

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes –November 15, 2023
6:30 p.m. - Fairbury City Hall

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Slagel called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. **Mayor Slagel directed the Clerk to call roll and the following members of Council answered present:** Gary Norris, Steve Endres, Jon Kinate, Jerry Hoffman, Jim Tipton, and Bill Schmidgall. Charles Hoselton and Bruce Weber were absent
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Bill Schmidgall, second by Steve Endres to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the November 1, 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 Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - Deb Moran came to remind everyone about the disaster drill on November 20th at 6pm at the fire station.
 - Rebekah Fehr thanked council for the updates to Old City Hall. Also shared she is working with the First Baptist Church on becoming a warming and cooling center.
 - Rodney Chamness would like the speed limit lowered coming into town on the west end of Route 24.
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Streets & Fire – Martin Steidinger, Superintendent & Fire Chief – none
 - Sewer – Bruce Pride, Asst. Superintendent - absent
 - Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent - none
 - Police – Robert McCormick, Chief reported – absent
 - City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported – none
 - Legal – Steven Mann, City Attorney reported he will be provide a model ordinance for the Paid Leave for All Workers Act
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris complimented Street Superintendent Steidinger for the concrete work uptown
 - Alderman Endres - none
 - Alderman Hoselton – absent
 - Alderman Kinate reported – The old hospital demolition is coming along.
 - Alderman Weber - absent
 - Alderman Hoffman reported he will reach out to our State Representatives in regards to the speed limit coming into town on the west end of Route 24. Also a thank you to the City for notifying him of a water leak that was detected in the meter reading system.

- Alderman Tipton – none
→ Alderman Schmidgall – none

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**NONE****9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items****NONE****10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Fairbury – Fehr. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Kinate to approve an ordinance authorizing an updated Intergovernmental Agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, and an updated MABAS Master Agreement. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to approve a resolution to abate fire bonds. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to approve an ordinance for the 2023-2024 Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- E. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve an ordinance vacating an alley located between block 7 in Mcdowell’s First Addition and Nussbaum Subdivision to the City of Fairbury. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- F. Consideration to approve a quote to replace the sound system downtown- FAILED FOR LACK OF MOTION
- G. Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to approve project to install D2 basketball courts at Marsh Park. Motion carried 5-1 YES- Norris Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall NO- Endres

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information**NONE****12. Public Comment****NONE****13. Executive Session**

Motion by Norris, second by Kinate to enter Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

- 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. Municipal Utility- Section 2(c)(23) – The operation by a municipality of a municipal utility relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery.

Motion by Norris, second by Hoffman to enter Open Session at 7:52 p.m.

Action After Executive Session

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Endres to approve a \$50,000 settlement offer. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall

14. Adjournment – Motion by Kinate, second by Tipton to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk