

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
APRIL 2 , 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, P. Kenney – Police Chief and N. Frodermann – Public Works Superintendent.

Others present: Ann Witzel, Ann Wendorf, Don Tielser, Beth Westra, Dave Thiner, Jessica Mitchell, David Baumhoefner and Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press.

Ann Witzel had some questions in regards to the Wood Duck Addition. She is part of the Community Growth Group that is promoting Fulda, in which she feels we need more availability of homes. She had questions on the Tax Increment Financing, as to how many homes have to meet the income guidelines and what options might be available to sell lots and have homes built. Suggestions were to talk to Josh Malchow, Slayton City Administrator to see who they are working with and if they could help with questions. Another possibility is to have someone from Northland Securities come to a special meeting to address questions on the TIF district.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from March 5, 2018.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

MnDOT District 8 meeting will be April 4th at Granite Falls. There are currently no projects in our area.

USDA will be having listening session on Local Environmental Quality Incentives Program on April 12 in Slayton. There was also a short survey to be completed.

Frodermann mentioned that the new picnic tables and memorial park bench have been ordered.

Frodermann discussed the MDH grant for the new well. The engineering costs are not part of the grant. Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to proceed with the engineering process for the new well with Wenck Associates.
Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann discussed the possibility of purchasing a new valve gate exerciser. The cost for a new one is \$11,033 and the cost to rent from MRWA was \$800 last year. It was the consensus of the council to continue with renting instead of purchase. Council approved for Frodermann to sign a rental agreement again with MRWA.

Frodermann discussed a possible service agreement with Titan Equipment for the pay loader since it doesn't fit in the maintenance shop for annual cost of \$1,245.75. No action was taken.

Frodermann shared that MDH recommends having the water tower leaned every 2-3 years. Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the quote from Midco for \$2,745.00 for the tower cleaning.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann noted that a tree removal quote at 106 4th Street NE was awarded to Jenkins Tree and at 201 N. Lafayette to Johnson Tree.

Frodermann shared that MnDOT has a plow truck for sale for \$11,000 in Windom that he would like to look at to replace the plow truck that Tielser currently drives. Council directed Frodermann to look at the plow with Roberts.

Last fall a piece of steel was ripped off the treatment plant in a wind storm. Frodermann was requesting to have Deuschle Construction repair it at a cost of \$1000. It was determined this should have probably been turned into insurance. Baumhoefner will file a claim if still able to.

Frodermann received a couple quotes for a collapsible hose and coupler for the wastewater transfer pump recently purchased. Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to purchase the hose and coupler from Automated Waste Handling for \$850.33.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann had a list of possible things for sale. After discussion of each item, no action was taken.

Burchill shared that A.C.E. is doing a survey to make Murray County "Dementia Friendly" and requested permission to have the surveys in City Hall. Consensus was to allow the surveys.

Burchill noted the first bill from BKV Group was received in the amount of \$2,197.29 and questioned where to pay it from. Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to pay it from the General Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kenney noted that a check was received for \$365 from the class action lawsuit with Nelson Ford.

Kenney shared that the conditional use permit was approved with the City of Slayton for the dog kennel. The attorneys will be drawing up contracts for Slayton, Murray County and Fulda.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the 3 year fire/township contacts rate increase to \$185 with 2% subsequent increases for following 2 years, with match from the City into the fire truck replacement fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

Baumhoefner discussed the need for the fire hydrants to be painted. There is a NFPA standard to color code the hydrant caps by gallons per minute flow. There are also two different thread patterns that if used incorrectly could cause injury to a firefighter. The council agreed with the color coding of the caps. It will be revisited at a later date

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to pay \$5645 to redirect pump 1 and purchase a new vacuum for the pool at the school from the E. Barr donated funds. Mitchell will review the invoices and submit to the city for payment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on the cable channel at the school. The agreement with the Fulda Schools was put into place 17 years ago. M. Elder had shared with the council at a previous meeting the quote of \$15,630 to purchase new equipment to bring it up to date. Maertens shared that there are currently 200 Mediacom subscribers in Fulda. Maertens moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to dissolve the arrangement with the Fulda Schools at the end of the year. After discussion on previous motion, Maertens amended his MOTION to deny the request for equipment upgrade purchase and continue with annual payment of \$3500 until equipment fails, seconded by Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the application from Pyrotechnic Display for the firework display during the Wood Duck Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring clean-up date has been set for May 22, 2018.

Discussion was had on the DNR Aquatic Permit. Council directed Burchill to proceed with the application. Frodermann was directed to order the product and Fish & Game has applied it around the docks for the City.

Brown moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the revised building permit application for Marty Brandt for the accessory building with the revised height of 15' and approve the building permit for Andrew Fletcher for a driveway and removing the private sidewalk, but denying removing the public sidewalk. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor