

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 JUNE 3 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, J. Elsing and A. Witzel.

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

Others present: David Baumhoefner, Dan Uttech, Aron Hulstein – PeopleService and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to approve the Bingo exempt gambling permit for the Fulda Community Club for the Wood Duck Festival for June 14 – 15, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Uttech, Fulda Community Club, discussed the refurbishing of the Community Club float. The cost was \$1300 and they are requesting support from the City since it represents the City of Fulda at parades. The Community Club has also purchased a larger and better stand for Bingo, including a new sound system and lights. The Lions club did donate \$500 towards the Bingo stand. Burchill will check with the auditor about donation of city funds for the float and/or can check on using funds from the Evelyn Barr family. He also requested for the carnival campers to be parked by the Depot again this year. Brown will follow up on the water and electric.

Elsing moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION approving the agenda with the additions of: New Business – Murray Co EDA; and Building Permits – Heidi Appel and Brett Perish. Motion carried unanimously.

Elsing moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from May 6, 2019 and special meeting minutes from May 2, 2019 and May 21, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for May 2019 in the amount of \$121,122.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Brown indicated that the street department have been sharing up the mowing duties, but request some part time help for a couple weeks with Wood Duck Festival coming up for. Kenney shared that letters have also been sent to a number of residences that haven't been mowed. Discussion was had on what the costs are to mow these properties as it needs to be a deterrent. The residence east of the library will need to be hired out. Burchill will follow up with Tim Clausen to mow that property and will assess those costs to the taxes and include a \$50 administrative fee for each event.

Brown had received a text message from Jason Renneke in regards to Bondin Township indicating they are offering to pay 50% of gravel costs and with the City doing the maintenance, signage and

tree trimming. They had not received information on the tax money for the road, but believe they don't receive any for that section. Brown will follow up to get information on the tax money.

Elsing had attended the Nobles Coop Electric annual meeting. He noted that one of our firemen, Gary Clarke was elected to the board. Heritage Society - he noted that the Heritage Society has been cleaning up the park by the lake. Elsing will be attending the LMC Annual Conference later in June.

Burchill discussed the process of switching over the internet to CenturyLink and is trying to find the best option for the email addresses. There is an option of using our domain, up to 10 addresses for \$169/year but she will follow up with CenturyLink to see what option they have. Burchill will also check into a .gov option for email.

The next Region V meeting is in Mankato and is about PERA. Burchill will attend per council's direction.

Burchill indicated the Baltimore Ave project is finished except for the road repair. With the festival, it was asked if we want the repairs to be done this week. The council agreed that the repairs should move forward. Burchill will notify SEH to have Fuller Paving proceed and to reiterate to them that there are areas that have road damage from the equipment.

Burchill shared information from DSI in regards to Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) about rental and commercial. The decision was to wait until the next cycle of SCDP grants.

Kenney updated the council on the shared police position with Slayton. They have received 3 applicants so far. A question on the contract was about the comp time, that it doesn't state 30%. Burchill will follow up with Josh Malchow.

Baumhoefner noted an issue with one of the storm sirens which Loosbrock looked into and was able to reset. Baumhoefner feels we may have a gap in service on South Lafayette/7 Mile Park. His suggestion was to discuss with the county to see about sharing costs for an additional siren.

Aron Hulstein, PeopleService, gave an update on quotes for new meter at the school. He indicated that PeopleService could install the meter if it's the same as their current one. Hulstein will report back to the council what the problem is with the current meter.

Hulstein shared that the April water reports indicate there is an extremely high infiltration of water to the ponds, sharing a number of 27 million gallons unaccounted for.

Hulstein shared that he will be starting with the valve exerciser but will wait until after Wood Duck Festival in case of a main break or any other problems that could come up.

Elsing requested for a work session with the council and fire department to discuss what the department wants for the new fire hall. Baumhoefner will get some dates to Burchill that works for their building committee.

Discussion was had on allowing alcohol in the park/streets for special events, such as Pork in the Park on July 28<sup>th</sup> and possible car roll-ins on main street, which could take place every other week 5-8 pm. Current city ordinance states that alcohol can't be consumed on city property, but the ordinance could be amended for special events. Proof of insurance would need to be provided and the City may want to review the amount currently in our ordinance of \$100,000. Burchill will check with the City of Wabasso to see what their ordinance states for their roll-ins and will check with the clerk list-serv.

Discussion was had on reimbursing Jess Mitchell for her personal cell phone since she does a lot of city business with her cell phone. Other city employees receive a \$25/month reimbursement for their personal cell phones. Brown moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to approve for Jess Mitchell to be reimbursed at \$25/month beginning June 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Murray County EDA submitted a proposal for advertising lots for sale in Murray County, including the lots in the Wood Duck addition, in local newspapers. The cost per the proposal for Fulda would be \$508. The proposal from Murray County EDA died due to lack of motion.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the building permits for: J. Grandgeorge – replace driveway; T. Lang – addition; B. Timmerman – replace deck; J. Speckmier – front deck/steps; L. Thiner – deck; A. Swanson – concrete patio; A. Fischer – concrete patio; B. Perish – concrete deck; and H. Appel – clubhouse with deck.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Witzel moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

Chad Ouellette  
Mayor