

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 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, J. Troje and T. Roberts.

Staff present: J. Burchill – City Clerk, P. Kenney – Police Chief and N. Frodermann – Public Works Superintendent.

Others present: David Baumhoefner, Ryan Baumgartner, Darby Stewart, Scott Bultmann, Roger Zins, Stacie Menken, George Eilertson – Northland Securities, Bruce Schwartzman – BKV Group, and Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press.

A special hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. in regards to the Wood Duck Addition. The following motions were made to move forward with the process to change the Wood Duck Addition from Tax Increment to Tax Abatement:

- Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving Resolution 2018-06 decertifying tax increment financing district No. 1-1

Motion carried unanimously.

- Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving Resolution 2018-05 approving property tax abatements.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving Resolution 2018-07 providing for the issuance and sale of \$344,000 GO Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2018A and pledging tax abatements for the security thereof and levying a tax for the payment thereof.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Schwartzman from BKV Group completed a feasibility study for the fire department and presented his findings to the council. The current building was built in 1957 and is fairly solid, but lacking in space. He discussed the increase in cancers for fire department members and how to remedy. There were a number of other findings he shared that would be needed to add on/renovate the department. Other options looked at included: renovating the PD/ambulance building and relocating those departments to the current fire department location; building new on property west of the Wood Duck addition; 2 options for building on North Columbia; or purchasing St. Paul's Lutheran School property if it becomes available, tearing the school down and building the new fire department on that location. George Eilertson with Northland Securities shared information on limits to how much a city can borrow, what options are available and what the tax impacts would be to homeowners/businesses. No action was taken.

Roger Zins and Stacie Menken were present to discuss the possibility of purchasing a new ambulance. The current rig is 9 years old with 43,000 miles. Zins expects the planning and building process could take up to a year. The ambulance replacement is on a 10 year plan, with the last one being purchased in April 2009 for \$132,090. With the money in the CD and MM accounts, plus the annual contribution and the sale of the current rig, there would be enough funds to cover the purchase. The consensus from the council was to proceed with the process.

The bids for the surplus equipment were opened and reviewed. The high bids were: '98 Ford F150 pickup - \$2550 from Fulda Public Schools; 580 Case Tractor - \$7250 from Doug Stewart; tires - \$275 from Doug Lohse; '87 dump truck - \$2700 from Avoca Spray; and '93 plow - \$1200 from Avoca Spray. Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the motion to sell the items to high bidders, except the '93 plow bid was refused.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of: Roger Zins – Fulda Ambulance; and bid opening on surplus equipment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from June 4, 2018 and special meetings June 1, June 4, June 11, June 19 and June 21, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for June 2018 in the amount of \$168,870.13. Burchill requested clarification for the bills to Asmus and Les Speckmeier for seeding/tilling the property on Florence Ave. Council directed those would be paid from streets.

Motion carried unanimously.

Maertens shared a letter he received from the League of MN Cities stating Burchill received one of three tiers of certification, receiving her Minnesota Clerks Municipal Certification.

Dan Uttech had told Maertens that everything went well this year for Wood Duck Festival and he thanked the City for their assistance.

Maertens discussed the excess brush around parts of the lake and there are possible volunteers to assist in the clean-up. Frodermann will follow up with Brian Nyborg from the DNR before the brush is removed.

Burchill requested going to a Region V meeting at Franklin, MN on July 19th. Council agreed with her request to attend.

Kenney shared a resignation letter from Dale Nelson, who is retiring after 26 years in law enforcement. Kenney noted they are having difficulties finding part time help and may need to advertise.

Baumhoefner informed the council the ISO inspection has been completed and Fulda's ISO rating went from 6 to 5, with the lower number being better. The inspection is completed every 5 years.

Frodermann discussed the planned sealcoating on South Lafayette that is shared with Bondin Township. Consensus from the council was for Frodermann to discuss this with Bondin Township prior to the repairs since it is a 50/50 agreement.

Frodermann received quotes from Allied Blacktop, Caldwell Asphalt and Morris for sealcoating S. Lafayette. Allied Blacktop was the low quote and will be completing the work.

Loosbrook Electric gave a quote for replacing the tennis courts lights with new LED lights at the cost of \$2370, which will improve the life of the lights and electric costs. Council directed Frodermann to proceed.

Frodermann requested to attend training with MRWA for the new locator in Annadale on July 18th. The training is \$125 and would like to go the night before. Council agreed with the request.

Geldner Underground, who is the general contractor for Vast, will be doing the boring. They are looking for both storage for media cable reels and a possible place to set up camping for 1-2 months. Frodermann had suggested the area by the Depot that the carnival uses. Geldner is looking at some other options. The council didn't feel the Depot area was a good idea with it being a residential area and being for a longer period of time. For the equipment storage, it was questioned if there was any insurance liability, which Baumhoefner indicated he would look into.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the motion to accept the lowest quote from Empire Pipe for \$91,243 for televising and cleaning the sewer lines.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on the current council/mayor salaries. Maertens had found there hadn't been an increase in those salaries since 2001. Any increase would have to be done by ordinance prior to election date. The item was tabled until the August meeting.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve Resolution 2018-04 appointing election judges for the Aug 14 primary and Sept 6 general elections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to have a porta-potty set at Eichten Park for the remainder of the summer (end of September) with service every other week.

Motion carried unanimously.

The background check and hiring of Jesse Rucktaeschel was approved.

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

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor