

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in a budget workshop at 5:00 PM and then regular session following at 6:00 PM on Monday January 22, 2024. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

During the budget workshop, the council reviewed the proposed budget numbers for FY2025 and information regarding valuations and property taxes.

Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the agenda after moving item 7.a. – Speer Financial TIF Report to right after item 5 - Public Comment. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: January 8, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc. presented the 2023 TIF Report and city debt reports. She discussed the financial health of the city. She also provided number estimates on future borrowing capabilities since the Main Street Project should be finished this year.

The final quote from Display Sales for new Christmas décor was presented to the Council. The quote was for \$27,187.50 which included \$1,975.00 in shipping costs. The design included four lighted natural looking garlands and wreaths for the light poles on the bridge. Brian stated that he and Nick did some calculations and discovered that the lighted garland that was estimated to go along the bridge railings would make the electricity needed over the max allowed for the bridge. The quote also included red lighted garland for the eleven poles in Riverside Park and twenty-four red lighted garland for the poles located along downtown Main Street. The downtown poles would also have alternated 6-foot candy canes and 6-foot trees to keep with the Christmas theme. The Council felt that the metallic decorations would look nice whether in the day or nighttime during the holidays. Shipping was questioned for being expensive, so the Council wanted to see if there were alternative options like picking them up themselves. Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve the purchase of the Christmas décor from Display Sales after removing the \$6,504.00 quoted for the garland that created too much electricity load on the bridge. The shipping expense will be investigated. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, R. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None.

The possible new Parks and Rec position was discussed again. It was felt that starting the position as a seasonal position would be the best option to see if it is something that has potential to make full-time. A finalized list of job duties still needed to be hashed out and information for an ad posting as well. That information will be done and presented to the Council at the next meeting for a possible decision.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the next budget workshop for Monday February 12th at 5 PM. Motion carried.

There was discussion on whether the City should plant more memorial trees this year. The Council thought that ten more trees for Veteran's Park (park located in the Southeast side of town) would be nice and then probably could be done with trees for a couple of years. Ted Vorwald had informed City Hall that there would also need to be two purchased to replace a couple from previous years that did not make it, which he thought was very good considering how many trees had been planted over the last two years. Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the purchase of twelve trees. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, Williams, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None. As in years past, the cost of a memorial tree for the individual wanting to donate was \$200.00 which included the tree, a cement ring, and a plaque. There is a list of individuals who were interested last year that were put on a list for this year after they were all spoken for. They will be contacted to see if they are still interested, then City Hall will get the word out for the remaining available trees.

A few ordinance updates needed were brought to the Council's attention. A new section is needed authorizing the use of the new state income setoff program. Also rates for utilities that include percentages need to be updated to a table with exact amounts for the increases. These and any others that come up will be reviewed at the next meeting to start the adoption process.

An agreement for fire training at the rock quarry for ice rescue training was presented between BMC Aggregates and the Fairbank Fire Department. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the training. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, R. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None.

One of the biggest concerns from the property owners along North Fourth Street for the possible new trail between Rhonda Road and Cedar Drive was the snow removal maintenance. This project is part of a grant that was awarded to the City that will cover most of the costs. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to direct Mayor Kayser and Councilwoman Erickson to discuss with the abutting landowners a ten-year provision for snow removal by the City. If the agreements are then signed, then the next process could be started and hopefully go out for bid in the next couple of months. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, Erickson, R. Woods, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

There were no Council or Mayor concerns.

During the department reports, Brian told the council about an electric grant available for needed upgrades and that they were pursuing the start of that process. All the snow removal equipment had been tested over the last few snowfalls and all seemed to be working very well. Some issues with the Wastewater Plant had just been resolved and was now back to running automatically and Nick stated that he and Ben were able to get their certifications for running the pool earlier that day. Chief Drish stated that the police car was back from being repaired and so far, seemed good. He will also be attending training in April to get his certification to teach firearm and rifle training.

Motion by Erickson, second by T. Woods to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. Motion carried.

Jason Kayser, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk

Employee Wages – Calendar Year 2023

Garrett Barnes	\$3,228.03	Maxwell Kayser	\$3,344.96
Chancellor A Beierschmitt	\$255.80	Chloe A Kleinheksel	\$2,009.89
Angela R Berg	\$21,066.85	Hayley R Kleinheksel	\$2,889.12
Mikayla J Bixeman	\$3,162.48	Bryce D Kleitsch	\$51.40
Aidan J Brady	\$3,388.33	Cody R Kleitsch	\$332.60
Taylor Buhr	\$2,093.41	Nicholas W Kuker	\$69,164.53
Ian T Buzynski	\$2,998.19	Isabel J Larue	\$593.52
Matthew A Coffin	\$800.00	Michelle L Laube	\$39,529.08
William T Cowell	\$3,600.00	Linda Letson	\$818.51
Tanner J Curley	\$105.48	Jasmine A Lewis	\$337.37
Brian E Delagardelle	\$78,794.14	Abby G Mann	\$840.49
Benjamin L Delagardelle	\$68,581.84	Devin D Mcconnelee	\$77.61
Tristan Dilley	\$8,491.28	Ella K Morarend	\$211.15
Alyxandra L Dixon	\$4,069.93	Aidan T Oldfather	\$3,052.32
Dakota A Drish	\$13,037.53	Norah J Oldfather	\$903.23
Hailey E Eitzenhfer	\$5,113.68	Olivia L Oldfather	\$4,629.75
Tamara S Erickson	\$1,150.00	Hunter T Robinson	\$3,594.63
Mitchell Franck	\$9,094.07	Carver M Schares	\$1,547.70
Brandon M French	\$939.75	Weston J Schares	\$2,286.13
Susan M Frost	\$3,845.04	Bridget Seemann	\$2,759.55
Brittany M Fuller	\$57,033.60	Therese J Steggall	\$171.65
Mark G Gudenkauf	\$32,365.26	Haley A Stuber	\$868.38
Macy S Huebner	\$984.33	Lydia J Stuber	\$1,628.33
Manhattan J Huebner	\$1,825.56	Autumn E Sullivan	\$1,512.15
Ashlyn M Hyde	\$201.02	Andrew Williams	\$1,050.00
Andrew R Isley	\$864.69	Ronald J Woods	\$1,100.00
Hunter M Kane	\$2,587.52	Tyler A Woods	\$1,050.00