/BS Alliance Select HSA 3350 or Wellmark BC/BS Alliance Select Primary EnhancedBlue 1000 PPO. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Mangrich, Harter, Vorwald and Miller. Nays: None.

Adam Kerns presented options on renewal of dental insurance. Motion by Vorwald, second by Mangrich to stay with Delta Dental Basic Plan 868. Roll call vote—Ayes: Vorwald, Mangrich, Miller, Woods and Harter. Nays: None.

Mayor Cowell informed the council that the city was awarded a \$75,000 REAP grant for park improvements including a kayak landing and park shelter among others.

Jon Biederman was present to discuss options for a new well. There were some suggested changes discussed and that information will be available to help make a decision at the next meeting.

The council was presented an example of a golf cart ordinance for discussion. A public hearing will be held at the November 14th council meeting to begin the process of adopting the ordinance.

Motion by Harter, second by Vorwald to purchase the Watchfire LED Message Center from Nagle Sign at a cost of \$26,633.86. The Community Club and Fairbank Development have each pledged \$5,000 and a grant for \$2,500 will go toward the price. Donations from businesses will be solicited to help defray the remaining cost. Roll call vote—Ayes: Harter, Vorwald, Woods and Mangrich. Nays: Miller.

Purchase of the fire truck was moved to the November 14th agenda.

Motion by Woods, second by Harter to approve RESOLUTION 2016-32 – RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 17TH AS “WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY”. Roll call vote—Ayes: Woods, Harter, Mangrich, Miller and Vorwald. Nays: None.

Dave and Jonathan asked for direction on what would be allowed at the compost and burn site since it has started to be abused. The council agreed that no logs larger than 12 inches will be allowed. Also commercial tree trimmers will no longer be allowed to take anything to the site. No root balls of any size will be allowed. The key checkout system will be reinstated where you can stop at city hall and make a deposit on a key which will be returned when the key is returned.

There was no further word on the court case so the closed session was not needed.

Motion by Mangrich, second by Vorwald to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Roll call vote—Ayes: Mangrich, Vorwald, Harter, Woods and Miller. Nays: None

Marlene Strempeke
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Bill Cowell
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