

**City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – May 16, 2018
6:30 p.m. - Fairbury City Hall**

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Slagel called the meeting to order.
2. **Mayor Slagel directed the Clerk to call roll and the following members of Council answered present:** Gary Norris, Nancy Gerdes-Hibsch, Charles Hoselton, Jon Kinate, Bruce Weber, Gerald Hoffman, Lynn Dameron, and Bill Schmidgall.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the May 2, 2018, council meeting
 - B. Board Report listing the bills
 - C. Treasurer's Cash Report (second meeting of the month)
 - D. Check Register (second meeting of the month)
 - E. None
 - F. None

Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - Jim and Jeanne Munz presented scholarship checks to the following recipients – Abbie Bazzell, Mitchell Bazzell, Tate Hetherington, Loren Kaeb, Rebekah Kaeb, Kyler Knapp, and Toby Steidinger. Jim and Jeanne formed the Brian J Munz Scholarship Fund after losing Jim's son, Brian, in the Line of Duty fighting a house fire in 2008. The scholarships are awarded to First Responders and their dependents.
 - Wayne Varner thanked Street Superintendent Steidinger and his crew for building the ramp and the sidewalk
 - Dale Maley thanked Martin and crew for installing the new bench at old city hall which was donated by the Garden Club and the planter was donated by Rotary
 - Diane Pawlowski commented that during their Museum meeting it was discovered that Google maps incorrectly labeled Mark Park as West Ash Park
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger reported
 - The pool is up and running
 - The street department will begin work on 1st Street after Memorial Day
 - The pool took 160,000 gallons of water to fill
 - Sewer Superintendent McPherson reported
 - The department looked at the sewer lines on Stanley Drive and was pleased with the results from the Rootx
 - Water Superintendent Ifft was absent
 - Chief of Police Travis' report included in council packet. Also reported
 - His department is seeing increased activity at the enclosed pavilion at North Park
 - The recommendation on the Maxima is to drive it until it dies; cost to repair is estimated at \$3,500-\$4,000

- Jax is doing great with his training
 - The Police Department has raised just over \$125,000 for Jax and his care
 - The Overdose Awareness Event is this Saturday at North Park
 - Scheduled a Police & Fire Committee for Monday, June 4th @ 6 p.m. for interviews
- City Superintendent Ashburn reported
- The blue van and mower sold at the Community Sale
 - He attended a GLCEDC meeting that offered grant information
 - Scheduled an Insurance Committee meeting Monday, May 21st at 6 p.m.
- City Attorney Mason – no report

7. Reports of Aldermen

- Alderman Norris asked about how many reservations are being made at the parks
- Alderman Gerdes-Hibsch thanked Dale Maley for another job well done
- Alderman Hoselton – no report
- Alderman Kinate – no report
- Alderman Weber mentioned he's been seeing a lot of abandoned vehicles around town
- Alderman Hoffman – no report
- Alderman Dameron – no report
- Alderman Schmidgall – no report

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Weber, second by Hoffman to approve the bid from Jerry Lanning in the amount of \$19,257 to replace the flooring in the gym at the Boys & Girls Club. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris purchase a menu board for the pool in the amount of \$156.84 from Amazon. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- B. Consideration to amend the pay ordinance – **WILL BE ACTED ON AFTER CLOSED SESSION**
- C. Motion by Dameron, second by Schmidgall to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10 amending Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fairbury in relation to Traffic. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Kinate, second by Dameron to approve Ordinance No. 2018-11 amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fairbury in relation to automatic pool covers. Motion carried 7-1. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall NO-Hoffman
- E. Motion by Weber, second by Norris to allow Mayor Slagel and City Superintendent Ashburn to have decision-making authority in regards to easements for the Long Term Control Plan sewer project. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- F. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to approve a quote from Ampstun Corporation for new accounting software in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- G. Motion by Dameron, second by Kinate to appoint Rebekah Fehr to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

- H. Motion by Weber, second by Dameron to approve an application from Gig's Place for Alcohol Sales & Consumption on City Property Saturday, May 26th from 5 p.m. to midnight and to block Locust Street between 4th & 5th Streets contingent upon the City obtaining their Certificate of Liability insurance. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- I. Consideration to hire Trevor Sinnett as a Sewer Department employee - **WILL BE ACTED ON AFTER CLOSED SESSION**
- J. Motion by Dameron, second by Schmidgall to approve an engineering agreement between Farnsworth Group and the City of Fairbury in the amount \$1,662,000 for on-site engineering services during the Long Term Control Plan construction. Motion carried 6-2. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall NO-Hoselton Hoffman
- K. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to accept a retirement letter from Sewer Superintendent, Frank McPherson. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information

- ✓ Martin Steidinger initiated a conversation with the council about possible construction east of town and annexing a parcel of land to the City of Fairbury

12. Public Comment

→ Diane Pawlowski asked if the Mayor and City Superintendent will have the ability to negotiate monetarily for the easements

13. Executive Session –

Motion by Gerdes-Hibsch @ 7:37 p.m. to enter Executive Session. Second by Norris. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

- A. Litigation – Section 2 (c) (11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation. Probable or imminent litigation requires specific finding to that effect in closed session minutes.
- B. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. (Note: An independent contractor is not an employee).

Motion by Weber @ 8:47 p.m. to enter Open Session. Second by Schmidgall. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

Action from Executive Session:

Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to amend the pay ordinance. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to hire Trevor Sinnett as a Sewer Department employee. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Gerdes-Hibsch Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

14. Adjournment – Motion by Gerdes-Hibsch, second by Norris @ 8:56 p.m.

Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk