

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 MARCH 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, and A. Witzel and absent was J. Elsing.

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

Others present: Stacy Grothe, Tim Roberts, Shawn Johnson – BJ Baas Builders, and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Shawn Johnson project manager at BJ Baas Builders was present to discuss the Dollar General project that is proposed to be built outside of city limits but needs approval to access city water/sewer utilities. He needs a letter from the city to Murray County for the approval in order for them to move forward with their building permit application. He also requests information on ownership from the main to the curb stop. The water access would have to be under the highway and the sewer is currently on that property. The expense of hooking up would be Dollar General's. The city would be responsible after hook-up for the line from the main to the curb stop. Discussion was had by the council, including concerns of what the impact of the new store might have on local businesses and whether the store could be annexed into the city. Brown moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to allow Dollar General access to city water and city sewer.

Motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes – Ouellette, Witzel, Brown

Abstain - Dierks

Stacy Grothe was present as a follow up to last month's meeting. She stated she hasn't heard anything following last month's discussion, including the review of the Empire Pipe televising by SEH. An email was shared with some findings from SEH. The photos show a clay tile hooked up to the main. Due to the weather issues, jetting isn't possible to do. Brown spoke with Gillette and they indicated they are not able to jet in the cold either. The engineer suggested for us to try to camera from inside her house out to the main. Grothe agreed to try to find a date that would work for her to have the camera work done and will let Brown know. Brown also recommended taking pictures before and after jetting, weather permitting. His other recommendation for Grothe is to run 2-3 tubs full of water daily to increase flow.

Witzel moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION approving the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Witzel moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from February 4, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for February 2019 in the amount of \$146,889.20.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brown reported that there has not been any new contact with Bondin Township. He also mentioned the Sno-Go and one of the plow trucks are in the shop for repairs. The Sno-Go needs a part that is hard to find. The training for the boom truck is scheduled for April 9th and there is currently an issue with it also, but believed to be hydraulic fluid.

Witzel noted the Fulda Community Club has elected new officers. She also discussed the possibility of the Parade of Lights lighting up the park next December. The council agreed with the request and the city will take the responsibility of the electric bill.

Dierks shared he would like the council to complete a work study with employees in the future.

Kenney recently met with Slayton PD and they would like to hire another officer and possible split with Fulda. PD's are having difficulties finding anyone interested in a part-time position. Fulda and Slayton would like to continue round table discussions. Ouellette is currently part of the discussion and Brown will also join the discussions.

SEH has sent out bid solicitations for the Baltimore Ave project. Bids will be opened Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 am.

Brown moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to approve the ½ page ad for the Wood Duck Addition in the 2019 Murray County Visitor Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to approve the 2019 beer/liquor/wine licenses, for American Legion, Graff's, Julie's Place and Town & County Golf including the changes for from 3.2 to strong beer and adding \$100 for Sunday sales.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Dierks moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

Chad Ouellette
Mayor