

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on October 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Brad Augustin, Josh Bunkers, Steve Schmidt, Jared Firle

Absent: Brad Bastian

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator
Denny Adamski, Police Officer
Aaron Walton, City Attorney
Paul Zaid, Standard Gazette & Messenger
Jim Cuff

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Staff requested the addition of two items: a pay application from Phil Nestande for work completed on the storm pond project and a determination of the pay rate for seasonal part-time snow truck drivers. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The consent agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle 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. September 14th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
4. Consider Adoption of Resolution Designating Polling Place

City of Fairfax

Resolution 2021-14

Resolution Designating the Polling Place for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has amended certain sections of State Statute pertaining to elections and the designation of polling places, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statute 204B.16 requires a Municipality to designate their polling place by December 31 of each year by resolution or ordinance, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax, Minnesota, a municipal corporation under the laws of Minnesota, recognizes the requirement to adhere to said law changes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota:

1. The designated polling place for elections by, for, and under the responsibility of the City of Fairfax shall be the Fairfax Community Center located at:

300 Park Street South
Fairfax, Minnesota 55332

Adopted by the City Council on this 12th day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator

The Council reviewed a resolution to reactivate a special assessment at 303 1st Street Northwest. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Firlle to adopted resolution 2021-15. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

City of Fairfax

Resolution 2021-15

Resolution Reactivation of a Deferred Special Assessment

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Bakken had been granted a deferral of the special assessment associated with the 2018 Infrastructure Project on May 15th, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jane Bakken, former property owner of 303 1st Street NW (PID 31-03000-00), has sold her property; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of property voids the validity of the special assessment deferral granted to Mary Jane Bakken,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota:

1. The special assessment for the 2018 Infrastructure project associated with Parcel ID 31-03000-00 (303 1st Street NW) is hereby reinstated.
2. The term of the special assessment shall be 14 years.
3. The interest rate shall be 4.44%
4. The new beginning balance shall be \$7,118.23.

Adopted by the City Council on this 12th day of October, 2021.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator

The Council reviewed an updated procedure for the abatement of nuisances under City Code 155. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firlle to adopt the updated procedure. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed a policy to incentivize new housing construction by waiving utility connection fees. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Firlle to adopt the new policy. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed a resolution requesting ownership of parcel 31-00784-00 (the former Hauser Building property). A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bunkers to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

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Resolution 2021-16

Resolution Regarding Parcel 31-00784-00

Original Plat to the City of Fairfax, Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 3

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners of the County of Renville, Minnesota desires to offer for sale parcel 31-00784-00 that has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcel of land has been viewed by the Renville County Commissioners and has been classified as non-conservation land as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfax intends to acquire the property as part of a larger redevelopment of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Fairfax, requests that parcel 31-00784-00, located in Original Plat to the City of Fairfax, Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 3, be conveyed to the City of Fairfax for a nominal sale price. In addition, the City of Fairfax will be responsible for recording fee, state deed fee, state deed tax, and 3% assurance fee.

Passed and adopted this 12th day of October, 2021 by the City Council of Fairfax, Minnesota.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator

The Council reviewed a pay application from Phil Nestande for payment of completed work for the storm pond dredging project. The pay application was for 2,852 yards at the contract price of \$17.50 per yard totaling \$49,910. A motion was made by Firlle and seconded by Schmidt to approve payment. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Firlle to set the part-time seasonal snow truck driver wage at \$20.00 per hour. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Staff reports and financial information was received.

Nicholas Johnson went over the preliminary 2022 Budget with Council. Building projects were removed and Johnson discussed potential smaller projects to utilize the remaining funds. No action taken.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator