

City of Fairbury
City Council Minutes – September 17, 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:** Steve Endres, Jon Kinate, Bruce Weber, Jim Tipton, and Bill Schmidgall. Gary Norris, Charles Hoselton Jr, and Jerry Hoffman were absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda** – Motion by Kinate, second by Tipton to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from September 3, 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 5-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Tipton Schmidgall
5. **Mayor Slagel opened Public Comment and the following persons provided comments:**
 - **Jill Hammond shared various concerns and observations of the community**
 - **Adam Dontz from the GLCEDC shared he has accepted another position out of state and expressed gratitude working with Fairbury businesses**
6. **Reports of Departments**
 - Streets - Lonnie Rhoads, Superintendent – none
 - Fire – Josh Hoselton, Chief - absent
 - Sewer – Bruce Pride, Superintendent – none
 - Water – Mike Mellott, Superintendent - absent
 - Police – Robert McCormick, Chief - absent
 - City – Brett Ashburn, Superintendent reported
 - Stickers for ROV registration have been ordered. Once stickers are received, a post will be made on City Website and Facebook letting people know they can now register for 2026.
 - Legal – Matt Schrock, City Attorney reported
 - Attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for 401 W Walnut St requesting rezoning
7. **Reports of Aldermen**
 - Alderman Norris - absent
 - Alderman Endres thanked City Superintendent Ashburn for looking into reestablishing an abandoned alley for a constituent
 - Alderman Hoselton Jr - absent
 - Alderman Kinate - none
 - Alderman Weber - none
 - Alderman Hoffman - absent

- Alderman Tipton asked for an update on Marsh Park basketball courts and inquired about patching a gravel strip on Hickory St
- 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 Endres to approve maintenance agreement with Braniff Communication for Outdoor Warning Siren System. Motion carried 5-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Tipton Schmidgall
- B. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Weber to approve \$16,325 quote for wastewater valve replacement. Motion carried 5-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Tipton Schmidgall
- C. Motion by Weber, second by Kinate to approve street closure & alcohol on City Streets request from El Jarocho Bar & Grill on Locust St in front of El Jarocho Bar & Grill on September 26th, 2025 from 6:30 – 10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Tipton Schmidgall
- D. Motion by Tipton, second by second by Schmidgall to approve \$20,835 quote for purchase of mower for Street Dept. Motion carried 5-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Tipton Schmidgall
- E. Motion by Schmidgall, second by Endres to approve ordinance establishing a 4 way stop at Pine St., 6th St. & Oak Grove Rd. Motion carried 4-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Schmidgall NO- Tipton
- F. Motion by Weber, second by Tipton to approve a request from the Student Senate of Prairie Central High School to use City Streets on Friday, October 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. continuing for one half-hour for the annual Homecoming Parade. Motion carried 5-0 YES-Endres Kinate Weber Tipton Schmidgall
- G. Motion by Kinate, second by Endres to approve street closure & alcohol on City Street request from Crazy Crain's from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. on Locust St from 1st-2nd St on Saturday, October 11th, 2025. Motion carried 4-0 YES-Endres Kinate Tipton Schmidgall NO- Weber

11. Other Items for Discussion & Information
NONE

12. Public Comment

- Diane Pawlowski thanked Street Dept for fixing the clock tower

13. Executive Session

Motion by Schmidgall, second by Kinate to enter Exec Session at 7:12 p.m.

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

Motion by Kinate, second by Tipton to enter Open Session @ 7:17 p.m.

Action from Executive Session:

NONE

14. Adjournment – Motion by Weber, second by Kinate to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Alexandria Reis, City Clerk