

*January 12, 2016*

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 by Mayor Peter Schaffner. Alderpersons present: Kevin Hutter, Tim Schaffner, Judith Ganger, John Sagan, and Jen Tepovich. Absent: None. Others present: Kathy Justin, Stephanie Foust, Ann Bohri, David Brommerich-Brommerich News Service, Mike Suntken, Judy Boehm, Doris Killian, Tyler Schmidtknecht, Dick Wichser, Lance LaDuke, Jason Mork and Barb Schmidtknecht.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings as submitted; the minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup> need to reflect that Judith was absent. Motion carried.

Citizens: Dick Wichser asked about the status of Wall Street. Peter answered that the culverts need to be made and Kevin noted the culvert supplier was waiting on steel. Ann Bohri, Kathy Justin and Doris Killian questioned about the road funds the City lost and why it was not on the agenda as the Mayor had promised at a prior meeting? Peter advised that it could not be discussed, as it was not on the agenda, and he could not place items on the agenda. Responsibility, seriousness, order of business, questioning of Council procedure, and validity of comments took place, as well as Kevin asking for the Mayor to do his job or step down, and then the issue was referred to the Streets/Roads Committee.

Committee Discussions/Reports: Jason advised his annual report will be available at the February meeting; John reported that Gil is working on snow removal and equipment; Streets/Roads will be meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm is next Park/Rec meeting; Jen updated that the mobile home park is paid up until the end of December; we will bill the park each quarter now as every other owner is billed per lateral and penalty/interest assessed if not paid timely; letter going out soon with sewer/water bills about the WWTP project and costs; Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with Donohue to go over project documents prior to bidding in early February-Mike encouraged Council to attend; working on easements for WWTP project; First Aid kits all purchased and in buildings and autos; Public Works will meet before next Council meeting; Mayor reported: he will not step down, you are not going to win, things are coming to a head, needs a real change, he will say more when he can speak about it, and apologized for his anger earlier.

Motion Kevin, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to accept three wastewater utility easements. Motion carried. The easements were drafted by the City Attorney and signed by Yvonne Tamke, Tamke Mobile Home Park and Nancy Semling Draskowski.

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons agreed to the recommendation of the Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties Committee to proceed with Community Garden project plot application and rules. Motion carried. Jen advised that they changed the location to where the old pool was, and added to item number six "at the expense of the lessee".

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons agreed to the recommendation of the Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties Committee to a reduced flat fee of \$200 for overnight stay and launch fees for an August 5<sup>th</sup> stay for the Great River Rumble 2016 at the municipal park. Motion carried. Jen advised they are expecting 175 to 200 people, they are a non-profit organization, catering to be done locally and it is not the same weekend as Fountain City days.

Motion Tim, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to move forward with the Fountain City Beautification Project 2016 as recommended by the Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties Committee at a cost provided to Jen from Pork & Plants, of \$60 per flower basket (same as last year). Motion carried. Judith has procured four volunteers to water flowers, and Dick has agreed to be the guide. Also looking into what five or six banners would cost. Jen needs to let Pork & Plants know by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Jen advised the first step will be to send out letters solicitating donations.

Motion Kevin, second Judith, all alderpersons (except Tim, who abstained) agreed to allow Danielle Schaffner to have open recreation on Tuesday evenings. Motion carried. Danielle requested this additional open recreation time prompted by people asking for it and it was noted there may have been some miscommunication initially about the dates it would be available for open recreation.

Motion Jen, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to grant operator's licenses to: Kelli Bartsch, Daniel Weghorn and Cecelia Hoffman. Motion carried.

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

Motion Kevin, second Jen, to go into closed session at 7:40 pm per 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of negotiations. Private utility easements for US Rural Development loan project was listed on the agenda to be addressed. Mike Suntken was offered in during this session. Roll call vote: Kevin Hutter, John Sagan, Judith Ganger, Jen Tepovich, Tim Schaffner, all voted to go into closed session per the purpose motioned for. Motion carried. Motion John, second Jen, to go back into open session at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Tim, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 8:11 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer