

**City of Fairbury**  
**City Council Minutes –July 19, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m. - Fairbury City Hall**

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Slagel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
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, and Jerry Hoffman. Jim Tipton and Bill Schmidgall were absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Kinate, second by Hoselton to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
  - A. Minutes from the July 5, 2023, 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. 107 W Maple St - 279 sq ft @ \$2.50 sq ft = \$697; 203 E Maple St - 676 sq ft @ \$2.50 sq ft. = \$1,690.
  - F. Overtime Report

Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman

5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
  - Dale Maley reported on his progress on the Echoes Museum awning
  - Jason Smith came to ask for an update on the fundraising for the memorial basketball hoops
6. **Reports of Departments**
  - Streets & Fire – Martin Steidinger, Superintendent & Fire Chief reported -
    - Met with Krause Surveying on the drainage project
  - Sewer – Bruce Pride, Asst. Superintendent reported–
    - The John Deer tractor sold on consignment for \$40,000
  - Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent reported–
    - A Leak on Ash St & Jackson St was found by Leak Detection Services that will need repaired
  - Police – Robert McCormick, Chief - none
  - City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported –
    - Leak Detection has found other potential leaks
    - There is potential for new development behind Jackson St.
  - Legal – Steven Mann, City Attorney – none
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
  - Alderman Norris - none
  - Alderman Endres – none
  - Alderman Hoselton – none
  - Alderman Kinate reported
    - A resident reached out to see if the cell service issue has been resolved with the upcoming influx of people in town
  - Alderman Weber reported
    - The Prairie Dirt Classic is coming up next weekend

- Alderman Hoffman – none
- Alderman Tipton – absent
- Alderman Schmidgall – absent

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

**9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items**  
**NONE**

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

- A. Motion by Hoselton, second by Norris to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman
- B. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to approve contract with MetroAg for lime sludge removal and application. Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman
- C. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to increase garbage rates by \$.75 for residential pickup. Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman
- D. Consideration to approve future development project- **WILL BE ACTED ON AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- E. Motion by Weber, second by Norris to approve an Alcohol in the Streets application from Crazy Crain's on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm-1am. Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman

**11. Other Items for Discussion & Information**

**NONE**

**12. Public Comment**

**NONE**

**13. Executive Session**

Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to enter Exec Session @ 7:04pm.

- A. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance. (Note: An independent contractor is not an employee).
- B. Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation. Probable or imminent litigation requires specific finding to that effect in closed session minutes.
- C. Securities – Section 2(c)(7) – The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts.

Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to enter Open Session @ 8:04pm

**ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**10 D. Mayor Slagel authored the motion which reads:**

Motion to approve an agreement with the Bachtold's to assist in the payment to defray the cost in removal of the current hospital property containing a lein with appropriate conditions to protect The City's interest, in return The City will do the normal split of sidewalk costs of \$2.50 per sq ft, pay \$125,000 and waive water and sewer tap fees to the next owner in the chain of title.

Motion by Hoselton, second by Kinate to approve the Mayor's motion above. Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman

- 14. Adjournment** – Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk