

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – March 18, 2020
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, Gerald Hoffman and Bill Schmidgall. Bruce Weber and Lynn Dameron were absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Hoselton, second by Schmidgall to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the March 4, 2020, 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 6-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Hoffman Schmidgall

5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**

→ Diane Pawlowski read a prepared statement explaining her opposition to allowing another liquor license in the City of Fairbury

6. **Reports of Departments**

→ Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger reported

- He took the truck to Peoria to have the box put on

→ Sewer Superintendent Duncan was absent

→ Water Superintendent Mellott – no report

→ Chief of Police McCormick reported

- Both academies the new recruits were attending have been closed due to COVID-19; Bellevue Academy will continue with online classes however, Decatur Academy will not

→ City Superintendent Ashburn reported

- He encouraged the Council to consider locking the doors at City Hall until COVID-19 is over

→ City Attorney Mann was absent

7. **Reports of Aldermen**

→ Alderman Norris asked Chief McCormick what Police Officers are doing with drivers' expired license plate stickers now that the Department of Motor Vehicles is closed

→ Alderman Endres – no report

→ Alderman Hoselton – no report

→ Alderman Kinate asked what, if anything, is being done about the railroad tracks, especially the Third Street crossing

→ Alderman Weber was absent

→ Alderman Hoffman – no report

→ Alderman Dameron was absent

→ Alderman Schmidgall – no report

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

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

- A. Consideration of quotes to install back-up generator for the City Water Tower – **ANOTHER OPTION IS BEING PURSUED; ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA**
- B. Consideration of a recommendation from the Planning Commission to allow modular and manufactured homes in an R2 district with restrictions of a permanent foundation, a minimum roof pitch of 4/12, a minimum of 750 sq ft and a 20 ft minimum width – **FAILED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION**
- C. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve the 2020 Employee Evaluations compensation at last year's increases. Motion carried 6-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Hoffman Schmidgall

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

- A. Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to approve pay request #20 in the amount of \$391,218.24. Motion carried 6-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Hoffman Schmidgall
- B. Consideration to amend Chapter 8, Liquor, to increase the allowable number of liquor licenses – **FAILED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION**
- C. Consideration of a liquor license application from Family Dollar at 110 W Oak Street – **FAILED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION**
- D. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to approve a donation request in the amount of \$750 to Show Bus Public Transportation. Motion carried 6-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Hoffman Schmidgall
- E. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoselton to approve a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone 2 properties on W Pine Street from residential to commercial. Motion carried 6-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Hoffman Schmidgall
- F. Motion by Kinate, second by Schmidgall to approve a quote in the amount of \$33,000 from Layne Christensen Company to rehab Well #7. Motion carried 6-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Hoffman 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 thanked the Council for the action taken regarding the liquor license application**

13. **Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to enter Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.**

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

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Kinate to enter Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

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14. **Adjournment** – Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to adjourn @ 7:27 p.m.
Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk