

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday June 8, 2016
Fairbury City Hall Basement**

The Planning Commission held a meeting at 12 Noon. Tracy Taylor, Scott Rathbun, Ron Schlipf, Greg Benoit, Rick Wilson, City Superintendent Leroy McPherson, guest speaker Terry Zimmerman and PC Secretary Stephanie Houser were present.

Review of minutes for June 8, 2016– Motion by Scott, second by Greg

The city has been doing some well research and has found 5 spots to do testing on. They are currently in the process of getting permission from the landowners to drill and see if water exists in those areas. If water is found both the city and the landowner will have rights to the well and water. The city is also currently getting bids from well drillers and is hoping to start the project in the fall.

The water and sewer bills are now on a monthly basis and the rates have increased as well. The EPA has mandated that Fairbury build a new sewer plant and do the necessary updates to bring the plant into compliance. The EPA is also requiring that the city treat all ground water as well. This will be a five step process with about 4 more years of increases to the water and sewer bills. This should level off around year 5 and be able to sustain the amount of money needed to pay off the federal loan.

The sidewalks in front of the Walton Centre and Lost Arts are in need of repair. They are cracking, leaning, and have become a hazard for the public. City engineers and state engineers have come in to assess the best way to fix the sidewalks.

A 12" water main from Locust street to Hickory street and Hickory to 6th and 7th streets will be put in to get enough water for the fire system at the school. The one on 7th street will be for the fire system at the Baptist Church. By having water and sewer it will open up possibilities to expand and develop that area.

Dr. Capasso has resigned from Planning Commission. Rick Wilson presented Jeremy Leman as an interested member. The rest of the members had no opposition to his appointment.

Terry Zimmerman spoke about the current activities taking place around town and provided a handout with all the events that will be in conjunction with the murals. There are murals being placed in Central Park for visitors and locals to view. Leman Paintworks in Forrest did the painting of the mural stands. Currently one mural is completed and four more will be added by Friday June 10, 2016.

Terry would like to establish a dedication day for the murals in late June or early July. There will be food, vendors, and activities.

In the [Discover Central Illinois Magazine](#) there is a 3 page article about Fairbury and the many places and attractions that our city offers.

Along with the murals there are many other projects underway such as the promotional hangings being placed around town. Eventually there will be 20 hangings that promote events and activities around town. Every few months they will be replaced and moved to a new location. The railings and bike racks are currently being refurbished and painted by the

Lyons Club. A barn quilt tour for Fairbury and surrounding areas is in the works to attract visitors and give barns a fresh new look. The Community Action Committee is also looking to develop an online city calendar. The Chamber of Commerce will be maintaining the website and updating current events and activities happening around town. Many more projects are being considered and Terry has requested any input or ideas from the citizens of Fairbury. They are also encouraged to attend meetings. For more information contact Terry Zimmerman at 815-848-0768 or City Hall at 692-2743

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Tracy, second by Greg

Stephanie Houser, PC Secretary