

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  
MAY 1 , 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. Mitchell - Deputy Clerk; N. Froderman – Public Works; P. Kenney – Police Chief

Others present: Brian VanderBeek, Jim VanderBeek, Scott Bultmann, Julie Kilian, Chuck Lursen, Krisin Spittle, Roger Kremer and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Brian VanderBeek gave an update on the sewer project at Brian's. The State is requesting something in writing that the City will be responsible from right away to right away. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to accept the ownership of the sleeve after installation, with notification being sent to the State.

Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Bultmann, representing Prairie Star Youth Ministries, is looking for a project to raise funds for their youth group. He had discussion with Frodermann about possibly painting radiuses and fire hydrants. They are looking for \$2500 for the youth. He estimates it would take 170 + hours, with the city providing the paint. Discussion was had about work comp issues and liability issues. No action was taken.

Chuck Lursen requested stop signs at West Lake and Lloyd Lane. He feels there is a lot more traffic through there and there is more children in the area. Brian VanderBeek did agree that there is a considerable amount of traffic. Kenney felt it might be time to revisit the idea of stop signs. Lursen's request was for a 4-way stop and 2 children at play signs. It was determined to wait on the children at play signs until a later date. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve placing two stops signs on West Lake & Lloyd Lane (north-south).

Motion carried unanimously.

Kristin Spittle addressed the council about chickens in city limits. They currently have chicks in their garage under heat lamps and will go to the acreage once old enough. They had planned to keep a few hens in their yard, but the city ordinance prohibits chickens in town. She was asking council to review the information she shared and reconsider.

Benson DenHartog was not present, but had requested to place a dock across from his home and donate it to the City. Burchill had checked with the DNR and they did not have an issue with the dock and/or steps. The City would be responsible for the insurance on the dock. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to allow for DenHartog to place

the dock/steps with the understanding that it reverts to the city and is not private property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roger Kremer asked about the culvert by his home if anything will be done to fix the water flow problem. Roberts indicated they would look into it and see what options are available.

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the following additions: Building Permits – Ken Klosterman - garage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from April 17, 2017 and special meetings April 17, April 18 and April 25, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for April, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

A public hearing notice was received from SRDC.

CenturyLink included a notice to coordinate work projects with them.

Brown noted that the West Lake Ave lights have arrived. Frodermann will coordinate with Mike Loosbrock to have them installed before Wood Duck Festival.

Brown received a call from homeowner at 210 E. Lake about a problem with the driveway and sidewalk that is preventing them from being able to drive up into the driveway. Brown informed him to present a plan and as long as it doesn't cause a water pooling issue, it shouldn't be a problem.

Brown discussed a request from an individual that lives out of city limits that would like to bring concrete to the city dump, added that it could be as much as 100 cubic yards. It was agreed to allow the disposal at the current rate of \$10 per cubic yard. Frodermann requested it be placed on the south side as close to the current pile as possible.

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to hire both Doug Lubben and Jared Jans for mowing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Troje and Maertens visited Lake Wilson and Edgerton fire departments with members from the Fulda fire department. They do have more visits planned to other departments. Troje has taken pictures and will share with the council at a later date.

Troje requested to have three flags in front in City Hall instead of just the one. The Legion has donated one flag pole, so two additional poles would need to be purchased.

Ouellette had a meeting with the Heritage Society. They are having discussions of having an art festival later this summer.

Maertens and Burchill met with a couple representatives from A & B Business about a document management system called Square 9 Softworks. Burchill will be checking with another company that offers a similar product.

Gillette is about ¼ done with the sewer cleaning. Gillette has indicated that they are filled with solids and the worse he has seen.

Frodermann discussed the dust control on Davis Street. Those in the area indicated that it was helpful when done last year. The estimated cost is \$931.00 from SW Dust Treatment. It was suggested that a long range solution needs to be looked at. Consensus from the council was to proceed with the treatment.

Frodermann noted there is a large number of areas that he can't sweep due to poor conditions of curb and gutter. Council agreed that curb and gutter repairs are something needs to be done but will need to be planned for.

Frodermann shared that Baltimore and Front Street needs a manhole added to the corner. There is no way to jet the sewer as there is not enough hose on the jetter to reach. Council directed Frodermann to obtain a quote.

Hydrant flushing is scheduled to start May 1 through May 12.

Valve exerciser is proposed for Sept. 11 – 15 with the proposed costs of \$800 for the week. Council directed Frodermann to proceed.

Frodermann felt it is best to wait on the sidewalk for the park until after the gate valve is replaced and the tennis court overlay project is completed. Otherwise the heavy equipment on the sidewalk would cause damage.

Frodermann received quotes for removing two boulevard trees on Washington Avenue from Johnson Tree Service for \$1200 and Jenkins Tree Service for \$1300. Jenkins would remove the trees, remove the chips, grind the stump and fill the hole. Johnson's did not include to remove the chips and fill the hole. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the quote from Jenkins Tree Service to remove the trees. Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann noted garbage, including mattresses and appliances, being dumped at the city dump site and questioned how to avoid further problems. Discussion was had on using cameras or locking it up.

Frodermann noted a problem with the city shop roof leaking. A quote he had from Deuschle Construction was \$945.93 materials and \$1000 labor. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to move forward with Chad Deuschle repairing the city shop roof. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on the skate park ramps in the City Park. Frodermann suggested either giving them away or throw away during junk day. It was determined to leave them for now.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the quote from Gass Trenching for \$1497.50 – labor only, with the materials purchased from DSG to replace the gate valve near the fire hall.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann spoke with Schumacher Nursery about the trees ordered last fall. They are bare root trees 6' – 8' in height. Frodermann felt that they can't physically dig the holes and plant them quick enough as they are to be planted within 3 hours. He felt the trees should just be offered to residents to pick up and plant themselves. Ouellette informed him that the 5 silver maples were intended in the Wood Duck addition behind the retention pond. Ouellette also felt the youth church group could be used to help in planting them. Frodermann suggested for Aaron Barritt to dig the holes. Council directed him to get a cost from Barritt.

Frodermann discussed adding an external antenna for the Quonset due to difficulty getting the doors to open unless out of the vehicle and close to the doors. The quote from Deuschle was \$505 for both doors. No action was taken.

Frodermann reported they only have two bags of cold mix for street repair left. In checking with Borgen, it is \$20/bag per bag per pallet. Council directed him to order a pallet. The last pallet lasted three years.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve Burchill and Mitchell to attend a Banyon report writer training on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Burnsville.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to remove Rodney Huerkamp from the credit card from Fulda Area Credit Union and add Neil Frodermann as a card holder.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Kenney had two quotes from Racom. The first one was \$8,301 and the second was for \$6,108. After discussing the difference with Racom, it was determined the second quote was just to show the difference of the discount that the City gets. Kenney also received a second quote from Action Fleet for \$8547, which included a couple additional features. Kenney will go over the quote with Racom and add the extra.

Baumhoefner discussed the mutual aid agreement and informed the council that an update agreement has been received. He will forward the updated agreement to Burchill to send to the council to review.

Baumhoefner has received one applicant for fire fighter. He will bring to the council at the next meeting after interviewing the applicant.

The bids for the 580K were opened by Maertens. Bids were reviewed by the council. They were \$6,410 – T. Appel; \$7,418 – A. Moger; \$5,500 – R. Kremer. Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to reject all bids.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on hiring a third person for public works. An ad was placed that the City was accepting applications for Public Works II with a closing date of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the hiring of a third person.

Motion carried unanimously.

A special meeting was set to review and score applications on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Kenney updated that the mobile home park has had one home removed, another one to be removed this week and three others will be removed within one month.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the Pyrotechnic Display application for fireworks during the Wood Duck Festival.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the gambling permit for Oak Ridge Gobblers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the contract with the assessors for 2018 and 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Due to a change in the law, Expert T will not be able to do the revenue recapture effective June 5, 2017. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION for Burchill to complete the agreement for revenue recapture with the MN Dept. of Revenue.

Motion carried unanimously.

The July meeting date would normally be scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The council agreed to move the meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup> to not interfere with the holiday.

Brown moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the building permit applications for: T. Lee – addition to garage; K. Klosterman – remove/build garage and add storage building.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30 for the rezoning request for C. Ahlers.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Brown moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

John Maertens  
Mayor