

A special meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Brad Augustin, Josh Bunkers, John Schaefer, Steve Schmidt, Brad Bastian

Absent: None

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Bunkers to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The public hearing to receive public input on the proposed offering of zero charge utility rate classification for the GFW Middle School was opened.

Approximately 115 members of the public attended.

Nicholas Johnson opened with a public presentation on the overview of the GFW School District situation and information on the proposed zero charge utilities.

Several members gave comment regarding various aspects of the proposed closure and support for the City's proposed actions. Questions were fielded in regard to details of the action, the School District's situation, and details of some of the one-time conversion costs.

A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Schmidt to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Schaefer to offer no charge utilities to the GFW School District for the GFW Middle School location in Fairfax, for a period of four years, conditioned upon the School District keeping the GFW Middle School fully open. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council discussed the one-time conversion costs associated with the four scenarios of two-building arrangements. It was determined the only possible conversion cost the City could potentially assist with would be the purchase of playground equipment. The estimated cost of a new playground would be approximately \$100,000 according to School District figures. The Council was informed there were already organizations and individuals willing to donate towards the cost of the project. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bunkers to approve the City purchases any and all necessary playground equipment, while working with local fundraising efforts, to assure the School District the one-time conversion cost of a playground would be covered, in the event the GFW Middle School were kept open. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Bastian to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

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Mayor

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City Administrator