

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 SEPTEMBER 6 , 2017 AT 7:00

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor J. Maertens, with the following present: Councilmembers J. Troje, J. Brown and T. Roberts.

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

Others present: Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the following additions – Building Permits: J. Elsing – shed and Drew Oakland – sidewalk/pad. Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from August 7, 2017 and special meeting minutes from August 7 (2) and August 18, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for August, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Brown gave an update on SRTS. They are planning a kickoff meeting in the next week. Discussion was had on places that are in need of sidewalks.

Troje had received a weed complaint, but it has since been resolved.

Frodermann shared that the Fulda Public Schools and Fulda Avera Clinic have inquired about curb & gutter replacement and who is responsible for what. Jerry Johnson shared that when he replaced curb/gutter in front of the Free Press 10-12 years ago, he was responsible as the owner. Maertens also indicated that past practice has been that the owner is responsible. Frodermann has received a new quote from Negen Construction from Windom at \$30.85/foot for replacement from water projects and areas from snow plow damage. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to replace curb/gutter as indicated on quote from Negen Construction at \$30.85/foot. Motion carried unanimously. Frodermann will notify the school and Avera Clinic that the curb/gutter will be their costs. The areas being replaced due to water projects will be paid with the excess bond money. The remaining costs will be paid from the surplus from the 2016 budget - \$25,000 that was committed to streets.

Frodermann discussed issues with the well system and he would recommend moving forward with a new well. Well #8 is still having problems that are not determined yet. Consensus from the council was to continue with the grant application process and continue to work on finding the problem with well #8.

Frodermann noted that Beeck's Gravel will be completing the South Lafayette culvert project (by Steiner's), which is a township project.

Frodermann discussed the problem with the hydrant at the camper dump station. The hydrant is currently leaking and Frodermann included pricing for replacing it. Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to table the decision on replacing until it can be determined if alternate quotes can be received to repair it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann discussed the hydrant at 310 Columbia is leaking and may be part of the cause of water loss. There is currently a hydrant in the shop that could be used. Roberts moved and Maertens seconded the MOTION to approve replacing the hydrant with the existing hydrant in the shop, replacing the stock down the road.

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the report from Brad Gillingham, MPCA, was given to the council members. There is a problem with overloading the pond system. MRWA will come in late September/early October and conduct a smoke test, which will require homeowner consent. They could use some help in observing the test. MRWA had some other suggestions that might give some indications on where else to look.

Burchill received an invoice for \$1016 for freezer repair at the Senior Center and questioned if the bill should be paid by the City. After discussion, Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve and pay the invoice from Carlson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Burchill shared that the LMC Regional meeting is going to be Oct. 11th at Granite Falls. Council supported for her to attend the meeting, but no one else was interested in attending.

Burchill is waiting for a couple quotes on health insurance, which is one factor affecting the current budget. The levy is currently at an 18.8% over last year. A public meeting was set for Monday, September 18 at 5:00 pm. Burchill will send out the budget spreadsheet for review prior to the meeting along with some numbers for insurance.

Kenney noted that the new squad is in service and the Durango will be ready soon to be used as a city pool vehicle.

Kenney discussed that the Slayton Vet Clinic will not be taking strays from the PD after October 31st. He discussed the possibility of purchasing a kennel, but that could cause some additional issues. Kenney will also check with the animal control officer at Worthington.

Kenney indicated he needs to purchase a top load scanner for the PD. The current one only accepts one piece of paper at a time. It would be under \$200 for the scanner/fax.

Kenney has had some feedback from neighbors on the Meyeraan garage. He did speak with Meyeraan's and they are aware it needs to be less than 15 feet tall. Brown will follow up with Meyeraan's.

Discussion was had on the current policy for Christmas Eve day for employees. The current policy allows for 2 hours of paid leave if Christmas Eve day falls on Mon – Fri and was suggested to increase to ½ day. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to change the personnel policy for Christmas Eve day to 4 hours (½ day) of paid leave.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting time was discussed to move to 6:30 pm start time instead of 7:00 pm and was decided to begin with the October meeting.

Truth in Taxation meeting will be December 4 at 6:00 pm.

SCDP Public Hearing will be October 2 at 6:15 pm.

Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the building permits for: L. Nelson – sidewalk; M. Reith – addition; J. Elsing – storage shed; and D. Oakland – sidewalk and concrete pad.
Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm.
Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor