

February 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 by Mayor Peter Schaffner. Alderpersons present: Kevin Hutter, Judith Ganger, John Sagan, and Jen Tepovich. Absent: Tim Schaffner. Others present: Judy Boehm, Stephanie Foust, Ann Bohri, Kathy Justin, Kelly Platteter, Lance LaDuke, David Brommerich-Brommerich News Service, Simone Heitman, Ann Murphy, Mike Suntken, Dick Wichser, Judy Wolfe, Sol Simon, Jerry & Nikki Kafer, Barb Schmidtknecht and Jason Mork.

Motion Jen, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting as submitted with two requests by Council: name of committee (Park-Rec) to be added per Jen's request and Kevin asked that his name be used in place of his title. Motion carried.

Citizens: Judy Wolfe noted that she was embarrassed at the article in the newspaper and expressed her thoughts that the Council needed to work together without being so heated, reminder to check Christmas lights before they are put up, and John would be happy that the hanging baskets were planned again for this year; Kevin noted that the discussion with Peter was heated because of his passion in the moment, and that he holds no animosity towards Peter and considers him a friend; and Sol Simon introduced himself as a alderperson candidate.

Jason Mork, Police Chief, presented his 2015 annual summary. Jason reviewed it touching on: body camera purchase, drunken driver, speeding enforcement, thermal camera, emergency operations plan, community service hours, evidence room and storage, pill drop project, departmental expenses recap, and seated field sobriety training and more.

Committee Discussions/Reports: Police/Personnel to meet Thurs. at 7pm tentatively; hard time getting steel for Wall Street project; alternate side parking concerns with moving cars has prompted committee to consider snow emergency with 2" or more of snowfall; DNR is pushing toward a second well and Peter has some ideas to move forward; Park-Rec committee meeting to be moved from March 1st to March 15th at 6pm; \$1,025 received so far for beautification project – about half of what we collected last year; Finance Committee to meet March 15th at 7PM; John advised that the Council should authorize for an RFP to be created for well #2 as directed by the DNR and Jen questioned if an ITA had already been submitted? Mayor reported: Fire Dept. Board of Directors meeting in which it was stated 2-3 years ago that a truck will need to be replaced; 2018 is the year that the truck will be replaced at a cost of \$100,000 to the City; total cost would be around \$400,000, with the City's share being \$100,000; the new truck will have to be lowered about 3 inches to get into the current fire station; no grants received this year; 25 calls in 2015 only; and Fire Dept. Association approved creating their own building account in which they placed a \$400 donation in; association will build the new fire station, maintain it and own it; First Responders, police boat and truck and car to be housed there as well. Kathy Justin questioned where the new fire dept. will be built and Barb Schmidtknecht questioned what has been saved toward the \$100,000 new fire truck?

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons agreed to accept two additional wastewater utility easements. Motion carried. The easements were drafted by the City Attorney, and in place for acceptance, per Mike Suntken for the café and motel properties.

Motion Kevin, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to table the Alternate Side Parking plan and refer it back to the Streets-Roads/Recycling Committee. Motion carried. Discussion of concerns and information including: looking at implementing a snow emergency alert for 2" or more of snow; plowing or removal as well; town looked good after last storm; if procedure for removal worked, why change it; time consuming to put out removal signs; and alternate side parking does work on state highways if we have an ordinance that our police dept. can enforce.

The Mayor apologized for the missed opportunity for local road improvement funding. He noted that they should have been more prepared – got email about 10 days before meeting and did not have a plan in place. Use of funding for next year was noted, with Barb interjecting that it was not too early to begin the process.

Motion Kevin, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to approve the plans/specs for the WWTP from Donohue. Motion carried. Mike advised that the WWTP Plan Committee had about a 7 hour meeting covering all facets of the plan/specs with Donohue. Mike had sent copies of the minutes of that meeting to the Council. Liquidated damages were changed from \$750 per day to \$1,500 per day and punitive damages not stacked this time as well as interest charged from max to 4% allowed. A provision to include a 30 day notice to contractor for Fountain City days or other events was added , as well as approval needed for contractor to use substitutions.

Motion Kevin, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to authorize for the WWTP project to be let out for bids per schedule provided by Donohue. Motion carried.

Motion Kevin, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign right-of-way map for WWTP project as required by Rural Development. Motion carried.

Motion Jen, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign the right-of-way certificate. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to review and accept changes to the deed with Burlington Northern Railroad regarding the pool property. Motion carried. Peter advised that the railroad was not able to do a 1031 exchange; release of “reversed right of restriction” from “released right of restriction” wording error was found out when filing the original documents; \$2,500 check from the Fire Dept. has been returned, and the Fire Dept. is paying for this for future use by the City for a new Fire Dept.

Motion Kevin, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to an agent change request from Kwik Trip #835 for a Class A Combination license to Lorie Rolbiecki. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to the recommendation of the Police/Personnel committee for Keith to take wastewater operator classes. Motion carried. Kelly asked if a training reimbursement was in place for a certain amount of time if any employee who received training resigned? Cost of training was estimated to be \$700 to \$1,100.

Motion Jen, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to deny the request of Virg & Deb Schaffner to remove the late fees from their sewer/water billings based upon the discussion of the Council. Motion carried. Discussion included: late fees paid by others; cannot do it for one and not for all; due around the same time every quarter; many people have paid late fees before; and feels bad as they have helped the City a lot.

Lance questioned RFP for second well as Peter had stated it would be coming up later? Peter noted that the DNR directed the City to have a second well and that they were hoping to use the old well by the pool area. Question was posed if the City can bow out and not do a second well? Was a letter of enforcement received and cost to redevelop the original well? Peter advised that the engineers recommend that we don't redevelop without a second well.

Motion Kevin, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to pay the bills presented. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer