



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor C. Ouellette, with the following present: Councilmembers R. Dierks, J. Elsing, J. Brown and A. Witzel.

Staff present: J. Mitchell – Deputy Clerk

Others present: Nick Bergman, Jason Renneke, Donna Clarke, Larry Schindler, Shannon & Anthony Paplow, Aron Hulstein – PeopleService and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

1. OPEN FORUM

a. Bondin Township

Minutes:

Bondin Township was present to discuss the cancellation of the maintenance agreement for South Lafayette Ave. It was decided to further discuss the road agreement at a special meeting on November 4 at 6:00 pm.

b. Larry Schindler/Fulda Fish & Game

Minutes:

Schindler was present for the Fulda Fish and Game. They will be doing a lake clean-up project October 26, starting at 9:00 am. They would like to use the chain saw, pole saw and chemical for the tree stumps, if available. The Fish & Game will provide pizza afterwards for the volunteers.

2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Minutes:

Elsing moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the

addition of: Open Forum - Fulda Fish & Game/Larry Schindler; Building Permits - S. Paplow, A. Barritt. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes:

Elsing moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

4. CASH BALANCES

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Council

Minutes:

Councilmember Brown

- The dump truck is still out for repairs, but should be finished soon. The plows have had the necessary DOT inspections done. The SnoGo needs to have the brakes checked before advertising it.
- J. Rucktaelshel took his Class D water test and will get the results soon.

Councilmember Elsing

- Attended the Heritage Society meeting last week. They have recently started priming/painting of the Depot. He has advised them to keep track of the invoices for paint to bring back to the council.

Councilmember Witzel

- The daycare has the sprinkler system complete and the camera system is being worked on and should be ready soon for inspection. They are still hoping for opening this fall.
- Wagner Construction will be invoiced for an estimated usage for the water used for watering the yard prior to be hooked up for service.
- Parade of Lights/Lighting the Park doesn't look like it will happen. Witzel did find out that the poles are owned by the City, but the lights are owned by Nobles Coop Electric so any repairs to the lights should go to NCE.
- Witzel resent the requests for quotes on tennis courts with a date of December 1st to reply.

- Witzel confirmed with Loosbrock Electric on the quote for the tennis courts lights. The quote is for LED lights to replace the current quartz lights. Witzel moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to replace the tennis courts lights using tennis court funds. Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0
- Community Club meet and will be having a membership drive again on November 14. The Community Club will be transitioning the previous Women of Today craft fair to the Community Club. December 6 will be the Uffda Hotdish Cookoff before and during the girls basketball game. December 7 is Parade of Lights which will include many new things. 2020 dates: March 21 - comedy fundraiser; June 18-21 Wood Duck Festival; Aug 1 - Art in the Park combined with Pork in the Park.

Councilmember Dierks

- Working on the fee schedule for building permits with the zoning board.

b. Mayor

Burchill & Mitchell evaluation

Minutes:

Witzel moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION approving the recommendation for the step increases for Burchill and Mitchell. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Clerk

Minutes:

Not present/no report

d. Police

Minutes:

Not present/no report

e. Fire

Minutes:

Not present/no report

f. PeopleService

Minutes:

- Reports were included with the agenda.
- Discussion was had on the importance of PeopleService understanding to not have any meters installed unless service is set up.
- Hulstein reported that Jeff Dale/MRWA will be coming Thursday to help repair a hydrant.
- Hulstein shared that J. Liepold will be getting information on water tower cleaning on a regular basis.

NOTICE & COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. FIRE HALL

NEW BUSINESS

7. GWORKS PROPOSAL

Minutes:

Elsing moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to reject the proposal from gWorks as it is not in the budget. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

8. BUILDING PERMITS

Minutes:

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to approve the building permits for: J. Speckmeier -sidewalk & patio; L. Stainer - fence; New Dawn - cement driveway; S. Paplow - storage shed/garage; A. Barritt - garage and L. Filter with signed release of liability. Motion carried.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

ADJOURN

9. ADJOURN MEETING

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