

A special meeting of the City Council for the City of Fairfax, Minnesota was held on May 23rd, 2023 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Josh Bunkers, Steve, Schmidt, Jim Schroeder, Jill Pelzel, Tina Castillo

Absent: None

Visitors: Andrea Merkel, City Administrator
Joel Grejtak, Public Works Superintendent
Neil Brooks, Fairfax Community Garden
Sarah Long, Fairfax Community Garden
Bix Baker, Fairfax Community Garden
Teri Alderfer, Fairfax Community Garden
Amy Acree
Louise Kiecker, Fairfax Community Garden

The meeting was called to order by Bunkers at 6:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The council reviewed an agreement between the Fairfax Community Garden group and the City of Fairfax for use of space in Lion's Park for a community garden. Members of the Community Garden group were in attendance do answer the council's questions regarding the garden space, water usage, etc. A motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Tina to approve the use of the proposed space in Lion's Park for a Community Garden as long as the city attorney approves the proposed agreement. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion carried.

The council reviewed a list of potential future city projects to begin forming a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan for the city. The list of projects reviewed for 2023 included replacing the banners for the downtown light poles, repairing the landscaping at the start of the bike trail, replacing one of the city's utility trucks, completing Lenny Linsmeier's memorial at Lion's Park and replacing the police department cameras.

Future projects that were discussed for future years included purchase of a utility vehicle, building repairs at Lion's Park and the 5th Street shop, expanding the Fire and Ambulance building and relocating the city shop located in the basement of the Neisen Bar building. The project list also included replacing a squad car and an ambulance which are both on a scheduled replacement rotation.

The council also reviewed a street improvement plan that was created by Bolten & Menk to replace sections of streets that are most in need of improvement. The council agreed that the Infrastructure Committee should meet to collect more information and make a recommendation to the council on moving forward planning for future street projects.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator