

City of Fairbury City Council Minutes – May 6, 2026 6:30 p.m. - Fairbury City Hall

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Pro Tem Jon Kinate called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Mayor Pro Tem Kinate directed the Clerk to call roll and the following members of Council answered present:** Gary Norris, Steve Endres, Charles Hoselton Jr, Jon Kinate, Bruce Weber, Jerry Hoffman, Jim Tipton, and Bill Schmidgall.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Hoselton Jr, second by Weber to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from April 15, 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 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall

5. **Mayor Pro Tem Kinate opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**

- **Chris Tribley to discuss City sewer on S Clay St**
- **Melissa Cooper of CARE Charity came to request extending her vendor fair event to September 18th.**

6. **Reports of Departments**

- Streets - Lonnie Rhoads, Superintendent - none
- Fire – Josh Hoselton, Chief reported
 - 243 and tower ladder fire trucks are currently out of service
- Sewer – Bruce Pride, Superintendent reported
 - Hole on E Locust St has been filled
- Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent - absent
- Police – Chris Edwards, Chief reported
 - Audit from the State Police resulted in a full compliance report
 - Ash & 6th St traffic update
- City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported
 - Applications have been received for the park position. Interviews will be conducted next week.
- Legal – Matt Schrock, City Attorney -absent

7. **Reports of Aldermen**

- Alderman Norris - none
- Alderman Endres - none
- Alderman Hoselton Jr - none
- Alderman Kinate - none

- Alderman Weber - none
- Alderman Hoffman - none
- Alderman Tipton - none
- Alderman Schmidgall requested a committee meeting at 6 p.m. on May 20th.

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 Hoselton Jr to approve City budget for fiscal year 2026-27. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Endres, second by Norris to approve commercial garbage contract from GFL. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Hoffman to approve selling old sewer inspection camera to Coe Equipment Inc for \$25k. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Hoffman, second by Hoselton Jr to approve the purchase of attachments for Vactor truck from Coe Equipment Inc for \$4,200. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- E. Consideration to approve the purchase of new police vehicle. – **TABLED**
- F. Motion by Endres, second by Tipton to approve \$8,950 quote from National Wash Authority for cleaning water tower. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- G. Motion by Norris, second by Schmidgall to approve \$3,917 quote from S&T Concrete for sidewalk replacement. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- H. Motion by Hoselton Jr, second by Endres to approve \$10,858 quote from AEC Fire for racking for Fire Department. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- I. Motion by Hoffman, second by Weber to approve request from Fire Department to attend fire schooling. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- J. Consideration to approve hires for Police Department – **Will be acted on after Executive Session**

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information

- Alderman Hoffman discussed upcoming committee meeting May 20th @ 6 p.m.

12. Public Comment

NONE

13. Executive Session

Motion by Norris, second by Hoselton Jr to enter Executive Session @ 7:20 p.m.

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

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Hoffman to enter Open Session @ 7:28 p.m.

Action from Executive Session:

10(J) Motion by Schmidgall, second by Norris to approve Richard Longstreth as new hire for Police Department. Motion carried 8-0 YES-Norris Endres Hoselton Jr Kinate Weber Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall

14. Adjournment – Motion by Schmidgall, second by Hoselton Jr to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk