Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Voracek at 6:00 pm. Councilors Elizabeth Cap, Royal Ross, Peter van Sluis, Tom Spooner, and Jon Wood were in attendance. Councilor Janna Viscomi was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Tim Murray, Assistant to the City Administrator Heather Slechta, Public Works Director Travis Block, Planning Coordinator Peter Waldock, Community and Economic Development Director Deanna Kuennen, City Engineer Mark DuChene, Parks and Recreation Director Paul Peanasky, Finance Director Jeanne Day and Police Chief Andy Bohlen.

Presentations/Introductions
Ruth’s House Proclamation
Mayor Voracek proclaimed February 8, 2020 as Ruth’s House Day. Suzzanne Fox, Outreach Coordinator for Ruth’s House, provided an overview of the services that are provided by Ruth’s House.

Update from State Legislator (Rep. Daniels)
Representative Brian Daniels provided the Council with a review of the 2019 Legislative session as well as what is to come in 2020. Mayor Voracek asked if it was looking positive for the City of Faribault to receive bonding dollars for various projects including the bike trail and bank stabilization at the wastewater treatment facility. Rep. Daniels has not heard if the projects were included in the bonding bill for 2020. As far as the surplus dollars, Rep. Daniels would like to see a tax relief bill similar to 2017 signed, as well as removing the taxes on social security payments. Councilor Spooner asked how the $270 million dollars in workforce housing would be divided up. Rep. Daniels explained that he has not seen the details as of yet. Councilor Cap stated that she was not endorsing Rep. Daniels or any candidate, and requested Rep. Daniels support for the funding of the Mill Towns Trail. Councilor Ross asked if there was an update on DHS, Rep. Daniels explained that it is still in process and they are still looking for answers.

Approve minutes of January 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting (majority vote)
Motion by Spooner, seconded by Ross to approve minutes of January 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:
A. List of bills to be paid
B. Approve Parks and Recreation Facility Use Agreements
C. Resolution 2020-014 Approve Investment Policy
D. Accept Quote for Replacement UV Bulbs at Water Reclamation Facility
F. Approve CIP Purchase – Mowers for Parks Department
G. Approve Appointment of Committee, Board, and Commission Member
H. Accept Donations Made to the Police Department
I. Accept Quote for Drywall & Exterior Finish Work for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
J. Accept Quote for Inspection & Construction Testing Services for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
K. Accept Quote for Electrical Work for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
L. Accept Quote for Structural Steel Installation for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
M. Accept Quote for Plumbing & HVAC Work for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
N. Accept Quote for Finish Carpentry for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
O. Accept Quote for Membrane Roofing Installation for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
P. Accept Quote for Metal Door Installation for Arrival/Departure Building at Airport
Q. Approve LG240B Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo on February 22, 2020 for Faribault Deaf Club

Motion by Ross, seconded by Wood to approve Consent Agenda Items A-Q and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard – None

Public Hearings – None

Items for Discussion

Ordinance 2020-1 Amend Chapter 14, Article X of the Faribault City Code of Ordinances regarding Pawnbrokers – Second Reading and Approve Summary Publication

Police Chief Andy Bohlen explained that at the January 14, 2020 City Council meeting the City Council approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-1 Amend Chapter 14, Article X of the Faribault City Code of Ordinances regarding Pawnbrokers. There have been no changes to the ordinance.

Motion by Cap, seconded by Spooner to approve Ordinance 2020-1 Amend Chapter 14, Article X of the Faribault City Code of Ordinances regarding Pawnbrokers – Second Reading

Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Councilors Cap, Ross, van Sluis, Spooner, Wood and Mayor Voracek
Nay:

Motion carried 6:0

Motion by Ross, seconded by Cap to approve Summary Publication of Ordinance 2020-1 and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-015 Deny Application for Interim Use Permit for an Outdoor Display Area at 3701 Hwy 60 W in the C-2 Highway Commercial District
Councilor Royal Ross recused himself due to a conflict of interest regarding this resolution.

City Planning Coordinator Peter Waldock explained that Royal Ross, property management agent and applicant, requested an Interim Use Permit (IUP) to permit outdoor display of new sheds on a grassy surface in the front yard area of the property located at 3701 Hwy 60 W. The owner Siegfried
Homes LLC is seeking to lease the vacant commercial property to a business that sells residential storage sheds. The proposed business needs to display new sheds for retail sales on the site. The sheds are manufactured elsewhere and will be shipped to the site to display and sell. The proposed tenant would lease the north building, and display the new sheds along the north property line/highway frontage.

The site is currently zoned C-2 Highway Commercial District, which allows the proposed use subject to development standards requiring sales and display that is in the front yard area to be on a paved surface. The IUP is requested in order to approve the use for term of the lease with the displayed sheds located on grass not pavement as specified in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

The Development Review Committee (DRC) met on January 3, 2020 and discussed the IUP. The DRC determined that the proposed use is permitted with site improvements, and denial of the IUP would not preclude the use, it would just require site improvements. The DRC also noted that the location of the sheds sales is located on HWY 60 in a "gateway" location, and that the City image is always a priority for gateways. The DRC determined that the application did not clearly fit the required findings for a variance which might otherwise be an alternate request.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 21, 2020 to consider this application. The Commissioners received a report from City Staff that recommended denial of the request in that the use would be allowed with modest improvements to expand the pavement to accommodate the display of the sheds on paved as specified in the UDO. No one from the public was present and the City did not receive any public comments before or after the public hearing on this matter. The Planning Commission discussed the application and by a 5-0 vote they approved findings to deny the application. One concern of the Planning Commission was that City would have difficulty in enforcing the development standards for other commercial sites if this request was granted. The Planning Commission recommends denial of this application.

Through much discussion of the Council it was the consensus of the Council to approve the Application for Interim Use Permit for an Outdoor Display Area at 3701 Hwy 60 W in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. Councilor Cap was against approving the Application for Interim Use Permit for an Outdoor Display Area at 3701 Hwy 60 W in the C-2 Highway Commercial District, stating that a resolution for approval should be posted on a future agenda for discussion.

Motion by Cap to table 2020-15 Approve Application for Interim Use Permit for an Outdoor Display Area at 3701 Hwy 60 W in the C-2 Highway Commercial District. No second on the motion, motion failed.

Motion by Wood, seconded by Spooner to approve 2020-15 Approve Application for Interim Use Permit for an Outdoor Display Area at 3701 Hwy 60 W in the C-2 Highway Commercial District through March 1, 2024 and carried 4:0 with Cap abstaining from voting on the motion.

**Bids - None**
Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

The Monthly Financial Report was provided as part of the Council meeting packet. The Finance Department was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA for the 28th consecutive year. Mayor Voracek reviewed the upcoming meetings including the State Historic Preservation Plan meeting on Monday, District One Elected Officials and Friendship House meetings on Wednesday and the Boards and Commissions Welcome and Thank you reception on Thursday.

Adjournment

Motion by van Sluis, seconded by Spooner to adjourn the meeting and carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather J. Slechta
Assistant to the City Administrator