

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 10, 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, N. Frodermann – Public Works Superintendent.

Others present: Wally Johlfs, Jim Elsing, Dave & Cheryl Thiner, Vicki Deuschle, Larry Schindler, Dave Worden, Mark Knorr, Karen Cavett – SEH, and Jerry Johnson -Fulda Free Press.

Wally Johlfs requested to hook on to city sewer, offering to pay \$1000 and the on-going \$20/month, as what is charged to Greg Gunderman. Maertens informed him the cost for hook-up is \$400 and requested having an easement to the 3 manholes. Roberts moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the \$400 hook-up with \$20/month sewer charge with the agreement of the easement, with agreement to replace and repair and include compensation of crop loss if any digging/repairs to be done. It was also suggested to Johlfs to include a check valve to avoid back-up. Motion carried unanimously.

Vicki Deuschle submitted a request to the council to use some of the E. Barr estate money for the improvements at Seven Mile Park, up to \$3100. Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve up to \$3100 (\$2100 for disc golf and \$1000 sand) for Seven Mile Park, as an improvement to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of: Unfinished Business – Bondin Township Agreement and New Business building permit – Nathan Getting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from Aug 6, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for August 2018 in the amount of \$514,140.89. Motion carried unanimously.

Brown discussed the proposed increase in county funding for the library. The commissioners voted to increase the funding over a 3 year phase-in process and requested for the library to be open additional hours. There will be additional expenses with the increase of the hours. The library will probably need to operate at a deficit for 2-3 years until the full funding phase is completed. Brown moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to accept the 3 year phase-in with the increase of opened hours to 40/week, and with the budget deficit coming from the fund balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had about the upcoming meeting for the fire hall. The meeting will be Thursday, Sept 13 at 6:30 pm.

Maertens noted that he and Burchill have been working on some numbers for revising the current pay scale. He will discuss further if time allows.

Burchill informed the council that the preliminary tax levy is needed by the end of the month. The council decided on a special meeting Monday, Sept 17 at 5:00 pm.

Burchill requested a decision on whether the city will be available for hire for painting/stripping for private entities. After discussion, it was determined not to be hired out due to liability. Burchill will respond to S Loosbrock at Heritage Apts.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION for the police to purchase a game camera out of the parks budget for Eichten Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on a purchase of a bucket truck for tree trimming/removal, banners, Christmas lights, etc., which would save money in the yearly budget for trees. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the purchase of the 2005 International bucket truck from Nobles Coop Electric, up to \$30,000, from street equipment savings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on the Bondin Township agreement. Brown and Maertens both agreed it might be best to stay with the existing agreement. Brown will review the agreement with J. Renneke and report back to the council.

Frodermann discussed possibly updating the current lawn tractor, which has 487 hours on it. He has requested a quote from Kibble Equipment. Ouellette asked if the broom and cab would fit the new tractor, which Frodermann indicated it would. An additional option for the tractor would be a blower, chains for snow removal at a cost of \$3500. Item was tabled.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION for Frodermann to book his hotel room to attend the MRWA Conference in St. Cloud in March next year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Empire Pipe started cleaning and televising the sewer lines September 10<sup>th</sup>. Frodermann will work on preparing a notice for the newspaper to let homeowners know that if they get a sewer smell that it is due to dry traps. Preliminary results on the first street completed showed 4 root blocks and 2 bad services where it connects with the main.

Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve Ordinance 233 - Establishing Salaries and Expenses for the Mayor and City Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

The tax abatement for the Wood Duck Addition is completed, ending it as a TIF District. The council set the new prices for the lots at the lower (TIF) price. Maertens will discuss with Larry Aanenson and Renee Baerenwald about possibly marketing of the lots.

RFQ's were received from SEH and Wenck for the possible infrastructure project. No decision was made and was tabled for the October meeting.

A petition was received requesting to vacate the closed street of East Davis between Thiner's and Knorr's. The homeowners felt it is a safety issue due to the snowmobiles that come through the area. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to table the request until the October meeting allowing for time to seek advice from city attorney.  
Motion carried unanimously.

MESERB is having a meeting Sept 27<sup>th</sup> in Hutchinson about salty parameters. Council directed that either/both Frodermann and Burchill could attend.

The fall citywide cleanup is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Maertens moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve Resolution 2018-09 - Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve building permits: J Elsing - replace/repair decks; D. Lubben - deck, sidewalk & cement pad; J. Steinle - ramp; and N. Getting - driveway, sidewalk. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

John Maertens  
Mayor