

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – November 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, Steve Endres, Jon Kinate, Bruce Weber, Gerald Hoffman, Lynn Dameron and Bill Schmidgall. Charles Hoselton was absent.
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 October 16, 2019, council meeting
 - 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 Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - Doug Aaron encouraged city officials to consider creating a commercial promoting the City of Fairbury and air it on channels catering to dirt track racing
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger was absent
 - Sewer Superintendent Duncan reported
 - Performed a start-up on 2 small pieces of equipment and everything went well
 - The wind turbine had a malfunction; a repair crew will be dispatched soon to fix it
 - Water Superintendent Ifft was absent
 - Chief of Police McCormick was absent
 - City Superintendent Ashburn reported
 - There was a water leak on Columbia Street the other day which has been repaired
 - City Attorney Mann reported – no report
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris – no report
 - Alderman Endres – no report
 - Alderman Hoselton was absent
 - Alderman Kinate – no report
 - Alderman Weber – no report
 - Alderman Hoffman asked for more legible handwriting from employees when charging goods/services
 - Alderman Dameron provided a progress update on the new sign that’s being placed in Veteran’s Memorial Park
 - Alderman Schmidgall – no report
8. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda – NONE**

9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Consideration of a recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals to amend the Zoning Code of the Municipal Code Book of the City of Fairbury, Illinois - **TABLED**

10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to approve a donation request in the amount of \$2,500 from Rick Wilson and the Shop Local group. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- B. Consideration of a recommendation from the Planning Commission on recreational cannabis - **TABLED**
- C. FYI- Summary letter from MCK of the Audit Report - **SHARED**
- D. Motion by Kinate, second by Dameron to approve Ordinance No. 2019-11 For The Levy And Assessment Of Taxes For The Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2020. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- E. Consideration of quotes for approval to connect several properties to City sewer system - **TABLED**
- F. FYI- Summary of Cannabis Survey - **SHARED**
- G. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Dameron to approve the 2020 City Council meeting schedule. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- H. Motion by Weber, second by Hoffman to purchase new safety coats for public works employees from Varsitee Screen Printing in the amount of \$2,235. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- I. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve an estimate from K&S in the amount of \$2,779.90 for repairs to the 2016 Ford Explorer. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information
NONE

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

12. Public Comment

- Wayne Varner encouraged the council to consider placing the cannabis questions on the ballot through a referendum

13. Motion by Kinate, second by Dameron to enter Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

PERSONNEL – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. (Note: An independent contractor is not an employee).

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 Kinate second by Weber to enter Open Session at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

14. Adjournment – Motion by Weber, second by Norris to adjourn @ 8:04 p.m.

Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk