

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – March 6, 2024
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, Jerry Hoffman, Jim Tipton, and Bill Schmidgall.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Schmidgall, second by Endres to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from the February 21, 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 8-0 YES- Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - **Diane Pawlowski commented the City Clock is chiming 12 on every hour**
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Streets & Fire – Martin Steidinger, Superintendent & Fire Chief reported –
 - Prairie Central Co Op is donating 5k with two other businesses matching for a total of 15k to the Fire Dept.
 - Sewer – Bruce Pride, Asst. Superintendent – none
 - Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent – none
 - Police – Robert McCormick, Chief - none
 - City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported –
 - Welcomed back Asst. Sewer Superintendent after a leave of absence
 - New employee started at the Street Dept. this week
 - Saddened to hear about the loss of retired employee Mark Runyon
 - Legal – Steven Mann, City Attorney – absent
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris - none
 - Alderman Endres inquired of a Route 24 update
 - Alderman Hoselton - none
 - Alderman Kinate - none
 - Alderman Weber - none
 - Alderman Hoffman inquired about the County wide electronic recycling day
 - Alderman Tipton inquired if the railroad will come back to fix the 2nd and 3rd St crossings
 - Alderman Schmidgall – none

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

- A. Consideration to approve liability releases for paying vehicle damages – **Will be acted on after executive session**

10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion by Hoselton, second by Kinate to approve IEPA funding nomination for Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Motion carried 8-0 YES Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Kinate, second by Weber to approve cost sharing parking lot repair with Dave's Supermarket. Motion carried 8-0 YES Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to approve Jeremiah Rinkenberger as Asst Fire Chief and Josh Hoselton as Fire Chief. Motion carried 8-0 YES Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Hoselton, second by Endres to approve a quote for \$46,830 from Reuther Ford to purchase a new squad vehicle for Police Department. Motion carried 8-0 YES Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall

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

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Kinate to enter Executive Session at 6:46 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.

Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to enter Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

Action After Executive Session:

9A. Motion by Hoselton, second by Norris to approve liability releases for paying vehicle damages. Motion carried 8-0 YES Norris Endres Hoselton Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall

14. Adjournment – Motion by Endres, second by Norris to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk