

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on November 12th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Community Center at 300 Park Street South.

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

Absent: Brad Augustin

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator
Joel Grejtak, Utilities Superintendent
Aaron Walton, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda with the removal of Item #16. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
2. Consider Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 13th, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
4. Consider Approval of MMUA Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy Update

A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Schmidt to open the public hearing on the proposed certification of assessments. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

There were no attendees for the public hearing.

A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Schaefer to close the public hearing. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Schmidt to adopt Resolution 2020-21, a resolution certifying unpaid assessments. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax
Resolution 2020-21**

Resolution for Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Assessments

WHEREAS, a proposed list of customers who have delinquent charges, a copy of which is hereby attached as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the certification against the parcels named herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fairfax Minnesota, does certify for collection by the Renville County Auditor the delinquent accounts as listed on Exhibit A.

Adopted by the City Council this 12th day of November, 2020.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator

The Council reviewed Ordinance 426, an ordinance amending City Code 260 to rezone parcels. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bastian to adopt the ordinance. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Fairfax City Ordinance 426

An Ordinance Amending Code Section 260 – Zoning Map

The City Council of Fairfax Ordains:

Fairfax City Code Chapter 260 regulating zoning districts and boundaries shall be amended as follows:

Lots 11, 12, 13, Block 4, of the Original Plat to the City of Fairfax; and

Lot 19, Block 4, of J. Welsh's Addition to the City of Fairfax,

Said aforementioned parcels being currently zoned as Residential R-1 shall be rezoned to be Residential R-1/Commercial C-3 mixed use.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Fairfax, Minnesota, this 12th day of November, 2020.

Attest:

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The Council reviewed Ordinance 427, an ordinance repealing City Code 176 on plumbing regulations. A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Schmidt to introduce the ordinance. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed Ordinance 428, an ordinance amending City Code 204 Article IV repealing language. A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Bastian to introduce the ordinance. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed a draft replacement policy for sidewalk repair and maintenance. The new policy shifts the cost of repairs and maintenance to 100% City cost. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Schaefer to adopt the policy. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed the proposed 2021 Utility Rates. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Schaefer to approve the 2021 Utility Rates. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council canvassed the 2020 General Election. A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Schmidt to approve the canvass of the election. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council heard recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding wage adjustments for 2021. The recommendation was for a general wage increase of 2.5% for all full time employees and the following for non-full time employees:

- Election judges to \$10.08 per hour to comply with Minnesota minimum wage laws
- Pool – Lifeguard to \$10.08 per hour to meet Minnesota minimum wage
- Pool – WSI to \$10.93 per hour
- Pool – Assistant Manager to \$12.18 per hour
- Ambulance – EMT to \$18.25 per hour
- First Responder – Ambulance Driver to \$13.75 per hour
- Jim Prax to \$14.25 per hour

A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Bastian to approve the 2021 wage adjustments. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Staff reports and financial information was received.

The Council reviewed the 2021 Budget with proposed capital items. The Council consensus was to include all the proposed capital items into the 2021 Budget. Snow removal equipment was discussed. The recommendation was to search for a used road grader to purchase along with a blower attachment for the payload.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator