

Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Street Superintendent Report

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Public Comment

Bills

Adjournment

Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Alex J. 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; Scott E. Penny, Chief of Police; Robert Allen, Fire Chief and Joe "Pepe" Manso, Street Superintendent.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting of February 6, 2013 was made by Arriola and seconded by Fiudo. The Roll Call Vote was unanimous.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aleman presented the January 31st, 2013 Financial Report. The Treasurer reported making a T.I.F. transfer in February. This transfer increased the balance in the Public Treasurer's Investment Pool leaving the city in a healthy financial cliff.

Clerk's Report

No Report

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny reported that he had been contacted by Karen Manso regarding the Village website that Ryan Manso Zajac has been working on for some months now. A test link was emailed to the board for review. He would like the board to approve publishing the site.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Fiudo to approve publication on the internet of the village website, Fairmontcityil.com. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

Chief Penny sadly reported over the period of the past Friday and Saturday, a group of adolescent boys had spray painted with graffiti nine different locations around the city. Two arrests were made and the boys, fifteen years old, confessed. The police are working with the parents on a plan to rehab the sites. The boys in question are not known to be trouble makers in general. The boys and their parents are cooperating with the police department on a solution.

At this time Chief Penny requested a Closed Executive Session in regard to Public Safety and a Personnel issue, and continued on zoning matters.

Mr. Penny reported the Zoning Board recommendation in the case of Gabriel Morales, 2013-01, that this property currently zoned SR3, Single Family Residence, be changed to HB, Highway Business. The Zoning Board asks for a motion to be made at this meeting and an ordinance be presented at the next meeting.

The motion was made to change the zoning of parcels 02400307064-011 and 02400307064-012 from SR3, Single Family Residence to HB, Highway Business by Hernandez, seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

The second Zoning recommendation is for 2013-02, Aspen Sanitation Service in parcels across from the Stockyards currently zoned Highway Business to change the zoning to Industrial. Apparently the sale of the property is contingent upon the zoning change. The Zoning Board is asking the Board of Trustees to cooperate even though there are unresolved issues concerning construction and the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Penny reported that those issues can be dealt with at a later date through the Building Permit and Licensing process.

At this point President Bregen addressed a representative from Aspen who attended the meeting. He wanted to be sure the company understood that the sewer system project would be expensive and the city's T.I.F. account would not be able to accommodate it. As the representative reassured the board that the company is fully aware of the scope of the project, President Bregen moved to a motion.

The motion was made to change the Zoning of parcel 01110202025 Zoning case number 2013-02, Aspen Sanitation Service, from Highway Business to Industrial by Romo and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen provided a report to the board on the Smoke Detector Mobil Home project. There were forty-two smoke detectors installed in thirty-eight trailers February 15, 2013. He reported residents to be much more receptive, than in the beginning. He would like one more attempt with a twenty-five allotment to finish up in a couple of weeks.

Chief Allen is planning on restarting the Senior Citizen Smoke Detector Replacement Battery project. He plans on doing some advertising prior to the next time change, March 10, 2013, to raise awareness.

The Fire Chief reported the new fire truck is officially in production. The trip to Florida included a tour of the huge plant on Thursday. Friday was spent with two engineers going through the specs line by line for approval. The Fire Chief feels very confident that the new pumper rescue truck will be something the whole community can be proud of. He expressed his gratitude to the board for providing this opportunity.

Report of Street Superintendent

With a winter storm warning pending Superintendent Manso reported having snowplows ready. Dump trucks are ready with cinder and salt. They have done some preliminary spreading.

The street department is also gearing up for spring. They are working on mowers and other lawn equipment.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Mr. Arriola reported the police department is in good order. He commended Chief Penny and Chief Allen on their skilled approach to running their perspective departments.

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo - No Reports

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez - No Reports

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski - No Reports

Economic/Finance Development & Planning – Chair – Fiudo - No Reports

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

Mayor's Report

No Report

Public Comment

Ms. Marie Baron Johnson read a thank you letter to the Mayor and Village Board for their graciousness and swift handling in the matter of T.I.F. funding for the library electrical update project.

Mayor Bregen responded in kind, expressing the value of the library to the community and the board's appreciation.

Municipal Bills

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

A motion was made by Suarez and seconded Fiudo to leave the regular order of business to go into Closed Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 7:17p.m.

A motion was made to return to the regular order of business by Suarez, seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed) 7:32pm

A motion to hire Ms. Adriana Romo as a part time police department employee sixteen to twenty-four hours a week at a rate of \$12.00 per hour on a ninety day probationary period as a potential replacement for Mrs. Hargis and or Ms. Dinges upon their retirements was made by Maliszewski and seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting 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)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
February 20, 2013

ALEX J. BREGEN
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

RICHARD D. RAMIREZ
VILLAGE CLERK

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

7:20 P.M.

A Closed Executive Session of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Fairmont City was held on the evening of Wednesday, February 20, 2013, in the Fairmont City Community Center, 4001 Cookson Road, Fairmont City, Illinois to discuss public safety and personnel.

Those in attendances were: President Alex J. Bregen, Richard Ramirez, Village Clerk; Treasurer, Abe Aleman; Trustees, David Suarez, Rodolfo Romo, Michael Fiudo, Guadalupe Hernandez, Bernard Maliszewski and Charles Arriola. Also in attendance were Scott E. Penny, Chief of Police; Robert Allen, Fire Chief and Joe "Pepe" Manso, Street Superintendent.

Police Chief Scott Penny reported on an ongoing narcotics investigation involving the D.E.A. and undercover drug purchases. One arrest has been made, others are likely to follow. Significant police overtime is being incurred.

As a personnel issue Chief Penny reported the police department is a bit understaffed. He announced that Mrs. Hargis will be retiring in August and was not sure when Ms. Dinges would be retiring. He reported Ms. Dinges has been in and out of the office caring for her significant other who has cancer. John Peterson has been taking over when she out and since he was hired for code enforcement, that job is not being done. The police officers have to be there when John is not available.

Chief Penny would like to hire Adriana Romo, who he believes is more than qualified for the job. She is bi-lingual, is a senior in college, computer oriented, well spoken and articulate. He would like to have her for 16 to 24 hours a week. The board discussed \$12 per hours as a rate of pay to start.

There being no further discussion, a motion to leave the Closed Executive Session to return to the Regular Order of Business was made by Suarez and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes; and Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed) 7:32 p.m.

Released 4/3/2013

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
February 20, 2013