

City of Fairbury

City Council Minutes – April 15, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Due to the spread of COVID-19, this open meeting was held remotely with attendance instructions provided to the public via the published agenda

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, Gerald Hoffman, Lynn Dameron. Bill Schmidgall arrived at 6:34 p.m. Bruce Weber arrived at 6:36 p.m. Jon Kinate arrived at 6:48 p.m.
3. **NONE**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the March 18, 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 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - NONE
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Street Superintendent/Fire Chief Steidinger was absent
 - Sewer Superintendent Duncan was absent
 - Water Superintendent Mellott was absent
 - Chief of Police McCormick reported
 - Both recruits are doing online classes to continue their academy work during the COVID-19 shutdown
 - The community is doing well with social distancing and staying at home during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - City Superintendent Ashburn reported
 - City Hall is staffed all day with 2 employees covering the morning and 2 employees covering the afternoon
 - The City is not permitted to disconnect water service due to non-payment during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Many utility companies are waiving late fees and wondered if the City wanted to waive ours; council agreed to waive late fees this month
 - City Attorney Mann – no report
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris asked Chief McCormick what would constitute police involvement for the stay-at-home order. Chief McCormick said it would be a social gathering greater than 10 people; citations would be issued for reckless conduct
 - Alderman Endres – no report

- Alderman Hoselton – no report
- Alderman Kinate was absent at this time
- 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 Dameron, second by Enders to approve pay request #21 in the amount of \$796,296.42. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Weber, second by Hoselton to approve Ordinance No. 2020-2 Fixing The Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The City Of Fairbury. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Hoffman, second by Schmidgall to approve the 2020-2021 City Budget. Motion carried 7-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall
- D. Consideration to approve Motor Fuel project for fiscal year 2020-2021 - **TABLED**
- E. Motion by Norris, second by Endres to approve the purchase of the street sweeper in the amount of \$108,000. Motion carried 8-0. YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Dameron Schmidgall

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

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information

- ✓ City Attorney Mann offered a suggestion for entering Executive Session during remote meetings
- ✓ City Superintendent Ashburn explained the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program and informed the council that the City has received one application

12. Public Comment – NONE

13. DID NOT ENTER

14. Adjournment – Motion by Kinate, second by Weber to adjourn @ 6:56 p.m.

Nancy Widlacki, City Clerk