

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Community Center at 300 Park Street South.

Members: Brad Augustin, Steve Schmidt, Josh Bunkers, Brad Bastian, Vacancy

Absent: None

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator  
Joel Grejtak, Utilities Superintendent  
Scott Froehlich, Chief of Police  
Aaron Walton, City Attorney  
Denise Bonsack, Standard Gazette & Messenger  
Jim Cuff  
Louise Kiecker  
Charlie Korsmo

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bunkers 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 Bastian and seconded by Schmidt 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
  - b. January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Council Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
4. Consider Approval of Liquor Licenses Conditioned Upon Completion of Paperwork and Payment of \$1.00 Per Annual License Fee:
  - a. Fairfax Baseball Association – 3.2 On-Sale for Memorial Park Baseball Season
  - b. Neisen Brothers Bar & Grill – On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Sunday Liquor Licenses
  - c. Days of Thunder – Temporary Liquor License for City Celebration
  - d. Squirrel’s – On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Sunday Liquor Licenses
  - e. Black Cherry Smokehouse – On-Sale and Sunday Liquor Licenses
5. Consider Approval of Lutheran Social Services Senior Nutrition Site Agreement for Community Center Use
6. Consider Approval of Fire-Rescue Elections Listing
7. Consider Approval to Decline Waiver of Tort Liability Limits

8. Consider Approval to Authorize Opening the Public Works Summer Help Position for Hiring and Delegate Hiring to City Administrator
9. Consider Approval to Authorize Opening the Swimming Pool Positions for Hiring and Delegate Hiring to City Administrator

The City Council reviewed the proposed agreement between the City of Fairfax and the Fairfax Lions Club for use of the red shed in Lions Park. The Lions Club wished to see the initial term moved from October 31, 2022 to October 31, 2023. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Bastian to approve the agreement with the proposed term amendment. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

John Schaefer submitted his resignation from the City Council in writing. The City Council reviewed Resolution 2021-4, a resolution accepting Council member resignation and declaring a vacancy. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Schmidt to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax**

**Resolution 2021-4**

**Resolution Accepting Council Member Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota has received the written resignation of John Schaefer, effective January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

1. The Council accepts John Schaefer's resignation as described above.

The Council declares that a vacancy exists on Council effective on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Fairfax, Minnesota this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

Nicholas Johnson discussed methods to fill the vacancy on the City Council. After discussion the City Council were in consensus to fill the vacancy by direct appointment. Nominations were made for Les Minter and Jared Firlle. Council believed both were excellent candidates. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bunkers to appoint Jared Firlle to the City Council. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The City Council engaged in discussion on the zoning ordinance regarding accessory residential structures. The current ordinance allows up to three accessory structures and up to 1,200 square feet of combined space. After discussion the Council requested the following drafted:

- No accessory structures allowed on vacant lots.
- A maximum of three accessory structures allowed.
- Accessory structure maximum combined square footage is 20% of the lot size up to 1,600 square feet.

The City Council reviewed a quote from West Central Communications to purchase a replacement radio system for the Police Department in the amount of \$17,904.40. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Schmidt to approve the purchase. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Staff reports and financial information was received.

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.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator