

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on February, 8th, 2022 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator
Joel Grejtak, Superintendent of Streets and Utilities
Scott Froehlich, Chief of Police
Denise Bonsack, Standard-Gazette & Messenger
Jim Cuff

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Staff requested the addition of three items; consider approval of preliminary natural gas transportation rates for Heartland Corn Products, consider approval of resolution 2022-8 which authorizing the drafting of plans and specifications for the natural gas pipeline capacity project for Heartland Corn Products, and consider award of quote for the Highway 19 natural gas line relocation project east of Winthrop. A motion was made by Bastian 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 Schmidt 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
 - a. January 11th, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Approval of Claims for Payment
4. Consider Approval to Decline Tory Liability Waiver

The City Council reviewed liquor licenses. Staff requested direction on how the Council would like to charge for licenses in this cycle. The previous two years had fees adjusted to \$1.00 per license to provide relief during the pandemic. A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Schmidt to approve the licenses at the original pre-pandemic rates. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Licenses and Permits:

- 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

A motion was made by Bunkers and seconded by Bastian to hire Ashley Wertz to the Fire-Rescue Department. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Nicholas Johnson discussed a potential Small Cities Development Program application by Renville County to serve as a countywide program. Renville County wanted a response from each city on if they would be interested in participating. The consensus of the Council was favorable to participating.

Nicholas Johnson presented preliminary information on proposed transportation rates for natural gas with Heartland Corn Products. The original transportation contracts are ending in 2024. Heartland desires additional capacity on the pipeline which is more than the design can handle. USDI and City staff have been working on a solution to provide the expanded capacity to meet their needs. The proposed project involves constructing a parallel pipeline to increase capacity. The project is estimated to cost \$4,050,000. Two preliminary rate structures were proposed for Heartland to consider. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firlie to approve the preliminary transportation rate structures. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council reviewed resolution 2022-8, a resolution ordering the preparation of plans and specifications for the natural gas pipeline expansion project for Heartland Corn Products. A motion was made by Bastian and seconded by Bunkers to adopt the resolution. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

**City of Fairfax
Resolution 2022-8**

Resolution Ordering Preparation of Plans and Specifications

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota desires to retain Heartland Corn Products as a customer of natural gas transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the current natural gas pipeline must be upgraded in order to provide the required capacity desired by Heartland Corn Products.

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

1. Utility Safety & Design, Inc. is hereby designated as the engineer for this project. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such project.
2. The engineer shall deliver said plans and specifications at their earliest convenience for final review by the City Council at the properly available Council meeting.

3. City staff, Council committees, and engineer are authorized to work with Heartland Corn Products as needed for sufficient and proper plan design needs.

Adopted by the Council this 8th day of February, 2022.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator

The Council reviewed quotes to perform the Highway 19 natural gas line relocation project. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Firle to award the project to USDI. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

| <u>Contractor:</u> | <u>Quote Amount:</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Utility Safety & Design, Inc. | \$134,400.00 |
| Meade | \$521,284.00 |
| NPL | \$441,209.33 |

Staff reports and financial information was received.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator