

CITY OF FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA APPROVING THE USE
OF A LOCAL SALES TAX AUTHORIZED BY SPECIAL LAW

WHEREAS, the City of Fairmont has a demand for capital investment beyond its current tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the City is facing an increased demand in updating and improving City infrastructure including streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 297A.99 – Local Sales Taxes, the City may impose a general sales tax, if permitted by special law, for the purpose of funding construction and rehabilitation of capital projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 297A.99, subdivision 2, prior to the City of Fairmont City Council requesting legislative approval to impose a local sale tax authorized by a special law, the City Council must first adopt a resolution indicating approval of the tax; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined, using a 3% inflation factor, that a one half-cent sales tax would generate an estimated thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) over the next twenty-five (25) years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA THAT:

1. The City Council hereby approves a proposed general sales tax rate of one half-cent.
2. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs that the funds generated by the one half-cent sales tax be used for the following capital project:
 - a. The City Street Improvement Program, which addresses the improvement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters located in the City of Fairmont. Only those streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters that are rated at 40 or under in the City’s biennial Street Rating or at 40% of the maximum rating, should a different rating system be used, and which can demonstrate regional significance, such as those streets servicing educational institutions, government facilities or healthcare service providers, will be eligible for receiving funds generated by the one half-cent sales tax.
3. The City Council hereby finds that as the county seat for Martin County, Fairmont serves as the regional hub for education, government, healthcare services, retail, dining and other businesses, as well as for other points of interest such as entertainment and places of worship. These services not only serve those regional residents as consumers, but also as places of employment. Therefore, the City Council hereby finds that the City Street

Improvement Program has the following regional significance:

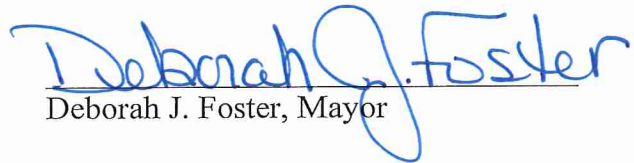
- a. Education: The City Street Improvement Program will allow both City of Fairmont residents, as well as regional residents, to have access to educational centers such as Fairmont Elementary School and Fairmont High School, both of which serves students who live outside the City of Fairmont, as well as to Presentation College, which serves as one of the region's leading post-secondary options for those seeking an education in the health-related fields.
- b. Government: The City Street Improvement Program will allow for Martin County residents, both those who reside in Fairmont and those who reside outside of City limits to have better access to regional government facilities. The following regional government facilities are all located with the City of Fairmont:
 - i. Martin County Courthouse
 - ii. Martin County Library
 - iii. Martin County Historical Society
 - iv. Martin County Human Services Center
 - v. Fairmont City Hall
 - vi. Fairmont Armory of the Minnesota National Guard
- c. Healthcare and Other Related Services: The City Street Improvement Program will allow both City of Fairmont residents, as well as regional residents, to have access to healthcare services which are located in the City of Fairmont. In addition to general healthcare services, Fairmont is also home to numerous retirement and assisted living facilities. The following healthcare centers and retirement and assisted living facilities are all located within the City of Fairmont:
 - i. Fairmont Medical Center – Mayo Clinic
 - ii. Family Center for Urgent Care
 - iii. Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center
 - iv. Goldfinch Estates Senior Living
 - v. Woodland Manor
 - vi. Maplewood Residence
- d. Retail, Dining and Other Businesses: The City Street Improvement Program will allow City of Fairmont residents, regional residents, and City and regional businesses to have access to numerous businesses and services located in the City of Fairmont. The following services are provided for by businesses located with the City of Fairmont:
 - i. Car dealerships
 - ii. Autobody and mechanic shops
 - iii. Auto parts stores
 - iv. Grocery stores
 - v. Hotels

- vi. Agriculture and farming supplies stores
 - vii. Restaurants
 - viii. Banks
 - ix. Manufacturing companies
 - x. General shopping stores
- e. Points of Interest: The City Street Improvement Program will allow both City of Fairmont residents, as well as regional residents, to have access to the following regional points of interest:
- i. Interlaken Golf Club
 - ii. Chain of Lakes Yacht Club
 - iii. Public boat launch access for Amber Lake, Hall Lake, Budd Lake, Lake Sisseton and George Lake
 - iv. Cemeteries
 - v. Fairmont Aquatic Park/Swimming Pool
 - vi. Downtown Fairmont
 - vii. Red Rock Center for the Arts
 - viii. Fairmont Opera House
 - ix. Movie theatre
 - x. Fairmont municipal airport
- f. Places of Worship: The City Street Improvement Program will allow both City of Fairmont residents, as well as regional residents, to have access to local places of worship. Fairmont is home to more than 15 places of worship, all of which serve residents throughout the region.

4. The City Council hereby finds that because the total cost of the City Street Improvement Program would be more than the amount of revenue generated from the one half-cent sales tax, the City Street Improvement Program would receive the entire amount of the local sales tax revenue generated.
5. The City Council hereby finds that the one half-cent sales tax will generate an estimated thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) to be used to fund the City Street Improvement Program, and further finds that the one half-cent sales tax would need to be in effect an estimated twenty-five (25) years in order to generate that amount of funds.

Motion by: Council Member Bruce Peters
Seconded by: Council Member Tom Hawkins
All in Favor: Council Members Randy Lubenow, Bruce Peters, Ruth Cyphers, Wayne Hasek
and Tom Hawkins
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Fairmont on this 13th day of January 2020.


Deborah J. Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patricia J. Monsen, City Clerk

