

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  
AUGUST 6, 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 and N. Frodermann – Public Works Superintendent.

Others present: David Baumhoefner, Marge & Ted Winter, Forrest Hasty – MnDOT, Angie Piltaver – MnDOT, Dave Thiner, Max Kaufman, Louise Johnson, and Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press.

Forrest Hasty and Angie Piltaver were present from MnDOT District 7 to discuss a possible Hwy 59 project from Fulda to Worthington. Currently, the plan is in their long range plans for 2027, but if funding becomes available it could be moved earlier 2022-2023. They requested to hear from the council any concerns about the highway currently that they could research to maybe be included in the future project. The type of fix could be a concrete repair or an overlay, so it's not known yet if it will require a detour. They will be reviewing the intersection of Hwy 59 & 62 to determine if turning lanes could be added. MnDOT will continue being in contact as the project progresses.

Ted Winter, representing the Historical Society, discussed about the water usage billing at the new building. They had added a bathroom in the new building since there wasn't any at the Depot or that area. A meter was recently installed at the new building and the question was as to who is responsible for the water usage bill. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION for the Historical Society to billed for usage only, and to waive the base fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

Marge Winter updated the council on the new building and the new displays. She encouraged the council to come down and see the new displays. Jim Sutton is usually there 10 am – 2 pm. They also are working on a grant for the Depot through the MN Historical Society for needed repairs. Louise Johnson shared a report from 2017 for the Heritage Society with deposits & expenses.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of 3 building permits – K. Beek, J. Wehking and J. Rucktaeschel.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from July 2, 2018 and special meetings July 2, 2018 and July 11, 2018 – with noted correction.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for July 2018 in the amount of \$207,570.27.

Motion carried unanimously.

A notice from Mediacom was included showing a rate increase effective September 1, 2018.

Maertens had met with Larry Aanenson about a possible new business in Fulda at the Hwy 59 & 62 intersection. A purchase agreement has been signed for the property. The new business will most likely want to be annexed into the city and receive water and sewer services.

Maertens and Roberts recently meet with Bondin Township representatives about the contract for South Lafayette Ave. Brown will re-write the agreement to clarify the agreement, defining maintenance and capital improvements and capital improvements, and present to the council.

Roberts and Frodermann found a bucket truck for sale that Nobles Cooperative Electric has retired. The cost for the truck is \$30,000. If purchased, they felt the street guys would be able to trim trees, put up Christmas lights, remove banners, etc. and not have to contract those jobs out. Item was tabled.

Burchill shared that Susan Loosbrock asked if the street department could be hired to paint/stripe the parking spaces at the Heritage Apartments. A rate would have to be determined and the liability issue would have to be looked into. Ouellette requested for Burchill to check with Wilmont to see who does there striping. Item was tabled.

Burchill reminded the council that the budget planning will need to be started.

Burchill shared a training that is available in Brainerd on Capital Improvement Planning. It would also have CEU's towards her future certification. The council directed her to attend the training.

Maertens discussed email from Karen Cavett at SEH and what is needed for Request for Qualifications to proceed with applying for the Rural Development grant. Burchill will publish the RFQ in the Free Press.

Baumhoefner discussed the next steps for a possible new fire hall. He wanted to know who is going to be in charge of what going forward. Discussion was had on the study from the BKV Group study and what other possibilities there are and next steps to move forward. A public meeting was set for Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm. Burchill will advertise the meeting in the Free Press and will notify townships.

Two of the surplus items that didn't sell with the closed bids have since had inquiries/bids on them. One was the plow truck that Terry Appel offered \$2800 for and the other was the plow that Doug Loshe offered \$500 for. Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the sale of the two items at the bids listed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann requested a purchase of non-conductive piping for the new locator in the amount of \$1841. Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION for the purchase, splitting the cost between storm sewer and wastewater.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on a possible increase in salary for council and mayor positions. The proposed increase was \$250 a year for both 2019 and 2020. The increase has to be done by ordinance which needs to be advertised prior to approval. Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve proposed Ordinance 233 for publication, with a special meeting set for Sept. 10 at 6:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe and Jakki Larson requested a Children at Play sign by their residence at 602 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW. After discussion, it was stated that no signs were currently available and the council would consider the request at a later time.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION for a delinquent utility bill assessment to be sent to the County to be added to the property taxes for 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve building permits: R Ommen – steps; A Witzel – awning; R Kunzweiler – sidewalk/steps; K. Beek – garage addition; J. Rucktaeschel – driveway and J. Wehking – deck.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, Sept 10, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

John Maertens  
Mayor