

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday April 28, 2025. Mayor Kayser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present: R. Woods, Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Gruetzmacher. Absent: None. Also, present at City Hall: Dakota Drish, Part-time Police Chief; Nick Kuker, Public Works Director; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by T. Woods, second by R. Woods to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There were no public hearings.

Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: April 14<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Approval of the Cigarette Permit for Casey's General Store, and Setting a Council Work Session for 5:00 PM on May 12, 2025 for Ragbrai 2025. Motion carried.

There was no informal public comment.

Midwest Basements visited City Hall to investigate the radon issue, and they were not able to come up with a solution. It was discussed to see about getting some more ventilation.

The request for the installation of natural gas services for a new addition on Outer Road was discussed. Attorney Prendergast stated that she would work on the agreement and there should be something ready to review at the next meeting.

A new TIF Committee Member needed to be approved by Council, since the passing of TIF Committee Member John Woods. Motion by Williams, second by T. Woods to approve Christian Woods as a TIF Committee Member. Roll call vote- Ayes: Williams, T. Woods, Gruetzmacher, and Erickson. Nays: None. Abstain: R. Woods.

Motion by R. Woods, second by T. Woods to approve **Resolution 2025-13 – Resolution Approving Bid and Authorizing Execution of Contract and Performance and/or Payment Bonds for the Walk Safe Fairbank Sidewalk Project Using Federal Funding Through Iowa's Transportation Alternatives Program**. Roll call vote- Ayes: R. Woods, T. Woods, Williams, and Erickson. Nays: None. Abstain: Gruetzmacher.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Gruetzmacher to approve the agreement with IDOT for snow removal on Hwy 281. The department agreed to pay the city \$4,097.55 for maintaining that portion during the snow season. There were no changes from last year. Roll call vote- Ayes: T. Woods, Gruetzmacher, Erickson, R. Woods, and Williams. Nays: None.

The current budget year is ending June 30, 2025, and there are some changes needing to be amended to the numbers passed and approved in the spring of 2024. Motion by Gruetzmacher, second by Williams to approve **Resolution 2025-14 – Resolution Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing for an Amendment of FY 2024-2025 City Budget**. The public hearing will be on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 PM at City Hall, 116 East Main Street, Fairbank, IA. Roll call vote- Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Williams, R. Woods, Erickson, and T. Woods. Nays: None.

The discussion was held on where a good alternate location would be for the concert on Saturday night of Fairbank Days due to the possibility of rising water in June and being on the island because it is a bigger venue coming to town. There was no decision made.

During the council/mayor comments or concerns, Councilman Gruetzmacher asked when the porta potties would be delivered. D & S Portables, Inc. will be called. Mayor Kayser talked about the Ragbrai public safety meeting that was going to happen that Wednesday. He also stated that he had met with the administration committee to start to go over wages and that they also reviewed the personnel policy and would have some minor changes for the council to review. Mayor Kayser also discussed adding some verbiage to the agendas under Informal Public Comment that would help establish some rules regarding the public speaking during meetings.

During the department reports, City Clerk Fuller informed the council that the 1897 Café Building project was finalizing soon, which would mean that the remainder of the grant through the Iowa Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant would be paid out at that time to

J.S.W. Enterprise, LLC. She also spoke about the Main Street Project finalizing and said that she would be working with Maggie Burger from Speer Financial, Inc regarding paying for the project. More information for the council will be given at future meetings. Nick stated that he was having a drinking water review with the IA DNR that week and that they were able to pick up the new UTV. He also got the road information from Kluesner Construction for possible projects for this summer and wanted the council to review it. Police Chief Drish stated that he had no major updates from the police department but that they were all doing their annual firearms qualifications later that week.

Motion by Williams, second by Gruetzmacher to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion carried.

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Jason Kayser, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk