

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on May 11th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Community Center at 300 Park Street South.

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

Absent: Brad Augustin

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator
Aaron Walton, City Attorney
Denise Bonsack, Standard Gazette & Messenger
David Euerle, Westberg Eischens
Joe Vos
Jim Cuff

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 Firle 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 Firle and seconded by Bastian 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
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3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
4. Consider Approval of Letter of Support for Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority Grant Application
5. Consider Approval of Renville County Community Impact Fund Grant Agreement for Lions Park Project

David Euerle of Westberg Eischens, the City's contracted auditing firm, presented the 2020 Audit. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle to approve the 2020 Audit. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Joe Vos presented the plans and specifications for the restroom and shower building for the proposed RV campground at Lions Park. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Firle to approve the plans and authorize staff to solicit quotes to perform the work. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed a quote from Ground Zero in the amount of \$24,497.00 to perform crack filling work in the 2021 seal coating area as well at a quote in the amount of \$10,260.75 to perform various street patching. Other contractors were contacted but did not return a quote. A

motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle to approve the quotes from Ground Zero. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council discussed the request from Joel Grejtak at the May 2021 Council meeting to purchase a wireless kit for the snowblower unit. A motion was made by Firle and seconded by Schmidt to approve the purchase. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Nicholas Johnson discussed the potential of purchasing a used road grader from RDO Equipment in Marshall. The unit is a 2005 John Deere 772CH with 4117 hours. The unit is in transit from Fargo, ND and has not been inspected yet by staff. Staff proposed authorizing purchase conditioned upon satisfactory physical inspection when the unit arrives. Staff also requested the purchase of an adapter to the paralift as well as a diverter valve for snow plow operations. The unit would need new tires as well. The quote from RDO Equipment for said items was \$93,400.00. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Firle to approve the purchase conditioned upon satisfactory physical inspection. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Nicholas Johnson briefly discussed a request from a local farmer to bury overhead electrical lines owned by the City. The petitioner was not in attendance and no action was taken.

Nicholas Johnson discussed an issue with attracting qualified part-time police officers to take shifts. The issue is becoming a regional problem with several other cities experiencing the same. Staff propose increasing the part-time police officer wage from the current Step 1 Police Officer wage to \$26.00 per hour in order to help attract more qualified help. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bastian to approve the adjustment for the part-time police officer wage. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed Ordinance 431, an ordinance repealing ordinances 120 and 127. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Firle to adopt the ordinance. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

City of Fairfax

Ordinance 431

An Ordinance Repealing City Code Chapters 120 and 127

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted ordinances regulating games of skill and licensing, which are now codified as City Code Chapters 120 and 127, respectively;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined there is no longer a need to regulate games of skill and the provisions of the licensing ordinance are no longer relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAIRFAX ORDAINS:

City Code Chapters 120 and 127 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Adopted by the City Council this 11th day of May, 2021.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator

Staff reports and financial information was received.

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

Attest:

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