

PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND  
NOTICE THEREOF, A REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF FULDA WAS HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
JANUARY 9 , 2016 AT 7:00 P.M

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor C. Ouellette, and the following present: Mayor Elect J. Maertens and Councilmembers J. Troje, J. Brown, R. Kellen and T. Roberts.

Staff present: J. Burchill - City Clerk, Rodney Huerkamp - Public Works Superintendent, Neil Frodermann – Public Works and Paul Kenney - Police Chief.

Others present: Gary Clarke, Willie Sanow and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the following additions: Additional bills.

Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from December 5, 2016 and special meeting, December 5, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for December, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

John Maertens, Chad Ouellette, Jim Troje and Jim Brown were then sworn in by taking the Oath of Office for the positions of Mayor and Councilmembers, respectively.

Gary Clarke discussed the 5 year plan on increasing the pension payout for the fire department to reach \$1500. Clarke indicated all the numbers are the same and that it wouldn't cost the city any additional amount by increasing to \$1200. Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to increase the fireman pension to \$1200.

Motion carried unanimously.

A notice from SRDC was included for SW MN Newly Elected Local Government Officials training on February 4, 2017.

The League of MN Cities will be having a two day conference for Experienced Officials – 2017 Leadership Conference on January 27 & 28 in Bloomington.

A rate increase notice was received from Mediacom.

Huerkamp requested for himself and Frodermann to attend the MRWA Conference in St. Cloud on March 7-9. The consensus from the council was for both to attend.

Huerkamp noted that the Christmas lights need to be rewired. He will follow up with Gary Sell to see if this is something he would be interested in doing and what the cost would be. He will bring this information back to the council.

Burchill requested to attend the Clerk's Conference in March at Treasure Island March 17-20 and the Clerk's Institute in Plymouth May 1-5. The council directed Burchill to attend both trainings. Both Maertens and Troje offered to fill in if needed in the office.

Burchill also gave an update on the Small Cities Development Program. There have been 11 applications processed by SMOC. Of the applications, one was over income and one backed out. There are currently 8 projects out for bids.

Kenney noted on-going problems with the door at the police office. It is working now, but the entire door handle will probably have to be replaced at some point.

The ambulance/fire/township meeting will be at City Hall February 13 at 7:30 pm. Troje will attend the meeting to represent the council.

A public hearing was held prior to the regular council meeting to discuss the current fence ordinance. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to change the height from 5' to 7' measuring from ground to the top and changing the wording from ½ foot to six inches and that it will require consent from the abutting neighbor.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve resolution 2017-01 for the annual designations.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve resolution 2017-02 for authorized signers.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The doors at the senior center are having problems with the push levers. An estimate from Burns Lock & Key is \$725 per door to replace the push bars. The estimate for the police door is \$815. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the motion to have the bars replaced at the senior center and the police office.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on a proposal from People Service Inc. that was received for providing services to the city with Huerkamp's possible retirement. The proposal was tabled.

A cost of living adjustment was discussed for 2017. Roberts moved and Maertens seconded the MOTION for a 2% COLA effective January 1, 2017.  
Ayes – Roberts, Maertens, Troje  
Nays – Brown, Ouellette  
Motion carried.

Frodermann requested a review of step increases for licenses for Class D potable water that he recently received. Current policy would give a \$0.50 increase for class D wastewater, which was noted to be a difficult test and \$1.00 increase for receiving class C, but no increase for class D potable. He is not able to test for class C until June 2018.

Therefore he is requesting to split the \$1.00 increase. Roberts moved and Maertens seconded the MOITON to split the increase to \$0.50 increase with each class D and class C potable.

Ayes – Roberts, Maertens, Brown, Troje

Nays – Ouellette

Motion carried.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the building permit for David Dardis.

Motion carried unanimously.

Maertens would like the council members to review the personnel policies to have further discussion on the policies. Burchill will email a copy to the members.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

John Maertens  
Mayor