

**City of Fairbury**  
**City Council Minutes – November 20, 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, Charles Hoselton, Jon Kinate, Bruce Weber, Lynn Dameron and Bill Schmidgall. Gerald Hoffman 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 6, 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 Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
  - Chief of Police Robert McCormick swore-in new Officers, Andrew Mills and Tyler Rafferty
6. **Reports of Departments**
  - Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger reported
    - The Fire Department is pump testing tonight
    - Rules for manlifts are changing which require testing; Steidinger, Tate Schauble, Lonnie Rhodes and Bill Skala will test December 11th
  - Sewer Superintendent Duncan reported
    - A water and sewer committee meeting is required; meeting scheduled for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
  - Water Superintendent Ifft was absent
  - Chief of Police McCormick reported
    - He had 7 candidates at the physical agility testing on Saturday, November 16th
  - City Superintendent Ashburn reported
    - An insurance committee meeting has been added to the water and sewer committee meeting for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
  - City Attorney Mann reported was absent
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
  - Alderman Norris – no report
  - Alderman Endres – no report
  - Alderman Hoselton asked Chief McCormick about a stop sign being placed at Pine and Jackson Streets; Chief McCormick said a stop sign isn’t necessary
  - Alderman Kinate – no report
  - Alderman Weber asked Chief McCormick if the equipment in the Nissan has been removed; Chief McCormick responded affirmatively

- Alderman Hoffman was absent
- Alderman Dameron reported the new sign in Veteran's Memorial Park is mostly complete
- Alderman Schmidgall – no report

**8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – NONE**

**9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Consideration of quotes for approval to connect several properties to City sewer system  
- **TABLED**

**10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Motion by Kinate, second by Dameron to approve pay request #16 in the amount of \$2,012,124.69. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Dameron to approve employee Christmas gifts to be the same as in 2018. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Weber, second by Norris to approve a bid from bsureIT in the amount of \$4,631.96 for the purchase of 2 computers for City Hall and 2 computers for the Police Department. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Weber, second by Endres to approve a bid to have the carpets in City Hall cleaned by The Restoring Touch in the amount of \$756. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall
- E. Motion by Weber, second by Schmidgall to approve a request from the Fairbury Area Chamber of Commerce to block 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Streets on Locust Street Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Fairbury Christmas Parade. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall
- F. Consideration to allow the Mayor and City Superintendent to hire a Utility Billing Clerk –  
**WILL BE ACTED ON AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- G. Motion by Dameron, second by Kinate to approve a referendum question, as amended by the Council, regarding cannabis to be placed on the March 17, 2020 ballot. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber 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**

- Diane Pawlowski mentioned the new trash can lid at the gazebo is rusting; the clock tower needs to be turned back an hour

**13. Motion by Norris, second by Kinate to enter Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber 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 Dameron to enter Open Session at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall

**ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

F. Motion by Weber, second by Norris to allow the Mayor and City Superintendent to hire a Utility Billing Clerk. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Dameron Schmidgall

- 14. Adjournment** – Motion by Dameron, second by Kinate to adjourn @ 7:34 p.m.  
Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk