

**City of Fairbury**  
**City Council Minutes – August 5, 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, and 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 July 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. Sidewalk Request – 207 N 4<sup>th</sup> St – 94.5 sq ft @ \$2.50 per sq ft =\$236.25
  - 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:**

- Mary Lawson came to introduce herself as a candidate running for State's Attorney in the upcoming election

6. **Reports of Departments**

- Streets - Lonnie Rhoads, Superintendent - none
- Fire – Josh Hoselton, Chief - absent
- Sewer – Bruce Pride, Superintendent - none
- Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent discussed replacing utility truck for water dept.
- Police – Chris Edwards, Chief reported –
  - PDC went well
  - Two new officers are ending field training this weekend
- City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported –
  - GFL has begun delivering commercial dumpsters
  - A special meeting to discuss proposed park is scheduled for 8/26/26 @ 6:30 p.m.
  - The City is partnering with Fairbury Oddfellows to host family movie nights in Sunken Park
- Legal – Matt Schrock, City Attorney - absent

7. **Reports of Aldermen**

- Alderman Norris - none
- Alderman Endres - none
- Alderman Hoselton - absent
- Alderman Kinate requested an update on vicious dog & discussed hacking concerns
- Alderman Weber - absent
- Alderman Hoffman - none

- Alderman Tipton reported on N 2<sup>nd</sup> St alley & E bike complaints, and thanked Bruce & Mike for parking cars during PDC
- 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 Kinate, second by Tipton to approve \$14,712 quote from Kafer Tiling & Excavating Inc. for manhole install at corner of Clay and Margaret Streets. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- B.** Motion by Endres, second by Kinate to approve road closure request from Carle in Fairbury for a memorial on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. Walnut St in front of Carle office. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- C.** Motion by Schmidgall, second by Tipton to approve Kankakee Valley Construction Co., Inc for MFT Project. Motion carried 6-0 YES- Norris Endres Kinate Hoffman Tipton Schmidgall
- D.** Motion by Norris, second by Kinate to approve engagement agreement with Luetkehans, Brady, Garner, & Armstrong, LLC. 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**

Motion by Kinate, second by Schmidgall to enter Exec Session at 7:03 p.m.

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

Motion by Norris, second by Kinate to enter Open Session @ 7:24 p.m.

**Action from Executive Session:**

**NONE**

**14. Adjournment – Motion by Schmidgall, second by Tipton to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.**

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk