

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 5 , 2018 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. Brown, C. Ouellette and T. Roberts.

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

Others present: Marcine Elder, Beth Westra, Jessica Mitchell and Norma Dittman – Fulda Free Press.

Marcine Elder discussed a proposal from Alpha Video to update the Cable Channel 3. There has not been a major update since 2008. The city contributes \$3500 annually to the school towards the cable channel program. The quote from Alpha Video was \$15,630. In addition, a laptop will be needed in the amount of \$550 - \$800 with the newest version of Windows. The purchase of the new equipment would guarantee that Channel 3 would stay on the air, plus it would allow for additional capabilities for Channel 3, including live stream. Maertens noted that there are currently 200 Mediacom subscribers in Fulda and also that the City has no obligation with Mediacom to keep the channel to receive the franchise fee. No decision was made at this time.

A letter was received from Adam Jans since he was unable to attend the meeting. The impression from the phone call that Maertens and Ouellette received was different than the letter. Ouellette will follow up with Jans in regards to the letter, that unfortunately there is no way to avoid snow being deposited back on sidewalks with the plows.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition: Public Forum: Adam Jans; New Business: Chad Deuschle and Building Permit – Marty Brandt.
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from February 5, 2018 and special meeting from February 16, 2018, as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for February, 2018.
Motion carried unanimously.

Murray County sent notice of a Conditional Use Permit for Levi Zins for a new hog confinement. The public hearing will be March 15, 2018.

CenturyLink included a notice on construction season for early coordination to avoid conflicts.

A letter was received from MPCA in regards to Hogan Oil that it has closed the petroleum tank release site file.

Maertens attended a recent EDA meeting at which Michelle Baumhoefner had discussed a Young Professionals Group that Worthington has and to see if that could be an option for Fulda. The EDA approved an ad for the Visitor's Guide for the Wood Duck Addition.

Brown reported that Max Kaufmann is putting together a draft for the Safe Routes to School grant application.

Roberts discussed the possibility of purchasing a blower for the lawn tractor for snow removal. He would like to review it after the winter season to see what the final costs are from Nelson Landscaping.

Ouellette noted that April 22nd the Presbyterian Sunday School Group would like to come clean the park. They will need some trash bags to collect garbage for Earth Day. If possible, he request for the street department to walk the part to remove anything hazardous, such as glass.

Burchill will be attending the LMC Safety & Loss Workshop in Sleepy Eye on April 11th.

Berg & Eisfeld will be disbanding. Kim Eisfeld will continue to work with us on the audit and will seek assistance from Steve Haugen and other CPA's in her office. We shouldn't see any interruption with our audit process.

Kenney will be attending the police chief's conference in April.

Kenney reported on the dog kennel issue. The commissioners met last Tuesday and a motion was made by the commissioners for Murray County to pay the \$14,000 for the 2 years. The county attorney will write up a contract between Murray County, City of Slayton and the City of Fulda.

Kenney discussed a concern he has with large events in town (i.e. Wood Duck Festival). This year the fire department is planning a dance on Friday night featuring a band that is expected to draw a large crowd. Kenney felt the group that hosts the event should cost share to provide extra law enforcement.

Maertens reported on the Fire/Ambulance/Township meeting. The townships did agree with the increase in the proposed price per section for the fire coverage. The proposed increase is \$20 extra this year and 2% each year for the next two years. The item was tabled until the April meeting.

Frodermann, Maertens and Roberts attended a meeting with representatives from SEH (Short Elliot Hendrickson). Maertens requested a special meeting for the council to meet with them and discuss funding options for infrastructure. A special meeting was set for April 10th at 6:00 pm.

Maertens met with Ann Wendorf and Jessica Mitchell about the status of the Fulda pool at the Elementary School. Mitchell, representing the Fulda School District, stated they are looking for some financial assistance for the pool since it is an asset to the community. It could be in the form of an annual subsidy or one time purchase. Ouellette was concerned if this is something the city can do. Another possibility is the donation from Evelyn Barr family. Vicki Deuschle has given her okay to use some the money if it's for a repair item for the pool. The item was tabled pending further clarification on using city funds.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the franchise agreement with Mediacom.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the liquor licenses for Graff's Liquor, American Legion, Town & Country Golf, Julie's Place and Casey's.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the ½ page ad for the Wood Duck Addition in the 2018 Visitor Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve Ordinance 231 to adopt the supplement to the code of ordinances.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brown presented a building permit application from Marty Brandt and Stacie Menken for a 30' x 30' accessory storage building. Currently, the height is over the maximum allowed by city ordinance. Discussion was had if a variance could be applied for to allow the height. It was determined that it wouldn't meet the necessary qualifications for a variance so the application would have to be revised.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the payment of \$207 for repairs to Chad Deuschle's vehicle that was caused by ice/snow that was put into his driveway by the street department.

Ayes – Brown, Ouellette, Roberts; Nays - Maertens; Motion carried

Burchill noted that Code Red isn't working as well as it has in the past. A number of people are not receiving the calls/texts. Burchill has been watching the stats after the code red launch and there is a large number of non-connects. The question is what to do about ticketing if people aren't receiving the alert. Fulda is the only city in the county that tickets for snow. Tickets will still be issued and could be challenged but we will still continue to use Code Red.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor