

REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Mayor Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, and T. Woods. Absent: Coffin. Also, present at City Hall: Water/Wastewater Operator; Nick Kuker, Public Works; Michelle Laube, Deputy Clerk; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the agenda. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Jon Beiderman with Fehr Graham was present. The city received some change estimates from the IA DOT, but it is not something that needs approval from the city and will all be paid at the end of the project. He stated that with the decent weather they were able to do a good amount of concrete work. Coffin arrived at 6:02 PM. The project is going well, and no complaints have been heard from the community. Erickson stated that she spent the day in Des Moines to show her support for the new bill that is out to help stop the CO2 pipelines. She was quoted about how close the potential pipelines are to Fairbank and the school.

Motion by Coffin, second by T. Woods to amend the approved agenda since councilman Coffin was present to include Discussion/Decision – Sponsorship for Fairbank Days Celebration before Department Reports. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by R. Woods, second by Williams to approve the minutes of the April 10th Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, Williams, and R. Woods. Nays: None.

Chris West, the Fairbank Fire Chief, was present to get approval for Ayla Nelson to join the Fairbank Fire Department. Motion by Coffin, second by T. Woods to approve Ayla Nelson as a new member to the Fairbank Fire Department. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve the agreement with IDOT for snow removal on Hwy 281. The department agreed to pay the city \$3,902.85 for maintaining that portion during the snow season. There were no changes from last year. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Rentals needed from D & S Portables, Inc. for this summer were discussed. Motion by T. Woods, second by Coffin to have two this summer and place the bathroom facilities in West Bentley Park and Riverside Park. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Michael Gruetzmacher, the summer 2023 Little League Program Director, was present to update the council on the program progress so far. He had 113 kids signed up and had received some good money in sponsorships. Unfortunately, the ball diamond shed was broken into over the winter and around \$800.00 in supplies was stolen. He was able to get most of it replaced so far for around \$670.00. The padlocks have been replaced and they are going to investigate installing cameras. He is hoping to get some new bleachers at the end of this season and there might be some turf donated to them for the batting cages. Mayor Cowell thanked him for all his hard work so far this season.

Councilwoman Erickson informed the council that there was someone interested in filling the pool board vacancy. Motion by Erickson, second by Williams to approve Heather Mangrich as a new pool board member. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None. Mayor Cowell approved the council's approval and appointed Heather Mangrich as a new pool board member.

At the last council meeting Christian Woods was present to talk to the council about being a sponsor for Fairbank Days 2023. Motion by T. Woods, second by Coffin to approve the payment of a \$1,000.00 sponsorship from the city to the Fairbank Development Corporation. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, and Erickson. Nays: None. Abstain: Williams and R. Woods.

Kuker said that public works had been working with Butler County REC to replace some more rotten poles. In between the Main Street project, they had worked on getting the garbage cans out, volleyball nets up, and the new volleyball boarder in. Councilman Williams stated that Nick Trotter from Little Wapsie Communications reached out to him regarding attending the next council meeting to visit with the council about their services.

Motion by Coffin, second by T. Woods to adjourn at 6:25 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

Bill Cowell, Mayor

Brittany Fuller, City Clerk