

June 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:03 pm on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Jen Tepovich, Bobbi Farrand, John Sagan, Judith Ganger, and Sol Simon. Absent: Barb Schmidtkecht. Others present: Ann Murphy, Sandy Schmitt, Judy Boehm, Ann Bohri, Stephanie Foust, Dick Wichser, Gil Adams and John Schlesselman.

Motion Judith, second John, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the May 10th regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Citizens: Dick Wichser wanted to thank the crew for getting ready for watering the flowers. Judy Boehm read a prepared statement noting that she was a taxpayer and resident of Fountain City. When she moved here, the boulevard was well groomed, and then it was changed to mowing only twice a year for the last two years. She stated she feels like she lives next to a swamp. It is the City's responsibility and asked that they please restore mowing. Sandy Schmitt reiterated the same sentiments as Judy. She vocalized the high visibility of this area so tourists and others will wonder how we present ourselves. Area is full of weeds, insects, snakes and rodents. Asking for the City to rotate areas not being mowed. Likes the idea of putting the police car out to discourage speeders. Sol checked with Gil and this area is slated to only be mowed twice a year.

Committee Discussions: Gil reported they are street striping and doing brush removal; Judith reported that the first phase of the COPS grant is done and will review police officer applications shortly; Park-Rec needs to schedule a meeting; wishing to thank Claire for her hard work for the Salute to Rhubarb as well as Judy Boehm for the cookbook; would like to see the picnic table to the front of the pool house, park shelter roof needs replacement, hanging baskets were hung by Jake LaDuke, Kevin Hutter and his daughter and the floral tributes were put out at the cemetery before Memorial Day; Finance is continuing to discuss 2017 budgeting for a meeting later in July; working with Public Works to have their parts appropriated; Planning-Zoning noted that a property dispute was resolved by attorney David Fugina via letter, property maintenance ordinance adoption with ideas from other communities, and discussed signs in yard that are not in compliance; Public Works is trying to pump out the digester with Slaby, but not a lot being done to refurbish this part of the project; addressing water issues with rehab of well, mowing, and replacement of equipment; the Mayor reported what a wonderful time Salute to Rhubarb was! Lots of positive reviews, thanks to Claire and others involved; Lions Club sent out a letter to take control of the pool house; Kevin had Janet go through notes with how the previous Mayor had handled it; he forwarded to David Fugina for him to write up a letter releasing the Lions from liability to be put on the July agenda; all entities are trying to work together: Lions Club, city and Fire Association; and thanked those who brought up comments tonight.

The community garden is planted, growing and they have water to use. Kids will be doing the community garden sign. It is a great thing.

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

Sol noted that he had a quote from Municipal Well & Pump for rehabbing of municipal well #1. He wants to recommend to the Council to get more proposals. Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to advertise for more bids. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign change order no. 001 for WWTP improvements. Motion carried.

Motion Jen, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign notice to proceed for WWTP improvements. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed to the granting of the following liquor/beer/operator and cigarette license renewals for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

Class A Combination: Kwik Trip, Inc.; Lorie Rolbiecki, agent; Kwik Trip #835; Class B Beer: World Cup Coffee LLC; Mark Brone, agent; World Cup Coffee; Class B Liquor (Wine Only): Seven Hawks Vineyards LLC; Joe Homola, agent; Seven Hawks Vineyards Tasting Room; Class B Combination: D & M's Boatyard LLC; Michael Taylor, agent; D&M's Boatyard; Monarch House LLC; Loretta M. Ahl, agent; Monarch Public House; Jammin Turtles, Inc.; Amanda Schabacker, agent; WingDam Saloon & Grill; Golden Ribbit LLC; Ross Patzner, agent; Golden Frog; Cigarette License: Kwik Trip, Inc.; Operator's Licenses: Heather Adkins, Kelli Bartsch, Taylor Becker, Cynthia Buel, Daniel Burce, Sandra Davis, Margaux Douvier, Chris Hermann, Autumn Herr, Tammy Holland, Kathleen Jencen, Sherry Jilek, Emma Johnson, Lonna Kouba, Amber Kupietz, Krystal Litscher, Cameron Majerus, Michael Meska, Lynn Muench, Macie Neitzel, Brittany Prieur, Lorie Rolbiecki, Amy Smith, William Von Benschoten and Denise Yapp. Motion carried.

Motion Judith, second John, all alderpersons agreed to grant a cemetery lot deed to Margaret Onsager. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second John, all alderpersons agreed to table the mower replacement, repair or contracting of services agenda item as Public Works was already working on this issue. Motion carried. It was discussed to have Gil find out what it would cost to contract these services done or to purchase a new or used mower. John Sagan was behind the idea of not mowing certain areas and making sure it was areas that we were responsible to mow.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to the adoption of compliance maintenance annual report review and resolution #0116. Motion carried.

Kevin outlined the reason for the agenda item of open records communication referencing ordinance #56 and WI State Statute. He wants to make sure we are in compliance with the law, noting that per WI SS 62.09(11)(f) the “keeper of the records” is the clerk. No request can be refused without cause, but going out to news services without going through the record keeper. No Council member has the authority to make that decision. John Schlesselman noted that they switched to county server to relieve any liability from personal computers.

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

Motion Judith, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 8:05pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer