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FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS

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Meeting Agenda-Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

First Reading, Ordinance #690, An Ordinance Providing the Annual Appropriation for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2013.

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

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 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.

Deputy Clerk, Karen Manso recorded the attendance in Clerk Ramirez's absence. 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 July 3, 2013 was made by Romo and seconded by Arriola. The Roll Call Vote was unanimous.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

Appropriation Ordinance copies were shared with the village board including some adjustments that have been made from the original draft.

The first health insurance premium with the new insurance carrier was made last week, at \$14,919.72. Mr. Aleman has been receiving some positive feedback. One employee got a prescription for free.

The Treasurer provided the Financials for June of 2013. The Landfill check has not been received to date. Because of this, the treasurer had to transfer \$80,000 into the general fund.

The Treasurer wanted to remind the department heads that purchases over \$500 need board approval.

President Bregen suggested a meeting with Joe Durako of Milam Landfill to get an idea of anticipated revenue and the transition to the new expansion. Administrator Penny will try to set something up for next week.

Clerk's Report

Deputy Clerk Manso presented **Ordinance #690**, An Ordinance Providing the Annual Appropriation for the Village of Fairmont City, St. Clair County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014.

A Special Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:30pm on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Notification was not published in time for this meeting. The board agreed to table the item for the Special Meeting scheduled following the public hearing on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 6:45pm.

Report of Police Chief

The Chief reported that the city received a permit from the Illinois EPA for the Wetlands, Permit 401, Water Quality Permit. The Landfill has been doing some work on the entrance and the project will proceed as scheduled. The project was started in 2009 and is finally seeing fruition. President Bregen reported the project is expected to bring in revenues in the vicinity of \$100,000 per year.

The Chief presented a draft Ordinance Pertaining to Parking in the Village of Fairmont City for board review. Discussion ensued pertaining the time limit for a boat or RV, for example, to be parked on the road side. President Bregen suggested checking into ordinances of other communities. The draft states a 4 hour time limit.

The Chief also, presented a draft Ordinance, Prohibiting Gas and Electric Bicycles in the Village of Fairmont City, Illinois, for board review. Mr. Penny encountered a gas powered bicycle in his neighborhood running stop signs and speeding. After some research it was concluded the bicycles are legal but a city can adopt an ordinance prohibiting usage.

In discussion of this ordinance, the question of riding horses and golf cart usage came up. The Chief agreed to look into those questions as well.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No report

Report of Fire Chief

Fire Chief Allen had no report but requested an executive session regarding personnel.

Report of Street Superintendent - No Report

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Arriola

Mr. Arriola reported the police department is running smoothly.

Public Health & Housing – Chair – Romo – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Hernandez – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – Maliszewski – No Report

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

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

President's Report

President Bregen reported Washington Park has been having financial difficulties resulting in the layoff of firemen and police as well as many civilian employees. The leaders of Washington Park have requested assistance from the Village of Fairmont Fire and Police Departments.

There was discussion regarding a verbal agreement in 2011 that left the village Fire Department rather vulnerable and, at a financial disadvantage.

It was agreed by those present that the city is not in a position financially to take on this burden. A letter will be sent to Washington Park with regrets and a refusal.

Public Comment

Mr. Charles J. Arriola, representing his employer, Glaxo Smith Klien, was present to volunteer service for his company's "Employee's Orange Day" annual worldwide event. Participants of the company volunteer community service. Last year Mr. Arriola and a team of 10 other men did some landscaping work in Rose Lake Park. The date has not been set, but Charles asked permission to come back and be put to work.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Romo to graciously accept Glaxo Smith Klien Employee's Orange Day participants to serve the Fairmont City on, the to be schedule day and concur expense for refreshment and lunch. 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, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. (Motion Passed)

Closed Session

A motion was to leave the regular order of business and enter into closed session regard personnel was made by Maliszewski and seconded by Suarez. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. The time was 7:24pm. (Motion Passed)

A motion was made by Fiudo seconded by Hernandez to return to the regular order of business. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. The time was 7:47pm.
(Motion Passed)

A motion, made regretfully, that Fairmont City staff member Robert Gupton be removed immediately from his positions as Assistant Chief of the Fairmont City Fire Department, and from his position as Village Build Inspector.

In addition, Mr. Gupton is no longer a member of the Fire Department. To return to the Fire Department he should participate in an anger management program, or similar counseling. The Village will pay for this counseling if necessary.

He may reapply to join the department after six months, subject to administrative approval by the Fire Chief.

If he is accepted, he is to return as a probationary firefighter.

This motion is made by Suarez and seconded by Romo. Roll Call Vote: Suarez, yes; Hernandez, yes; Romo, yes; Maliszewski, yes; Fiudo, yes and Arriola, yes. The time was 7:47pm.
(Motion Passed)

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
July 17, 2013