

April 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, April 12, 2016 by Mayor Peter Schaffner. Alderpersons present: Kevin Hutter, Judith Ganger, John Sagan, and Jen Tepovich. Absent: Tim Schaffner. Others present: Kathy Justin, Gil Adams, Keith Engel, Fran Burt, Dick Wichser, Mike Schabacker, David Brommerich, Robert Abts, Leann Crosby, Lance LaDuke, Ann Bohri, Sol Simon, Ron Schultz, Judy Wolfe, Simone Heitman, Claire Waters, Nikki & Jerry Kafer, Ann Murphy, Stephanie Foust and Mike Suntken.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Robert Abts addressed the Council with regard to the wall issues on Hill Street. Water issues are pushing his lawn downhill, and the problem needs to be fixed. He wanted to reiterate that we still have a problem there. A Streets-Roads committee meeting needs to be set up in the future to discuss this. Gil noted there is no easy or cheap fix, and added that the wall needs to be taken out as it is fixed from down below. Leann Crosby offered to forward pictures of the area that she took on her phone.

A Request for Proposal for a second well was discussed. John advised it needs to be done from the office here. Per Peter, the request is already done, but John said it is not done. Per John, this matter will be referred to Public Works in order for it to go forward.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to grant Mobile Home Park License #0116 to Yvonne Tamke d/b/a Tamke Mobile Home Park. Motion carried.

Motion Jen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to the removal and destruction of the Mayor's signature stamp to be done on the 19th. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting on the 19th of April.

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons regretfully accept the resignation of police officer, Jason Mork. Motion carried.

Motion Kevin, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to have the Police/Personnel and/or the Finance committees looking forward to getting a police officer after public input and a cost analysis is done. This was after a discussion that entailed: huge decision with long lasting impacts; broad public opinions; uses for money saved if no officer is hired; officer selection criteria; full or part-time; insurance cost implications; contract with county for dedicated services; shared police department with other communities and duplication of services, to name some.

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons agreed to leave the 2 hour parking sign by 2 S. Main Street and have Gil monitor it. Motion carried.

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons agreed to relocate the previously approved handicapped parking space on Main Street up four spots and a driveway instead of in front of the Badger Agency. The other relocation on Hill Street was referred to Gil to look at for feasibility of moving since Claire Waters noted that it would cost quite a bit to move it. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to take the draft resolution for sand hauling permits on Mill Street back to Streets-Roads and legal counsel for review. It was noted that the Clerk-Treasurer would need to assign a resolution number as well. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to waive the fee for the Buffalo County Historical Society to use the auditorium on April 28th from 6-10 pm for a program again. Motion carried.

Motion Kevin, second John, all alderpersons agreed to approve the key policy with changes of: add signature to confirm that users gave key back and money was returned to them; took out "without prior permission of the City Clerk-Treasurer"; removed the wording "refuse to return the key, or"; and add estimated return date. Motion carried.

Motion Judith, second Kevin, all alderpersons agreed to a proposal from Quality Propane to set a 1,000 gallon LP tank by the pool property. Motion carried. Kevin solicited numbers from Countryside Coop, Severson, Premier and Quality Propane. This was not a budgeted item, so Jen advised we may have to downscale how many roofs we will redo this year. 1,000 gallon tank is usually about \$2,400, but this one is used and is in very good condition. Peter also noted that he has a single phase meter socket that will be donated for electric use at the pool area. The socket is new, but has been painted.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to table the operator's license for Kimberly Taylor until the next meeting. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer advised that she had checked out fine per Jason, but we still needed her proof of having taken the class to serve alcohol.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to pay the bills presented with the exceptions of Poms of \$229.20 and WI DOJ \$168 per the recommendation of Jason Mork as well as Tech Sales invoice. Motion carried.

Citizens: Kathy Justin questioned why the owner of the old meat market has not repaired the road? Peter noted there will always be a bump there. She also asked about the status of Wall Street repairs? John will call RM Schlosser again to get an update. Fran Burt is still waiting for painting of pedestrian crossings. Ann Bohri asked when street sweeping will be done? Simone Heitman noted that there was too much dust last year. Sol Simon thanked the first ward residents for electing him, and advised that he wants to work with the Council and staff, and outlined some ideas for tax shifting, interests in environmental protection, City well and to support our City staff. Judy Wolfe noted she came to say goodbye to Peter and is waiting for Wall Street to be fixed by the church school.

Committee Discussions/Reports: Gil noted all hydrants are flushed, doing painting, exercising valves and street sweeping to be done soon. John reported that the resolution will be on the next Streets-Roads/Recycling meeting. Judith reported that the porta-potty has been ordered for the cemetery on a one year trial basis, 167 floral tributes ordered, minimal cleanup needed, and seeking memorial benches donations at the cemetery. May 3rd at 6PM is time/date scheduled for next Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties committee meeting. Donation of over \$2,000 received for hanging baskets, which will be delivered the week before Memorial Day weekend. FCRP have set a date for auditions for the musical "The Producers". Kayaks coming through on Aug. 5th and questions need to be answered regarding logistics. A shuttle bus to help support the businesses is being pursued. The dirt at the community garden is not very deep, but may get donation of more black dirt. Six spots have been accounted for. May 3rd at 7PM is time/date scheduled for next Finance committee meeting. Areas to be discussed are to meet with the auditors regarding 2015 audit reports, review first quarter financials and a cost analysis for police vs. no law enforcement. Frontage on Hill St. and STH 95 lot questions are being handled by the Planning/Zoning committee. Mike reported that the WWTP Planning committee has received bids and want to have another meeting next Tuesday and awarding at that time. He will send out an agenda and information for a 4:30PM or 5:00PM meeting. He advised that four bids were received without much of a spread. Judith noted that Health/Safety committee still needs to finish up repairs to that garage that was hit. Public Works is working on Hill Street, Wall Street, tennis courts, Elmer's Road and getting a proposal for an RFP ready and more.

Mayor's Report: Stated that he was bitter, planned to read a statement that was pretty negative, people are going to walk out, and that he had accomplished absolutely nothing in four years. Prior to reading his statement, he said that not everyone will agree or be happy with his comments. He advised that while he worked for the City, three events happened in which he was told "You do not understand": 1) self-read water meters were not pursued, 2) coding of maintenance jobs and 3) accident at cemetery in which he was asked to do repairs – made him quit. Peter further outlined other things he did not understand while in office: handbook without substance, day to day operations he was not informed of, letters sent with punitive actions, communication with some employees, improper actions he was accused of, questioned who was running the City, not informed of computer issues. At this point Kevin made a motion to adjourn. Peter ignored it and continued to read his statement. Kevin repeated this motion several times noting that things Peter was saying was not true. Judith seconded that motion. Peter advised that he was not going to recognize Kevin's motion until he was done reading his statement. Mike Sunken walked out at 8:45PM. Peter continued to read his statement that entailed: untimeliness of minutes, paying out of comp/vacation time; lack of timesheet review; maintenance staff that can't find a Christmas tree put out for pickup; how City is being run; Council sees the agenda just before the public does; attorney was present at meeting without Council knowledge or approval-Kevin disagreed; agenda items without Council knowledge; final decision to not run for Mayor and distance himself from City came when for the fourth time he was accused of doing something wrong: 1) signing documents without Council's consent; 2) altering tape of public meeting 3) laptop compromised – prime suspect; 4) inter office entered and computer files altered in which Council authorized locks to be changed for safety; he believes you need to set goals for employees and how the Council can approve the payments without money in the account; asked citizens to not complain, but rather ask what they can do to help. Finally, at 8:48PM, the Mayor accepted the motion, second and adjourned the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer