

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 OCTOBER 1, 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: Dave & Cheryl Thiner, Neil Clarke, Dennis & Anthony Paplow, David Baumhoefner, Brent Kavitz - SEH and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from September 10, 2018 and special meeting minutes from September 10, 13 and 17 (2).
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for September 2018 in the amount of \$142,456.02.
Motion carried unanimously.

Maertens shared the financial statement from the EDA meeting.

Brown noted the Community Club has added a lot of new members after their membership drive. Parade of Lights is looking to add events to the day.

Brown spoke with Wally Johlfs about the need for a surveyor to complete the easement. Johlfs has agreed to pay ½ of the survey. Larry Lucht will complete the easement once he receives a legal description. Burchill will work with Frodermann on getting the survey done. Johlfs is connecting his sewer line tomorrow.

Maertens completed Burchill's evaluation and recommends her step increase. Burchill completed Mitchell's evaluation and recommends her step increase. Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION for the step increases for Burchill and Mitchell.
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on the 2019 budget. Currently it stands at 5.17% increase. Council didn't feel it could be lowered. Burchill will bring final approval for the budget at the December meeting.

Burchill noted that the air conditioner is not working at the Senior Center in the kitchen area. Council directed for Public Works to look into it first before hiring someone to look at it. Frodermann indicated he would follow up on it.

Burchill requested to attend the League of MN Cities regional meeting October 24th in Marshall. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION for Burchill to attend the regional meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Baumhoefner noted the fire department interviewed 3 candidates (2 new, 1 rehire) and recommended their hiring. The 2 new candidates are Alberto Vega and Mark Schweigert and the rehire is Neil Frodermann. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to accept the recommendation of the hiring of the 3 candidates.
Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann discussed a purchase of a new lawn mower. He would like to include the mower in the budget for purchase every two years. Burchill will adjust the budget for 2019 to include the mower.

The newest snow plow that was purchased from MnDOT was brought to Witzel to DOT and a number of issues were found to be unsafe. Frodermann had contacted MnDOT and they will provide \$3500 towards the repairs since they were unaware that the problems existed when they sold the truck. The total for the repairs could be \$9153.20. Ouellette suggested that going forward, an inspection needs to be done prior to purchase. Roberts moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the repairs at \$5825.20 using the \$3500 from MnDOT and the remainder from the streets savings account.
Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann indicated that they are difficulty finding time to mow and for leaf clean-up and discussed the possibility of hiring a part time person. No action was taken.

Discussion was had on the snow removal on sidewalks at city buildings. Frodermann requested for snow removal to be put out for bids again. Burchill will advertise for bids in the Free Press.

Frodermann discussed the recent meeting he attended with MESERB and recommends to the council to obtain a membership with them. Consensus was to move forward with the membership application. Also starting January 1, 2019, wastewater samples will have to be driven to New Ulm rather than Worthington for analysis. Worthington does not have the capability to perform the needed tests.

Frodermann shared the gate valve at 401 Park Street was replaced since it was leaking. Two more valves need to be replaced. The labor quote for all 3 from Spartz was \$4500 and the material bids are \$2494.49 from DSG and \$1670.26 from Core & Main. These include the curb stop at M. Popp's. Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to repair the gate valves at 507 N Columbia and 502 8th Street SE at the cost of \$1670.26 materials from Core & Main and \$3000 for labor from Spartz.

Frodermann indicated the storm grates at 402 E 3rd Street and 608 N Baltimore need to be replaced. He had a quote from Core & Main for material at \$1284. He has not solicited a bid for labor. No action was taken.

Frodermann discussed the storm sewer catch basins need to be cleaned. Empire Pipe quoted \$10,200. Council suggested for him to obtain a quote from Gillette. Ouellette also suggested looking into a system that prevents the dirt and leaves from getting into the basins.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve SEH as the engineering firm for the sewer project.
Motion carried unanimously.

Brent Kavitz from SEH, discussed the memo of the situation on N Baltimore between 6th Street & 4th Street NE. Empire Pipe was only able to televise 37 feet in which they found exposed soiled on the top half of the pipe, from deterioration. It is unknown if it's the entire 573'. Empire did have some possibilities to try other ways to look into the blockage to try to determine how far the blockage

goes. If this line would fail, it would affect 9 blocks. There are two options for repair – open cut or pipe bursting. For the costs to be included in the RD project and PER, the city would need to take out loan that can be paid off at any time. Kavitz was going to extend the password to view the televising requesting Frodermann to send it to Burchill for council to be able to review. Kavitz thought a preliminary estimate would be \$80,000 - \$100,000 with either option.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to set a public hearing for the East Davis Street vacation petition for Monday, November 5 at 6:00 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on possible dates for a second fire hall public meeting. Maertens suggested for George Eilertson to possibly be present to discuss the financing piece. Suggested dates were November 13, 14 or 15, depending on Eilertson's availability.

Brown spoke with Jason Renneke from Bondin Township about the current agreement between the city and the township. Renneke will take it to the township board meeting next Tuesday. The council agreed that maintenance should be defined as grading and snow plowing and gravel would be considered capital improvement, which would be the township's responsibility.

Council member Jim Troje submitted a letter of resignation, effective December 3, 2018. Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION for Resolution 2018-10, Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy.
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the building permits for: A. Wallace – extend deck; M. Witzel – build 2 new homes; T. Pederson - steps; and T. Lubben – attached garage.
Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor