

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

Members: Josh Bunkers, Steve Schmidt, Brad Bastian

Absent: Jared Firle

Visitors: Andrea Merkel, City Administrator  
Joel Grejtak, Superintendent of Streets and Utilities  
Johanna Jutz, Standard-Gazette & Messenger  
James Schroeder  
Jim Cuff  
Steve Wright

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Andrea Merkel requested additional items to Claims for Payment and approval. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bastian 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. October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Councilmember Schmidt made a motion to open the public hearing on Resolution 2022-21 Certifying Unpaid Assessments. Councilmember Bastian seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none voted against. The motion was carried. No meeting attendees made comment regarding the proposed assessments. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Bastian to close the hearing. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Receiving no comments during the hearing, a motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Schmidt to adopt resolution 2022-21 Resolution Certifying Utility Bills and other Assessments. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion carried.

**City of Fairfax  
Resolution 2022-21**

**Resolution for Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Assessments**

WHEREAS, a proposed list of customers who have delinquent charges, a copy of which is hereby attached as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the certification against the parcels named herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fairfax Minnesota, does certify for collection by the Renville County Auditor the delinquent accounts as listed on Exhibit A.

Adopted by the City Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Administrator

**Exhibit A – Delinquent Utility Assessments**

	<b>2023 DELINQUENT UTILITY ASSESSMENTS</b>			
<b>PARCEL ID</b>	<b>PROPERTY OWNER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>		
31-02790-00	Irene Rebulloza	\$ 4,950.48		utilities
31-03065-00	Terry Mohr	\$ 734.29		utilities
31-01875-00	Gary Marti	\$ 429.78		utilities

The council reviewed a proposed rental agreement for the use of the community center. The proposed changes will shorten the rental time and require renters to end their events by midnight and be out of the community center by 1:00am. The proposed rental agreement also includes language that describes when renters are allowed to bring their own alcohol into the community center. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Brad to approve the use of the updated rental agreement. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Steve Wright presented information to the council regarding an application for a new off-sale liquor license to Shreeram LLC. Steve is acting as a consultant for Shreeram LLC, the owner of the business was not in attendance. Shreeram LLC is interested in opening an off-sale liquor retail store in the city of Fairfax upon approval of a license by the council. The council unanimously gave their support of proceeding with the license application process.

The council reviewed proposed 2023 utility rates, Andrea Merkel reported that the rates are the same as 2022 with no changes. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Schmidt to approve the 2023 utility rates as proposed. All voted in favor, none voted against. The motion carried.

The council reviewed 2 sample ordinances that place a moratorium on the sale of products that contain a legal amount of THC within city limits. Andrea Merkel reviewed a communication that was published by the League of MN Cities on the new law that was passed in July that made the

sale of these products legal anywhere in the state of Minnesota. The council unanimously supported creating a similar ordinance for the city of Fairfax that would place a moratorium on the sale of the products.

A letter of resignation from Alisha Schmidt from the Fire Department & Ambulance was read. The letter was tabled until the December meeting as no quorum was present to approve the resignation due to councilmember Schmidt abstaining.

Staff reports and financial information were presented.

The council reviewed the proposed 2023 budget as presented by Andrea Merkel. Additional 2023 projects to include in the budget were discussed. No large projects were added at this time for completion in 2023.

A motion was made by Schmidt 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