

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on January 13, 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 Hoyer, Police Chief Greg Brolsma and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council member Clerc, seconded by Council member Askeland and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 9, 2013.

During Open Discussion, Council member Rahm congratulated the organizers and workers of the Winter Festival, which was held this past weekend. The event was a huge success and brought a lot of people to town.

Nemmers advised that the City received an award from the State of Minnesota Asphalt Association for the work done at the airport last summer.

Humpal advised that thin ice signs have been placed on George and Sisseton lakes for the aeration systems. There is a large hole in Sisseton lake and caution should be taken.

Mayor Quiring stated that Dave and Deb Lutz have contacted him with additional information on their request for demolition assistance which will be presented at the next council meeting.

Humpal congratulated Paul Hoyer for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. Hoyer has received this award each year since he has been the Finance Director in Fairmont.

Gary Reutzler, a representative of the Disabled American Veterans advised that a donation clothing bin will be placed in the mall parking lot. All of the proceeds from the donated clothing will come back to be used for the veterans in our area. All donations are tax deductible.

Steve Griesert with Community Partners Research, Inc. provided a summary of the housing study completed in 2013.

A public hearing was held on the sale of a vacant lot located at 725 East Seventh Street. There was no comment received at the hearing. Council member Clerc made a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Rahm seconded the motion and it carried. Council member Clerc made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2014-01** approving the sale of 725 East Seventh Street for the sum of \$1,000.00 to Dave Dougherty, Jr. Council member Rahm seconded the motion. On roll call: Council members Anderson, Askeland, Clerc, Kallemeyn and Rahm all voted aye. No one voted nay. Mayor Quiring declared said ordinance to have been duly passed, approved and adopted.

The Borderline Cruisers Car Club requested approval to barricade several downtown streets for their annual car show on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Council member Rahm made a motion to approve the permit. Council member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The City Charter permits the Council to adopt its own rules of procedure. A resolution was presented to waive the reading of resolutions. Council member Anderson moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 2014-01** waiving the reading of resolutions. Council member Kallemeyn seconded the motion. On roll call: Council members Anderson, Askeland, Clerc, Kallemeyn and Rahm all voted aye. Mayor Quiring declared said resolution to have been passed, approved and adopted.

The City Charter requires official designations be approved by resolution at the first council meeting of the year. Council member Kallemeyn moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 2014-02** designating the following: Mayor Pro Tem – Wes Clerc; Official Newspaper – The Fairmont Sentinel; Council Secretary – City Clerk; and the Depository of City Funds – Bank Midwest. Council member Rahm seconded the motion. On roll call: Council members Askeland, Clerc, Kallemeyn, Rahm and Anderson all voted aye. Mayor Quiring declared the same to be passed, approved and adopted.

Each year, the City is required to review and adopt an out-of-state travel policy for elected officials. A motion was made by Council member Kallemeyn, seconded by Council member Anderson and carried to approve the policy as presented.

The Fairmont Fire Department held annual elections in December. The results of the election were as follows: Chief – Doug Borchardt, Deputy Chief – Brandon Scott, Captain – Bryan Kastning, First Lieutenant – Tom Hilpipre, Second Lieutenant – Jeff Miller and Secretary – Chris Toomer. Council member Askeland made a motion to approve the election results. Council member Kallemeyn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mayor Quiring recommended that Ed Willett and Scott Unke be appointed to the Planning Commission and that Jody Whitmore and Kent Unke be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill vacancies. A motion was made by Council member Kallemeyn, seconded by Council member Askeland and carried to approve the appointments.

Mayor Quiring recommended the reappointment of Wendy Emler on the Planning Commission and Bob Bartingale to the FEDA Board. Council member Anderson opposed the appointment of Bartingale to the FEDA Board. A motion was made by Council member Askeland, seconded by Council member Kallemeyn. Council members Askeland, Kallemeyn and Rahm all voted aye. Council members Anderson and Clerc voted nay. The motion passed.

A request for demolition assistance was received by Roger and Steve Geiger who purchased a vacant house at 780 Shoreacres. A motion was made by Council member Kallemeyn, seconded by Council member Askeland. Council member Clerc voiced his concerns about all the requests for assistance that the City has been receiving. Clerc feels that the City should create a policy so that the assistance is given in a fair manner. On vote, Council members Anderson, Kallemeyn and Rahm all voted aye. Council members Askeland and Clerc voted nay. The motion passed.

Proposed **Ordinance 2014-02**, the rental housing ordinance is ready for consideration. Council member Kallemeyn made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 10, 2014 to hear public comment and take action on the proposed ordinance. Discussion was held regarding scheduling an additional public forum on the Ordinance. Humpal will find a time prior to the public hearing for this additional meeting. Council member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Council member Askeland made a motion to declare a list of inventory as excess property. Council member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Humpal advised that Terry Nielson would like to terminate the farm lease he entered with the City of Fairmont. There was much discussion and the Council directed Humpal to advise Nielson that if the City entered into a new lease with a new renter, Nielson would be responsible for any difference in the rental amount. This matter was tabled and will be brought back to the council at a later date.

Council member Rahm moved to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with the Southwest Minnesota/Northwest Iowa Emergency Response Unit. Council member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The bills for the month of December, 2013, were presented to the City Council for review. A motion was made by Council member Anderson, seconded by Council member Clerc and carried to approve payment of these bills in the amount of \$1,013,491.54.

A motion was made by Council member Askeland, seconded by Council member Rahm and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen
City Clerk