

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 JULY 1, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Vice Mayor J. Brown, with the following present: Councilmembers R. Dierks, J. Elsing and A. Witzel. Absent: C. Ouellette

Staff present: J. Burchill – City Clerk.

Others present: David Baumhoefner, Don & Roxie Reith, Aron Hulstein – PeopleService and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Don & Roxie Reith questioned who was paying the expense on the drainage tile that the city employees opened up. Reith felt it was only a temporary fix and there are trees that also need to be removed to prevent future problems. The city will cover the current expenses of the city employee's time, but if future repair is needed to the drain tile, that could be the homeowner's responsibility. The city will also be removing the last 4 or 5 trees and the 3 dead pine trees.

Elsing moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Witzel moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from June 3, 2019 and special meeting minutes from June 3, 2019 and June 17, 2019.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for June 2019 in the amount of \$122,872.86.
Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Elsing:

- Recently attended the LMC Conference and did discuss recruitment ideas for ambulance with members from the League. He is expecting some information back from them on what different cities use for incentives.
- Reported the Heritage Society is still working with on-going cleanup at Veteran's Park and repairing the steps. They had good attendance at the Wood Duck Festival open house.
- At the EDA meeting they reviewed plans for building a twin home/duplex in the Wood Duck Addition.
There were questions on tax exempt and bidding guidelines. Elsing discussed this at the LMC Conference also and they advised checking with our legal.
- Elsing is also having discussion with Small Cities in regards to nuisance properties.
- At the LMC Conference, the big topic state-wide is child care. Biggest challenges are with the inspection of buildings.
- Elsing did attend a number of sessions at the conference. One of the legislative updates is the hands free law that begins August 1st.

Councilmember Witzel:

- Immanuel Lutheran has applied for a grant and is looking at beach restoration at 7-Mile Park and maybe refinishing the band shell and shelter.
- Pork in the Park will be July 28th
- Art in the Park will be August 3rd
- Community Ed has sent out a letter for ideas on expanding classes.
- Letters have gone out the local contractors about the tennis courts. The deadline is the 2nd week in July.

Councilmember Dierks:

- Reviewing the fee schedule with the zoning board for building permits.

Acting Mayor Brown:

- Seal coating quotes were requested and only one provider responded, which was Allied Blacktop. There were a couple alternatives within the quote, being that the city could provide the pea gravel and sweep up after the cure, the savings would be approximately \$13,803. The street department would like to take \$5,000 of the saving to have the new injectors installed in the dump truck. Brent Kavitz, SEH, recommended in the future checking with the county to see when they are sealcoating to try to get in at their rate.

Elsing moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to accept the alternative bid from Allied Blacktop with city crews hauling the pea gravel and using \$5,000 of the savings for repairs to the dump truck. Motion carried unanimously.

- Brown discussed boulevard trees and the budget for trees. The reduction in the budget to \$2500 isn't allowing for much to be done with trees. Brown had been approached by a homeowner that was willing to pay or partial pay for the tree removal. Brown stated there are 3-4 trees that should probably come down, but in the process of getting bids, there isn't enough in the budget. Currently, Johnson Tree is cutting the trees down and the city crews are hauling the tree to the dump to save on costs. Item was tabled.

City Clerk Burchill

- Midwest Assistance Program requested to have a clerk training on August 14 at city hall. There would be no cost to the City and are just providing a location. Council agreed.
- Burchill had discussed with the auditor if the city could give a donation to the Community Club for the float refurbishing and was decided that it does represent the City so felt it could be done. The auditor just requested receipts to attach to the donation. Burchill had also spoken with Vicki Deuschle and she agreed with the amount of \$500 from the Evelyn Barr donated funds.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to donated \$500 from the E. Barr to the Community Club for the float refurbishing.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Burchill gave an update on FEMA from the excess rain events of last year. The City has received a check in the amount of \$6,746.19 for Category B, which was for pumping and transferring. The amount paid was 75% of the costs. Category C for the culverts is still in process. An approximate payment of \$4,571.86 is the estimated amount.

July 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm was the date/time set for the work session with the council and fire department building committee.

Hulstein with PeopleService shared that the discharging and the valve turning is done in the City. The meter for the school has been ordered and will be installed by PeopleService. He will begin jetting mains starting next week.

Bondin Township agreement was tabled waiting for a response from the city attorney. Witzel noted that Bondin is not counting that portion of the road.

Discussion was had on alcohol in the park for special events. Burchill had spoken with the City of Wabasso, which stated the city isn't involved with their roll-ins and that bar does everything. It was suggested to talk with the cities of Lakefield and Slayton to see how they handle alcohol on city property with their events.

Brent Kavitz, SEH, presented pay estimate #1 from GM Contracting with the sewer project for Baltimore Ave. He noted that it was exactly as estimated except there were 9 services instead of 8. SEH reviewed and approved the pay estimate with a 2% retainage. Elsing moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to approve the pay estimate in the amount of \$174,742.75.

Motion approved unanimously.

Building keys item was tabled.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION for Oak Ridge Gobblers exempt gambling permit for 08-09-19.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION for temporary liquor license permit for the Community Club for Pork in the Park on July 28, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the building permits for: Jack & Beth Kaufmann remove/replace deck & sidewalks; J. Buchholz – wood steps & concrete; Nathan & Allison Getting – paver patio, front deck & paver landing; R. Boehnke – storage shed.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Witzel moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

Jim Brown
Vice Mayor