

Meeting Agenda-January 15, 2014

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Resolution 2014-01 a Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board Re Appeals by General Chemical LLC.

Rob Wielt (Damon Haarmann), Affordable Gas and Electric with a presentation on Electric Municipal Aggregation.

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Bills

Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Alex Bregen called the Meeting to order followed by the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Deputy Clerk, Karen Manso recorded the attendance, in Clerk Ramirez's absence. The following were in attendance:

Trustees: Suarez, Romo, Maliszewski, Fiudo, Arriola. Trustee Hernandez was absent. Also in attendance were Treasurer Abe Aleman, Police Chief and Administrator, Scott Penny, Fire Chief, Robert Allen and Street Superintendant, Joe "Pepe" Manso.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of January 2, 2014 was made by Arriola and seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, pass; Maliszewski, yes, Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. Trustee Hernandez was absent.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the financial statements for the month of December, 2013. The Treasurer reported the village solvent financially. He added that some of the Morgan Stanley investment accounts have paid dividends in the amount of \$1,700.00. He was very encouraged by this and reported bond investments at 5.5%.

Mr. Aleman reminded the department heads present that an inventory will be made on supplies on April 30, 2014. The Treasurer has taken Webinar Classes on the new auditing guidelines and recognizes the inconvenience. The new controls are meant to protect the village from financial collapse.

Clerk's Report –

The Deputy Clerk presented Resolution 2014-01 a Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board Re Appeals by General Chemical LLC.

President Bregen reviewed the resolution with the board explaining that the appeal filed by General Chemical will affect the village T.I.F. income. The resolution gives village attorney, Brian Flynn, permission to act on the city's behalf.

The motion was made by Romo and seconded by Suarez to adopt Resolution 2014-01 a Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board Re Appeals by General Chemical LLC. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes, Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. Trustee Hernandez was absent.

(Motion Passed)

The Deputy Clerk introduced Damon Haarmann representing Affordable Gas and Electric with a presentation on Electric Municipal Aggregation. Mr. Haarmann addressed the board by inviting the village to join a coalition of other communities represented by Affordable Gas and Electric by adopting them as the village energy provider by ballot. President Bregen had some questions for Mr. Haarmann and requested further information be provided at a later date.

Report of Police Chief – No Report

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen reported about an incident that started with a domestic quarrel and resulted in arson has been investigated by the State Fire Marshal. He wanted to commend village fire fighter Manuel Perez for his participation in 7 hours of interviews as an interpreter. An arrest was made and the bond was \$200,000.

Report of Street Superintendent

Superintendent Manso reported to the board that the street department struggled through the snow repairing a lot of equipment which slowed the department down. He also report that resulting pot holes are in need of repair. There is an IDOT special mix of asphalt he prefers to use that has been in high demand. The street department is a

little behind in pot hole repair while waiting for production. President Bregen commended the department for a job well done.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Chair Arriola reported the police department is running smoothly.

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Fiudo - No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski - No Report

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – Absent No Report

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – Chair – Suarez - No Report

President's Report

President Bregen reported the old fire (rescue) engine has been sold to Bob Brockland for \$10,000. The Fire Chief and the President had discussed an alternative to selling the truck. They considered the possibility of building a structure to house the truck in the Old National City, now Fairmont City area on one of the business properties. In the mean time Chief Penny had been negotiating with The National Stockyards Company regarding an acre of land worth \$100,000 they would be willing to donate for such a project.

President Bregen has reservations, at this time, to follow through on such a project due to the city's unpredictable financial future.

The President reported the new bridge ribbon opening is February 8, 2014. Mr. Bregen asked Scott Penny to investigate who needs to be there. The president then informed the board the bridge will be open to traffic on February 9, 2014. He is confident there will be an analysis available regarding bridge traffic that may be able to help project future potentials in the Stockyards area.

President Bregen expressed concern that the media had shown a map during the snow storms that was labeled National City instead of Fairmont City. He expressed the need to get that corrected for future prospects.

Public Comment - No Public Comment

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills be accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Maliszewski and seconded by Fiudo. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes, Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. Trustee Hernandez was absent.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Suarez and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes, Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes. Trustee Hernandez was absent.
(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Deputy Clerk
Karen Manso
January 15, 2014