

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 FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor C. Ouellette, with the following present: Councilmembers J. Brown, R. Dierks, A. Witzel and J. Elsing.

Staff present: J. Burchill – City Clerk and P. Kenney – Police Chief

Others present: Gary Clarke, Willie Sanow, Stacy Grothe, Dan Webb, Dave Thiner, Darwin Kruse, Tim Roberts, Brent Kavitz –SEH, Karen Cavett – SEH, and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Gary Clarke, Fulda Fireman’s Relief Association, gave an update on the letter that was received from the Office of the State Auditor about GASB Statement. At this time, it is not required for the City and would cost \$2000-\$3000 every 2 years. Burchill had also spoke with Kim Eisfeld and she indicated that we are already reporting through SC forms that the relief association submits to the state. It would be similar to what the audit reports for PERA. Brown moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to increase the fire relief association pension from \$1300 to \$1400 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Webb updated the council on the sewer problem he was having. He had Spartz Plumbing run a line 115 feet out and found nothing. The city jetted the main which fixed the problem for him. Webb had received a bill from Spartz for \$675, which he feels wasn’t his issue since it seemed to be the sewer main. Brown moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION for the City to pay the bill to Spartz. Motion carried unanimously.

Darwin Kruse was present for the EDA. His first request was to recommend the reappointment of Jerry Johnson to the EDA board. Witzel moved and Brown seconded the MOTION for the reappointment of Jerry Johnson to the EDA board. Motion carried unanimously.

Kruse also discussed the possibility of a duplex/twin home to be built in the Wood Duck Addition. His request was for the City to consider providing two lots to the EDA (Front Street side). If the duplex/twin home is built and sold, the City would receive reimbursement for the cost of the lots if there is enough from the sale. The council was in consensus for support of the possible project.

Brown moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda as with the additions of: Fulda Heritage Society Bingo exempt permit and SEH. Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from January 7, 2019 and special meeting minutes from January 14, 17 and 28, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for January 2019 in the amount of \$357,254.92.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice was included from MN Pollution Control Agency on a vapor intrusion investigation being completed at former Fulda Independent Coop on Davis Street owned by Aaron and Marcy Barritt.

Brown updated the council that drivers are needed for snow removal. One new driver was added, but is only available on weekends. We may need to advertise for help if the driver shortage continues.

Elsing shared that Witzel, Dierks and himself had attended the Newly Elected Officials Conference in Mankato on Jan. 25-26.

Dierks has meet with Beth Cuperus at the library and will begin attending the library board meetings.

Burchill discussed a couple upcoming training opportunities for herself, including LMC Conference March 19-22 and Safety & Loss in April. Witzel moved and Brown seconded the MOTION for Burchill to attend the trainings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kenney discussed that NiBRS is improving and they have their information entered. He didn't feel they would need to hire Lindsey part time any longer.

Elsing moved and Brown seconded the MOTION for the recommendation from the fire department elections for David Baumhoefner as Chief, Ted Dierks as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant and Doug Canfield as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reminder of the fire, ambulance and township meeting will be Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm.

Brent Kavitz and Karen Cavett were present from SEH. They suggested for them to have a workshop with the new council to discuss the infrastructure needs and update on the PER. A date was set for Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 pm and would need approximately a 2 hour block of time. Kavitz also shared that it would be time to send out a request for bids again on the Baltimore Ave project. He will move forward with the RFP's and include an alternate with pipe-bursting as an option for the repairs.

Stacy Grothe addressed the council to follow up from last month's meeting with the issues at her home with her sewer. She states this has been an ongoing issue for 4 years and has cost them in excess of \$17,000. Her understanding from the last month's meeting is that the city would be jetting monthly, but states this is not being communicated to be done. She states that the contractors she is following up with don't feel the problem is on their end. After discussion, SEH indicated they would also look at the tapes, along with the City jetting monthly as a preventative, camera the line from the house to the main and communicate with her on anything the video shows after it is reviewed.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to approve the Bingo exemption permit for the Heritage Society.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Elsing moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

Chad Ouellette  
Mayor