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Meeting Agenda-Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Ordinance No. 692 – An Ordinance for the Levy And Assessment of Taxes For the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May, 2013 and ending on the 30th Day of April, 2014.

Business License La Tienda Mexican Store, 5100 Collinsville Road, Juan F. Del Rio (3002 N. 60th Street).

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Bills

Adjournment

Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013
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.

Clerk Richard D. Ramirez recorded the attendance. The following were in attendance:

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

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of November 6th, 2013 was made by Arriola and seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, pass; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the financial statements for October of 2013.

The Treasurer explained to the board that the General Accounting Standards Board, otherwise known as GASB, has issued new requirements regarding financial reporting standards for state and local government. Previously the requirements affected large cities. Slowly the requirements have been making their way to smaller communities. The treasurer was required by the city auditor to verify employees. He explained this requirement is in place to prevent fraud.

Another requirement of GASB will be in reporting inventory at the end of each fiscal year. The insurance company wants an inventory regarding building content along with the equipment reports, also. He will be distributing the new forms to the department heads.

The treasurer reported that the city auditor is still in the process of finishing this year's financial reporting.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented **Ordinance No. 692**, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May 2013 and ending on the 30th Day of April, 2014.

The motion was made by Romo and seconded by Hernandez to approve Ordinance No. 692, An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the 1st Day of May 2013 and ending on the 30th Day of April, 2014. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez presented an application for Business License for La Tiendita Mexican Store, 5100 Collinsville Road from Mr. Juan F. Del Rio of 3002 N. 60th Street.

Mrs. Del Rios spoke for her husband. They want to open a grocery/convenience store to service the trailer court area. President Bregen questioned the addition of yet another store. There was discussion regarding traffic, zoning and safety among the board members. Chief Penny volunteered to put an agreement together and check on the zoning. Pending the zoning, fire inspection and Health Department inspection the board agreed to approve the business license at a future meeting. Mrs. Del Rio thanked the board and agreed to contact Mr. Penny the next day.

Report of Police Chief

Mr. Penny presented a list of names of Christmas Voucher recipients from last year. He asked the board to review and let him know of any additions and/or deletions. The fund raising letter will go out Thanksgiving Weekend.

Chief Penny asked for a closed session regarding personnel.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

Chief Allen reported the new fire truck is officially in service. The truck made its maiden voyage last Friday morning in the Stockyards area at a tractor trailer fire.

The chief reported the department's kitchen remodel project is complete and in service. The department is very proud of it.

The Wild Land training was a huge success. The firefighters burned 30 acres of land off Sand Prairie Lane under the supervision of 6 University of Illinois instructors. Each trainee received full outfit of Wild Land fire fighting gear.

Chief Allen informed the board former firefighter Manuel Fernandez passed away. Mr. Fernandez was a devoted member of the village fire department for over 30 years when he retired in the early 1980's. The family has asked for a walk through and honor guard. The department will do a walk through at 7pm on Friday at the Herr funeral home and stand guard until 8pm. The State Park Fire Department will provide a standby and the Madison Fire Department will stand by to assist.

Report of Street Superintendent

Mr. Manso reported the weather has not been cooperating with the village Christmas decorating project.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Mr. Arriola reported the police department is running smoothly.

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Fiudo

Mr. Fiudo priced out Christmas hams at \$1.69 - \$1.79 / lb for a large ham and the smaller hams are \$1.99 /lb and up. President Bregen requested Mr. Fiudo order hams and distribute as last year.

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski – No Report

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez - No Report

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

President's Report

President Bregen wanted to express his gratitude to the administration. He wanted everyone present to know that he appreciates their efforts and support. He feels proud to be in their company. He is confident that the best job, that can possibly be, has been and will be accomplished by this group.

Public Comment

A representative from the library wanted to thank the board, fire department, police department and the P.A.L for their generous support and participation in the annual "Teen Read Week".

The library has formed a committee that has been meeting to gather history associated with the village to share in a centennial celebration next year. They are having trouble finding people willing to write some of their experiences. They are mostly looking for how the different families settled in Fairmont.

Another resident questioned the board regarding spraying for mosquitoes. Mr. Manso explained that spraying in our area is ineffective. The more effective methods are expensive, as larvicide and have to be approved by the state. IDOT doesn't have the resources to help us out. There is simply too much swamp land in the village.

The motion was made by Romo and seconded by Arriola to enter into executive session regarding personnel. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed) 7:37pm

The motion was made by Fiudo and seconded by Maliszewski to re-enter the regular meeting from a closed session. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed) 7:52

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Romo to hire Cathy Rodriguez as secretary to Chief Penny as an introductory hire for 60 days at a rate of pay of \$12 for 20-24 hours per week. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed)

The motion to approve employee Christmas Bonus' as presented was made by Suarez and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes,.
(Motion Passed)

Municipal Bills

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
October 16, 2013