

The minutes of the Fairmont City Council meeting held on August 11, 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, Finance Director Paul Hoye, Public Works Director/City Engineer Troy Nemmers, Police Lieutenant Del Ellis and City Clerk Patricia Monsen.

It was moved by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Rahm and carried to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 28, 2014.

During open discussion Paul Hoye introduced Sue Lynch, Assistant Finance Officer.

Council Member Rahm commented on the great turn-out at the Heritage Acres Festival over the weekend.

Council Member Askeland asked about the Bird's Bridge Channel project. Nemmers replied that he hopes to bring bids back for council review and approval at the September 8th council meeting.

Council Member Askeland asked about City property on the lakeshore for sale. Humpal replied that staff is in the process of taking an inventory to see what can be sold or leased.

Heather Hawkins and Lois Johnson from Focus on Fairmont gave a presentation on the Blue Earth Avenue beautification project.

Sonja Fortune a representative of the Dog Park Committee gave a presentation on their fund raising efforts. As of date, they have raised \$16,587.00.

Matt Nielsen from the Fairmont Soccer Association gave a presentation on activity at the Jeffrey Kot Soccer Fields. The Soccer Association would like a paved walking path from the concessions south, more lighting in the parking lot and possibly a paved walking path around the entire complex. Discussion was also held on the parking and safety issues along South Prairie Avenue.

Steve Lebert, Chairman of the Park Board gave an update and brought forth the Park Board's recommendations for projects to be considered in the 2015 budget. Recommendations included completion of a dog park, an upgrade to Sioux Avenue park and East Side park and supporting the soccer association's requests.

A public hearing was held to take public input on proposed **Ordinance 2014-04**. Chief Doug Borchardt, Bob Atzenhoefer and Brandon Scott from the Fairmont Fire Department were present and supported the ordinance. Council Member Clerc made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Askeland seconded the motion and the motion passed. Council Member Askeland made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2014-04**, Charging for Fire Calls. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Council Members Kallemeyn, Rahm, Anderson, Askeland and Clerc all voted aye. Mayor Quiring declared said motion passed.

Council Member Chad Askeland made a motion to approve the application of a solicitor's license for American Exteriors, LLC. Council Member Kallemeyn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the application to block off the street entering into Holden Place cul-de-sac to be blocked off for a neighborhood block party on August 24, 2014 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Rahm seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Council Member Chad Askeland made a motion to approve the Taxi License for Dahmon Gullord to operate one vehicle pending a satisfactory police investigation and receipt of the certificate of insurance. Council Member Kallemeyn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Askeland, seconded by Council Member Kallemeyn and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Randy J. Quiring
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk