

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – December 4, 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 Schmidgall to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the November 20, 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:**
 - Deb Moran, ESDA Director, reminded the council about the disaster drill scheduled for Monday, December 9th at the fire station
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger – no report
 - Sewer Superintendent Duncan reported – no report
 - Water Superintendent Ifft was absent
 - Chief of Police McCormick reported
 - The Nissan can be disposed of any way the City sees fit
 - City Superintendent Ashburn reported
 - The carpets at City Hall and in the Police Department were cleaned Monday
 - Scheduled a Streets & Alley committee meeting for Monday, December 16, 2019 @ 6 p.m.
 - City Attorney Mann – no report
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris acknowledged and thanked the Fairbury Improvement Group for their hard work
 - Alderman Endres – no report
 - Alderman Hoselton was absent
 - Alderman Kinate – no report
 - Alderman Weber – no report
 - Alderman Hoffman – no report
 - Alderman Dameron updated the council about the new sign in Veteran’s Memorial Park
 - Alderman Schmidgall – no report
8. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda – NONE**

9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve the connection of several properties to City sewer system pending signed agreements from the property owners. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Hoffman, second by Dameron to pay out accrued sick days to qualifying employees. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Hoffman, second by Kinate to set City Hall holiday hours for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve as 8:30 a.m. to noon; employees shall use paid time off benefit to receive pay. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- C. Consideration to hire recommended applicant for the Utility Billing Clerk position – **TO BE ACTED ON AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- D. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Dameron to renew employee health insurance plan with Health Alliance for 2020. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- E. Motion by Kinate, second by Dameron to approve Ordinance No. 2019-12 amending Chapter 8 of the Municipal Code Book of the City of Fairbury in relation to Liquor and Tobacco. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- F. Motion by Dameron, second by Schmidgall to approve Ordinance No. 2019-13 providing for and requiring the submission of a question allowing the sale and manufacturing of recreational cannabis inside the city limits of the City of Fairbury. 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

- Becky Webster expressed her displeasure at the City’s request for a deadline of Friday, December 13, 2019

13. Motion by Kinate, second by Dameron to enter Executive Session at 6:55 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).

Motion by Kinate second by Schmidgall to enter Open Session at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10 C. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Hoffman to hire Alex Evelsizer-Tarter as the Utility Billing Clerk. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

14. Adjournment – Motion by Dameron, second by Norris to adjourn @ 7:34 p.m.

Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk