

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 6 , 2017 AT 7:00 P.M

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

Staff present: J. Burchill - City Clerk

Others present: Brian VanderBeeck, Jim VanderBeeck, Mike Baerenwald, and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Brian and Jim VanderBeeck, representing Brian's Supper Club, were requesting approval for them to bore a sewer line to the manhole next to Gramma's. Gass Trenching would be completing the work and have checked with the state about going under Highway 59. They would include a lift station and dual pumps. The billing would be at a double sewer rate like they are currently billed for water. Their request will be added to the agenda under new business.

Mike Baerenwald questioned the council about previous conversation on annexation of his property into the city. He had understood that he could be annexed into the city and pay the \$400 connection fee to be hooked up to sewer. The council explained that there was no decision made on the annexation due to the cost. The council suggested he could talk with Brian's Supper Club to determine if he could hook up with their sewer line. No further action was taken.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the following additions: New Business - Brian & Jim VanderBeeck; New Business - Huerkamp's retirement notice; and Building Permits - Joe Runkle.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from February 6, 2017.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for February, 2017.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the cash balances as presented for February, 2017.

A bridge inspection report was received from Murray County Highway Department. Roberts will address concerns with Huerkamp.

Brown updated that two lights were ordered for West Lake Ave and delivery is expected to be shipped end of April / beginning of May.

Brown informed the council that the Safe Routes to School application was completed and submitted. The grant is designed to help write a grant for sidewalks.

Troje recently spoke with Kraig from B & K Designs about new highway signs for the City. B & K will make up some designs and if approved could be budgeted for in 2018. He also mentioned that there are grants that might be available for solar lights.

Roberts reported that Huerkamp got the tractor lease down to \$1500 per 6 months rather than \$2500 from Schuneman Equipment.

Roberts shared two quotes for a new lawn mower. The current mower is 3 years old and past practice has been to trade in every 2-3 years. One from C & B was \$4750 with trade and Schuneman for \$4900 with trade. Since the quotes were only \$150 apart, they would like to stay with Schuneman since that have purchased from him in the past. Discussion was had about the mower not being budgeted for and the need for this to be done. Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to purchase the lawn mower from Schuneman Equipment for \$4900 with trade, using funds from parks, sewer and streets. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts had a letter submitted from Gass Trenching in regards to the Grothe sewer issue. Gass Trenching offered to split the cost 50/50 if work is needed to be done. Gass would donate any material they have on hand, with the city providing materials to repair the road. The council questioned why the city would cover any of the cost. No action was taken.

Roberts followed up on a request from Huerkamp on having Murray County Land cleaning the  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the sewer lines in town per year. The cost varied per sections of town but overall would be \$19,000 over 4 years. It was decided to look at doing the southwest side this year and looking into purchasing our own jet/vac and doing the work ourselves.

Roberts had a picture of a jaw bucket for the payloader. Huerkamp shared it with a person from Walnut Gove that could build it for around \$9,000 rather than \$11,850 as per the state bid. It was thought this could replace the Case 580K, which could be placed out for bids to cover some of the cost, if a reasonable bid was received. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to advertise the Case 580K for sealed bids, reviewing the bids at the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Huerkamp submitted his letter of resignation, with his final day being April 21, 2017. The council suggested a statement thanking Huerkamp for his 15+ years of service to the City. With his retirement, discussion was had on hiring a replacement supervisor/superintendent. It was decided to advertise in the Advantage, Fulda Free Press and LMC website with a closing date of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was also discussed the need to advertise for a part-time seasonal employee for mowing. Burchill will also advertise this in the Fulda Free Press and Advantage.

Burchill gave an update of the Small Cities Development Program. To date, SMOC has received 14 applications with 2 over income and 1 backing out. There are 3 projects that are ready to begin and 3-4 just finishing up the financing part.

Burchill shared that Berg & Eisfeld started the audit process and felt all went well.

Frodermann asked for Burchill to discuss an old wood burner in the basement of the old elevator/scale building. He is not sure if it is operational but would offer \$20 for the burner. Council determined that it would need to be listed as surplus and opened up to the public if it was decided to proceed.

The new police vehicle has been delivered. Burchill shared a picture of the vehicle with the reflective stripping he would like to have applied to the vehicle. Kenney received quotes from Harvey's in Worthington and Graphix in the Cities. The quote from Graphix was considerably less. They will be sending Kenney a sample of the stripping for him to see.

The ambulance/fire/township meeting was recently held. At the meeting, Baumhoefner had shared that they are exploring the possibility of a new fire hall. Council continued discussion of possibilities for the new fire hall with locations and costs. No action was taken.

Discussion was had on the possibility of replacing some of or all of the Christmas lights. Frodermann stopped at the distribution center that makes the lights and felt they were of good quality. Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to purchase 20 candy canes from Northern Lights Display, using Cable TV Franchise funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Maertens put together proposed changes to the personnel policy, which included some changes in wording and clarifications. Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the proposed changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A revised policy for Alcohol and Controlled Substances for Commercial Drivers was drafted to include wording that would exclude part-time seasonal drivers as they are considered to be operating as emergency drivers for the purpose of snow removal and /or storm damage. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the revised policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve Ordinance 229 to adopt the supplement to the code of ordinances. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve Resolution 2017-03 approving issuance of a lawful gambling premise permit for American Legion Post 318. Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the 2017 beer/liquor/wine licenses received from Graff's, Casey's, Ivy's Tavern, and T & C Golf. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting is set for Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm. The assessors will be present from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Troje is certified per MN Statutes in Board of Appeal and Equalization training. A quorum is still needed for the special meeting at 7:00 pm.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the advertisement of the Wood Duck lots for sale in the Murray County Visitors Guide at a cost of \$269.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the application for exempt permits for Fulda Fire Department Relief Association and for Fulda Heritage Society.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the building permit applications for: Scott Runkle – addition to house with deck; and Joseph Runkle – new steps and deck.  
Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion on building permit for Paula Duncan and proposed fence, a MOTION was made by Ouellette, seconded by Roberts, to approve the addition of the storage shed and the fence with the provision of changing it to a chain link fence instead of woven wire.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion was had by the council on the proposal from Brian's Supper Club. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to allow Brian's Supper Club to connect a sewer line with the City's at his expense per the proposal presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

John Maertens  
Mayor