

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Joel Grejtak, Utilities Superintendent  
Scott Froehlich, Police Chief  
Aaron Walton, City Attorney  
Chris Jandl  
Jerry Jandl  
Craig Marti  
Chad Klages  
Denny Adamski  
Jim Cuff

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Staff requested the addition of an item to amend the hourly rate paid for contracted snow blowing. A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda with the addition. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The consent agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Bastian 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. January 14th, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
  - b. January 27th, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes
  - c. January 30th, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment - \$259,320.78
4. Consider Adoption of Resolution Designating CMPAS Board Members
5. Consider Approval of Temporary On-Sale 3.2 License for Fairfax Baseball Association for Memorial Park Baseball Season
6. Consider Approval of On-Sale Liquor License for Neisen Brothers Bar & Grill
7. Consider Approval of Off-Sale Liquor License for Neisen Brothers Bar & Grill
8. Consider Approval of Sunday Liquor License for Neisen Brothers Bar & Grill
9. Consider Approval to Authorize Opening the Public Works Summer Help Positions for Hiring and Delegate Hiring to City Administrator
10. Consider Approval to Authorize Opening the Swimming Pool Lifeguard & Assistant Manager Positions for Hiring and Delegate Hiring to City Administrator

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2020-4**

**Resolution Making City Appointment to Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CMMPA) and Central Municipal Power Agency/Services (CMPAS) Board of Directors**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Fairfax, Minnesota (hereinafter referred to as “City”) as follows:

Section 1: Joel Grejtak is hereby appointed as the City of Fairfax’s representative on the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency’s (CMMPA) and Central Municipal Power Agency/Services (CMPAS) Board of Directors.

Section 2: Nicholas Johnson is hereby appointed as the City of Fairfax’s alternate representative on the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency’s (CMMPA) and Central Municipal Power Agency/Services (CMPAS) Board of Directors.

Adopted by the City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

The Council reviewed Resolution 2020-5, a resolution recognizing employees for their years of service. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bastian to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2020-5**

**Resolution Recognizing Employees for Their Years of Service**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Fairfax adopted an Employee Recognition Program on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to recognize those employees who have shown loyalty to providing public service through successive years of service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council recognizes, thanks, and presents certificates to these employees for their years of service:

- Chris Jandl – 25 Years of Service as of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- Craig Marti – 10 Years of Service as of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Denny Adamski – 5 Years of Service as of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Adopted by the City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

The Council reviewed Resolution 2020-6, a resolution recognizing employees for their achievement. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bastian to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2020-6**

**Resolution Recognizing Employees for Their Achievement**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Fairfax adopted an Employee Recognition Program on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to recognize those employees who have obtained certifications, licenses, special trainings, and other major accomplishments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council recognizes, thanks, and presents certificates to these employees for their achievements:

- Chad Klages – Completion of Lineman Certification as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Adopted by the City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

The Council reviewed Resolution 2020-7, a resolution accepting bid for the 2020 substation transformer project. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Bastian to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2020-7**

**Resolution Accepting Bid for the 2020 Substation Transformer Project**

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids for the 2020 Substation Transformer Project, bids were received, opened and tabulated according to law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Evaluated Amount:</u>
Virginia Transformer	\$464,341.40
OTC Services	\$496,782.39

AND WHEREAS, it appears that Virginia Transformer is the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$464,341.40.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF FAIRFAX MINNESOTA:

1. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Virginia Transformer in the name of the City of Fairfax for the 2020 Substation Transformer Project according to the plan and specifications therefore approved by the City Council and on file in the office of the City Administrator.
2. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.

Adopted by the City Council for the City of Fairfax this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

The Council reviewed Resolution 2020-8, a resolution setting ambulance rates for the City of Fairfax ambulance service. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Bastian to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2020-8**

**Resolution Setting Ambulance Rates for the City of Fairfax Ambulance Service**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax is the authority for establishing ambulance rates, and;

WHEREAS, due to mandatory implementation of digital charting reporting Fire-Rescue staff are required to submit paperwork post-run, and;

WHEREAS, due to the increased time associated with paperwork post-run an increase in Transport Hours Paid is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Fairfax established rates for the ambulance service is as follows:

BLS Base Rate	\$725.00	
Non-Transport	\$250.00	
Mileage	\$13.45/mi.	1-17 loaded miles
	\$9.00/mi.	18-50 loaded miles

Hours paid to EMT's for transports:

New Ulm	3 hours
Sleepy Eye	2 hours
Redwood Falls	2.5 hours
Mankato	3.5 hours
Hutchinson	3.5 hours
Non-Transport	1 hour

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Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

The Council heard recommendation from the Fire Department to increase the on-call pay rate from \$7.00 to \$8.00. The difference in the increase is paid by the Fire Relief funds contributed to the City each year. A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Schmidt to approve the increase. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion carried.

The Council heard recommendation from staff to increase the contracted rate for snow blowing from \$150.00/hour to \$200.00/hour to continue to keep contractors interested in work. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Schaefer to approve the increase. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Staff reports and financial information was received.

A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Bunkers to go into closed session for attorney-client privilege under Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3B to discuss litigation against the City of

Fairfax by New Ulm Public Utilities. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

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

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