

FAIRBURY CITY COUNCIL 1-7-15:

The Fairbury City Council got right down to business for the first meeting of 2015 Wednesday night.

In addition to approving a memorandum of understanding for an abatement with the Greater Livingston County Economic

Development Council, the group appointed Charlie Hoselton as chairman of the Police and Fire committee. The vacancy was created last month with the passing of Alderman Doug Hibsich.

Alderman Jon Kinate shared some articles from a magazine he thought should be discussed by the council in the future. Items such as law enforcement and marketing to tourists are covered in the articles.

"It's got a lot of great ideas on stuff," said Kinate.

Kinate highlighted the importance of promoting the area two-lane highways such as Routes 24 and 47 also known as a "non-interstate" region.

The council also learned that the fire department won a small equipment grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the amount of \$10,356. The money will be used to purchase four sets of turn-out gear, which consists of boots, helmets, pants, coats, gloves and hoods.

Aldermen also reviewed the 2014 parks report for the city.

"That North Park really gets used," said Mayor Lynn Dameron.

There is some usage of Marsh Park throughout the year, but most of the park use happens at North Park, according to city officials.

Dameron updated the council on a planned rate increase for Mediacom customers starting Jan. 15. Cable bills will go up about \$1.81 and the city has no control over it.

In other action, the Fairbury City Council:

- Approved minutes from the Dec. 3 and 17 meetings.
- Approved the bills and treasurer's cash report.
- Authorized the cash report and check register for November.