

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
OCTOBER 2 , 2017 AT 6:30 P.M

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor J. Maertens, with the following present: Councilmembers J. Troje, J. Brown, C. Ouellette and T. Roberts.

Staff present: J. Burchill – City Clerk; P. Kenney – Police Chief; and N. Frodermann – Public Works

Others present: Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press; Eric Joens & Jerry Langford - Schaap Sanitation, and William Lindquist.

Eric Joens and Jerry Langford from Schaap Sanitation presented the council with a new contract for garbage and recycling collection. It has been 5 years since the contract had been renewed. The proposed increase in the new contract was at 1%. Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the new contact with the 1% increase, effective October 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

William Lindquist addressed the council in regards to a parcel that he owns in city limits that is currently used as farm land and would like to have his parcel added to Ordinance 225 as a Rural Service District. The parcel is 27.34 acres and doesn't include the parcel with his home on it. Discussion was also had on the right of way and Lindquist indicated he will make the necessary adjustments to remain the proper distance from the right of way. Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the Summary of Ordinance 225 to add parcel 25-026-0290 to the Rural Service District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from September 6, 2017 with the correction of "Troje had received a weed complaint, but it has been since been resolved" and special meeting minutes from September 18, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for September, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

A reminder of training for Board of Appeal and Equalization was shared from Murray County. The city council has to have at least one trained member to avoid losing their board power. Troje has previously completed the training and Maertens also has completed the Board of Appeal and Equalization training.

Frodermann reported the curb and gutter project has been completed. There will be additional costs to the quote due to the radius by the school, the radius by St. Gabriel's Church and 3rd and Maryland.

Ouellette commented that when the hydrants were flushed, there was one that left a "dip" where the water washed it out. He suggested for some dirt to be added to avoid someone possibly getting hurt. Frodermann agreed and said he would take care of it.

Smoke testing is scheduled for Oct 19 and 20. Frodermann shared he was open to suggestions on where to test. If anyone is available, it would be useful to have help to watch for smoke.

School signs are in. Frodermann will coordinate with Don Angasser from Murray County.

Frodermann mentioned a problem with the chlorinator. John Bloome from MDH found bacteria. The chlorinator has now been fixed. They are currently putting in twice as much chlorine that has been done in the past. We are currently at .5 to .6. PeopleService wanted to increase it to 1.2. The MDH limit is .3 to 1.5. Council directed Frodermann to follow up with PeopleService to find out why they suggest the higher amounts.

Frodermann noted the water meters we've purchased in the past are no longer available. He met with HD Water and they recommended the I-Pearl meter, which will also have automatic read capability. The council directed Frodermann to purchase a case of the meters without the outside radio readers.

Frodermann requested quotes from Johnson Tree and Jenkins Tree for some trees that need to be removed by the Quonsets. There is someone interested in getting the wood, so the cost would only be to cut down and some clean up.

Frodermann ordered road salt at \$68 per ton.

Troje asked about a storm sewer across from his home that has been flooding. Frodermann indicated he would check into it to determine if there is a problem.

Roberts noted that the culvert on South Lafayette in Bondin Township replaced and is now hazardous. The road is 5 feet narrower than before but is 1 foot wider than required. The road was flattened and sloped more towards the lake. They will follow up with the township since it is their responsibility.

Ouellette noted that on the letter from MPCA and the article in the Free Press, that Frodermann was listed as Public Works Director. Ouellette specified that it should be listed as Public Works Superintendent. Frodermann will adjust his title.

Frodermann's six month probationary period will be ending October 24th. Maertens will meet with Roberts and complete a performance evaluation.

Roberts noted the street department is looking at high visibility coats. The cost will be just over \$600 for all three.

Brown shared they had the kickoff meeting for the Safe Routes to School. The first step is getting a baseline on how many students walk, bike or take bus. A survey will be taking place in the next week.

Maertens had received a call/complaint from a resident about Mediacom with not having the Fox Station. There hasn't been interest for another company to come into Fulda. Mediacom also has a franchise agreement in Fulda. No action was taken.

Burchill shared that a couple certificate of deposits are set to mature in October at the Fulda Area Credit Union. If no action is taken, the CD's will be reinvested. Discussion was had on the possibility of using one for purchasing a pickup for the street department.

An audit was recently done from the MN Department of Revenue. It was determined that one item on our bill that is labeled as "GarbFee" for \$0.50 would be taxed at the solid waste tax amount of 9.75%. The audit resulted in back tax, with interest, in the amount of \$905. Burchill had spoken with Kim Eisfeld about the best way to change these fees per the suggestion of the MDR auditor. She suggested changing the "Test Bill" fee from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and to remove the "GarbFee". The council directed Burchill to make the change.

November 28 is the date for the Right to Know/Bloodborne Pathogens/Hazmat/Confined Spaces training for all city employees

A special meeting was set for Monday, October 9 at 5:30 pm to review the health insurance plans for 2018.

Burchill shared a proposal from Municipal Impact as a new host for our website. Currently, we use Web.com and have had some difficulties making changes. Burchill felt Municipal Impact was more user-friendly to update and had some additional options, such as an alert feature. Troje moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to accept the proposal from Municipal Impact for our website host.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Renneke has notified us that he will no longer be removing snow for the City. It will be advertised to find a replacement.

Maertens moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION for the step increases for Burchill and Mitchell based on recent performance evaluations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on who would enter Code Red for snow removal. It was originally set up for a 12 hour notification for the city clerk or police to enter the Code Red. It was determined to go back to the city clerk or police to avoid overtime pay/callouts, but with public works still having the option to use it for special projects.

Brown moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the building permits for: J. Buchholz – storage shed and S. Menken – storage shed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor