

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on April 14, 2014, at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Randy J. Quiring called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members Terry Anderson, Chad Askeland, Wes Clerc, Joe Kallemeyn and Darin Rahm were present. Also in attendance: City Administrator Mike Humpal, City Attorney Elizabeth W. Bloomquist, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Chief of Police Greg Brolsma and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Rahm, seconded by Council Member Askeland and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 24, 2014.

During open discussion, Council Member Kallemeyn advised that the City's new Citizen Support Center & Mobile Application is up and running. Kallemeyn stated that he downloaded the app and tried it out and got a response back right away. The Citizen Action Portal can be located at <http://www.fairmont.org/docs/citizensupportcenter.html>, or people with smart phones may download the citizens' action app from App Store or Google Play Store.

Council Member Kallemeyn also asked about the Active Transportation Plan and how it is being used. Troy Nemmers responded that it is being used as a guideline and backup to grant applications as they come available.

Mayor Quiring proclaimed the month of April, 2014 as National Donate Life Month in the City of Fairmont.

Mayor Quiring proclaimed April 24, 2014 as The Auxiliary at Mayo Clinic Health System in Fairmont Day in the City of Fairmont. Jan Wolfgram representing the Auxiliary was present and thanked the City for the recognition.

Mayor Quiring proclaimed May as Building Safety Month in the City of Fairmont.

Mayor Quiring proclaimed April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day and the month of May as Arbor Month in the City of Fairmont. Troy Nemmers invited the community to Amber Lake Park on April 25, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. where the City will be planting a tree in recognition of Arbor Day.

Mayor Quiring opened a Public Hearing to consider the vacation of right-of-way on Shoreacres Drive. Troy Nemmers explained that Susan K. and Gaylen R. Zeman of 500 W. Lair Road had petitioned for the vacation of right-of-way abutting their property to the north (Shoreacres Drive). No other comments were received at the public hearing. Council member Clerc made a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried. Council member Askeland made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-07** vacating the public right-of-way on Shoreacres Drive described on the survey. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Council members Askeland, Clerc, Kallemeyn, Rahm and Anderson all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Troy Nemmers gave an update on the Winnebago Sports Complex. Nemmers stated that last summer there were concerns with the compaction of the infield and the unevenness of the outfields. Last Fall the infields were all replaced and new top soil was added to the outfield to level the playing field. New seed was also applied in late Fall. The new soil was clean fill that had been screened. Nemmers also advised that the fields were signed as closed and tape put across the dugouts. CER was also notified that the fields were closed until June 2, 2014 to allow

the seed to grow. Mike Fischer and Brad Seifert of the Fairmont Softball Association were present and spoke. Seifert stated that he had found glass, wire, stakes and other dangerous items in the outfield. Nemmers stated that he has been in contact with the Contractor and the Contractor along with City employees will be making multiple passes through all of the fields to make sure all the debris has been removed. Nemmers stated that the new score boards will be installed and the new benches are in place.

A motion was made by Council Member Rahm to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Eagles Club for May 31, 2014 to hold an outdoor event with a band. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson to approve a parade permit for the Fairmont United Methodist Church Ecumenical "Way of the Cross Prayer Walk". Council Member Kallemeyn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Rahm to approve a permit for the Suicide Prevention & Awareness Group for a 5K Walk/Run/Bike event on July 12, 2014. Rick Weber and Kathy Frolick spoke on the importance of getting information out about suicide prevention. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

At the March 24, 2014 City Council meeting, the council requested additional information on the aquatic climbing wall which was proposed as a new play feature at the aquatic park. Paul Hoye presented the bids on the equipment. Council Member Askeland made a motion to purchase the Canyon model at \$31,610.00. Council Member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Draft eligibility guidelines and applications for the City's demolition program were presented at the March 24, 2014 City Council meeting. At that meeting, Council directed staff to add a maximum dollar figure to the guidelines. Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve the guidelines and applications. Council Member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council Member Clerc made a motion to set a public hearing for April 28, 2014 to hear public comment and to take action on proposed Rental Housing **Ordinance 2014-02**. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. purchased Buffalo Lake Energy Ethanol Plant at Fairmont from Biofuel Energy, the parent company. Council Member Kallemeyn made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-08** transferring Job Z benefits to Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. Council Member Rahm seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Clerc, Kallemeyn, Rahm, Anderson and Askeland all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Johnson to the Public Utilities Commission. Council Member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Rahm and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk