

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – November 5, 2025
6:30 p.m. - Fairbury City Hall

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Slagel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Mayor Slagel directed the Clerk to call roll and the following members of Council answered present:** Gary Norris, Steve Endres, Jon Kinate, Jerry Hoffman, Jim Tipton, Bill Schmidgall. Charles Hoselton Jr and Bruce Weber were absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from October 15, 2025 council meeting
 - B. Voucher Invoice Register listing the bills
 - C. Treasurer's Cash Report (second meeting of the month)
 - D. Check Register (second meeting of the month)
 - E. NONE
 - F. Overtime Report

Motion carried 6-0 YES-Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
NONE
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Streets - Lonnie Rhoads, Superintendent reported
 - Refilling the sand volleyball court is underway
 - Fire – Josh Hoselton, Chief - absent
 - Sewer – Bruce Pride, Superintendent – none
 - Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent - absent
 - Police – Robert McCormick, Chief - none
 - City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported
 - Route 24 project is complete
 - Water Treatment Plant Upgrade will be submitted to the state soon to see if Fairbury is chosen for this round of funding
 - Legal – Matt Schrock, City Attorney - absent
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris thanked the Street Dept for filling the sand volleyball court
 - Alderman Endres - none
 - Alderman Hoselton Jr - absent
 - Alderman Kinate inquired about speed limiting motorized bikes
 - Alderman Weber - absent
 - Alderman Hoffman inquired about a committee meeting to discuss exceptions
 - Alderman Tipton asked about bare dirt spot at North Park, asked for updates on new park
 - Alderman Schmidgall – none

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**NONE****9. Old Business – Discussion/Action Items****NONE****10. New Business – Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Tipton to approve \$2,991.75 quote from Decker Supply Co. for street sign posts. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall.
- B. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve the 2025-2026 Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Kinate, second by Hoffman to approve a resolution to abate the 2025 levy for bonds issued under ordinance 2012-3. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall.
- D. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Hoffman to approve proposal to pay off general obligation bonds on January 1st, 2026. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall.
- E. Motion by Tipton, second by Endres to approve \$3,608.90 quote for replacement equipment for Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall.
- F. Motion by Norris, second by Kinate to approve request from the Fairbury Area Chamber of Commerce to block off streets 2nd-4th on Locust Street from 9 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th, 2025, for the Fairbury Christmas Parade. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall.

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information

- **Mayor Slagel reminded everyone to complete Cyber Security Awareness and Sexual Harassment training**

12. Public Comment

- **Diane Pawlowski inquired about new park survey results and notified the City of a broken rope on a flag pole at Veteran's Park.**

13. Executive Session

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Kinate to enter Exec Session at 7:09 p.m.

- A. **Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.**

Motion by Norris, second by Kinate to enter Open Session @ 7:18 p.m.

Action from Executive Session:

NONE

14. **Adjournment** – Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk