

FAIRBURY CITY COUNCIL

Abatement allowed by city council

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FAIRBURY — Fairbury's city council has given its blessing for a tax abatement agreement.

A couple of existing companies in town have teamed up to construct a new building at 202 South WalCrest Drive. They include Varsitee Screenprinting and Miller Trimworks, also known as BMCH Properties, LLC.

"It's a two-year abatement," explained Adam Dontz from the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council.

Dontz is also expected to meet with the Prairie Central Board of Education regarding the matter. Alderman Lynn Dameron said the city is doing this to encourage new business.

In another matter, the council granted authority for the police department to purchase a squad car, which replaces one involved in an accident. The Fairbury squad car was reportedly responding to an assistance call in Chatsworth when another motorist ran a stop sign. There were no reports of injuries but the squad appears to be totaled.

Fire Chief Martin Steidinger gave the council an update on a 1995 fire truck. The "pump and roll" truck is used for field fires, but has some rust on the frame. Steidinger is seeking estimates on what it would take to repaint it.

"It's got some age on it, but it's still a good truck," he said.

Steidinger, who also serves as street superintendent, issued some reminders about fall leaf season. Steidinger asks residents to keep leaves and brush in separate piles and to never mix the two.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Marlene Schuble voiced concerns over trees in her yard and communicating with the city street department. Mayor David Slagel said he was aware of the issue.

Meanwhile, resident Wayne Varner said city crews did a good job cleaning up trees and branches around town recently.

Also at Wednesday's regular meeting, the

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city council:

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement between the Prairie Central School District and Fairbury Police. This allows for student information to be legally shared.
- Abated fire department bonds.
- Learned from City Su-

perintendent Brett Ashburn that the Oct. 30 ESDA meeting has been moved to the fire station.

- Received a brief update on the north end water main project, which is expected to start in the next week.
- Authorized the consent agenda, which included minutes from the Oct. 4 meeting, the board report, cash report, check register and overtime.