

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – January 21, 2026
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.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Endres, second by Norris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from January 7, 2026 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 - none
 - Fire – Josh Hoselton, Chief - absent
 - Sewer – Bruce Pride, Superintendent - absent
 - Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent - none
 - Police – Chris Edwards, Chief - none
 - City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported
 - Fire Chief Hoselton is requesting a committee meeting February 11th at the Fire Station at 6 p.m.
 - A hearing is scheduled on February 4th at 6:15 p.m. for a Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project summary
 - An alternate board member for VCOM is needed after the retirement of Randy Vedder
 - Legal – Matt Schrock, City Attorney - none
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris - none
 - Alderman Endres - none
 - Alderman Hoselton Jr - absent
 - Alderman Kinate - none
 - Alderman Weber - absent
 - Alderman Hoffman - none
 - Alderman Tipton - none

→ 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 Tipton, second by Schmidgall to approve City Superintendent Brett Ashburn as an authorized signer for Public Water Supply Loan application documents. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- B.** Motion by Endres, second by Hoffman to approve request from Oddfellow Lodge to have Fairbury's First Annual Oddfellow Summer Kickoff Carnival at Sunken Park and on Locust St from 4th St – 5th St and 5th St from the tracks from June 9th – June 15th 2026. Motion carried 5-1 YES – Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Schmidgall NO- Tipton
- C.** Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to approve updating check signers as Christian Edwards, Connie Haas, Dale Diller and Brett Ashburn for the City of Fairbury Police Department restricted funds and unawarded seized funds accounts with the Bank of Pontiac. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- D.** Consideration of quotes to approve the purchase of camera van for the Wastewater Department – **TABLED**
- E.** Motion by Schmidgall, second by Hoffman to approve amendment to Chief Edwards contract. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information

NONE

12. Public Comment

NONE

13. Executive Session

NONE

14. Adjournment – Motion by Kinate, second by Norris to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk