

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on October, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Josh Bunkers, Steve Schmidt, Jared Firle

Absent: Brad Bastian

Visitors: Andrea Merkel, City Administrator  
Joel Grejtak, Superintendent of Streets and Utilities  
Aaron Walton, City Attorney  
Denise Bonsack, Standard-Gazette & Messenger  
James Schroeder  
Jim Cuff  
Jill Pelzel  
Lori Kiecker  
Amy Acree

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Andrea Merkel requested two additions to the consent agenda. An additional list to the Claims for Payment and approval of Sheila Prax as a new EDA board member. A motion was made by Firle 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes not available for approval
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
4. Consider Adoption of Resolution of City Appointment to Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CMMPA) and Central Municipal Power Agency/Services (CMPAS) Board of Directors
5. Consider Approval of Sheila Prax as new EDA board member

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2022-19**

**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: Andrea Merkel 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 October, 2022.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

A motion was made by Firlle and seconded by Schmidt to adopt resolution 2022-20, a resolution certifying the city’s 2022 election judges. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2022-20**

**Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2022 Election**

The City of Fairfax, Renville County, State of Minnesota; resolves the following:

That the names listed below will be the election judges for the year 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Fairfax hereby resolves and agrees as follows:

2022 Election Judges are:

1. Andrea Merkel
2. Michael Beranek
3. Barbara Beranek
4. Julie Deming
5. Paula Weir
6. Samantha Neudecker
7. Sheila Prax

8. Colleen Schweiss
9. Steve Prax
10. Jill Pelzel

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Mayor

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City Administrator

The personnel committee recommended approval of retroactive compensation of the interim police chief from August 12<sup>th</sup>-September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 equal to step 10 on the city's 2022 pay schedule for police chief. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle to approve the personnel committee recommendation. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Lori Kiecker updated the council on the current status of the post office being reopened. She is having conversations with the US Postal Service on the timeline of the current building being able to reopen and possibly finding an alternative space to use if the current building will need to be closed for a longer period of time than anticipated. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle to allow use of the small room of the community center as a temporary post office, if needed. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The city's future plans for the property located at 113 1<sup>st</sup> Ave was discussed. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle to declare the property as surplus and sell the property via a sealed bid process.

Staff reports and financial information were presented.

A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle 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