

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – February 6, 2019
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, 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 Hoselton to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the January 16, 2019, council meeting, as amended
 - B. Voucher Invoice Register listing the bills
 - C. Treasurer’s Cash Report (second meeting of the month)
 - D. Check Register (second meeting of the month)
 - E. None
 - F. Overtime Report

Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - **Randy Wittenberg, Director of Vermilion Valley Emergency Communications (V-Com), presented his 2018 report that covered V-Com’s structure, financial highlights and 2019 projects. He spoke at length about NIXLE, a county-wide emergency notification broadcasting system that texts county residents’ information from boil orders to disasters.**
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger reported
 - He will be submitting a bid for 3 sets of turn-out gear at the next council meeting
 - Sewer Superintendent Duncan was absent
 - Water Superintendent Ifft was absent
 - Chief of Police Travis – no report
 - City Superintendent Ashburn reported
 - The Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall has agreed to be a shelter in the event of a disaster
 - He and Nancy have begun interviewing lifeguards
 - It’s budget time and asked the council to inform him of items that need to be budgeted
 - City Attorney Mason – no report
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris reported on a pool meeting between himself, Brett and Nancy; reported pool passes will only be sold from City Hall; reported on a leaking window at the guard station
 - Alderman Hoselton – no report
 - Alderman Kinate asked Chief Steidinger if the Fire Department had any fires during the extreme cold. Steidinger said they had 1 fire and the trucks were frozen by the

- time the department arrived on-scene
→ Alderman Weber – no report
→ 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 - NONE

10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Dameron to approve the Morton Community Bank Commercial Credit Card Borrowing Resolution #2019-2-6 replacing Janice Ziegenhorn with Dale Diller as a Visa card holder on the City of Fairbury credit card account. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- B. Consideration of a request from Lisa Yoder to define the parking space at the northeast corner of 2nd & Locust Streets as handicapped - **TABLED**
- C. Motion by Weber, second by Hoselton to approve discontinuing the \$350 vehicle seizure charge for vehicles impounded by the City. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoselton to approve a request for City Superintendent Ashburn to attend OSHA Workplace Safety Outreach, April 16th in Bloomington in the amount of \$179. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- E. Motion by Dameron, second by Schmidgall to renew ArcGIS software for the next year in the amount of \$400. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- F. Motion by Norris, second by Dameron to approve a request from City Clerk Widlacki to attend the Municipal Clerks of Illinois spring seminar in Effingham April 25 & 26, 2019, at a cost of \$65 and a 1-night hotel stay of \$109. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- G. Consideration of a request from Nancy and Brett to begin a search for a Zoning Board of Appeals attorney – **COUNCIL APPROVED THE REQUEST**

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information

This section includes items received after the required posting of 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

- ✓ Discussed purchasing Christmas decorations for downtown
- ✓ Received a thank-you note from the family of Billy Plahm, Nancy's brother, for the expression of sympathy on his passing
- ✓ Chief Travis expressed his displeasure at the Council rescinding the vehicle seizure fee which he feels will cause a burden on taxpayers when it comes time to replace squad cars

12. Public Comment

- ✓ Cherie Boren addressed the council about a drainage issue she is experiencing on her property since her neighbor repaved his parking lot.

✓ Dale Maley reported the water pipes in the museum froze in the extreme cold. Also reported the Fairbury Improvement Group recently finished a survey and will be discussing results when the group meets in 2 weeks.

- 13.** Motion by Weber at 7:19 p.m. to enter Executive Session, second by Kinate.
- A. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. (Note: An independent contractor is not an employee).
 - B. Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation. Probable or imminent litigation requires specific finding to that effect in closed session minutes.

Motion by Weber at 9:00 p.m. to enter Open Session, second by Norris.

Action from Executive Session

NONE

- 14. Adjournment** – Motion by Schmidgall, second by Kinate to adjourn @ 9:02 p.m.

Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk