

A special meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on February 25th, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Community Center at 300 Park Street South.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator
Scott Froehlich, Chief of Police
Denise Bonsack, Standard-Gazette & Messenger

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Oath of Office was administered and Jared Firle, City Council Member was sworn in.

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

Nicholas Johnson presented information on the February polar vortex event and the wholesale price increase in the natural gas market. The monthly natural gas wholesale price was almost 8.5 times the normal cost. The City's billing system passes the wholesale cost along to the customer creating a situation where customers could see massive utility bills. The City Council reviewed options to help mitigate the impact to customers. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Schmidt to implement the following:

- The February 2021 billing cycle will utilize an artificial wholesale input cost of \$5.00 to calculate natural gas bills.
- The March 2021 billing cycle and thereafter will have a 25% rate increase to usage and base.

All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator