

August 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:07 pm on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Bobbi Farrand, Judith Ganger, Barb Schmidtkecht and Sol Simon. Absent: Jen Tepovich and John Sagan. Others present: Ann Murphy, Jerry & Nikki Kafer, Judy Boehm, Paul, Cindy and Nick Lorenz, Dick Wichser, Kathy Justin, Claire Waters, David Brommerich, Ann Bohri, and Charles Betthauser, Attorney for the Lorenz family.

Motion Judith, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Citizens: Dick Wichser asked about the status of Wall Street repairs and a timetable to complete? Kevin addressed this when he gave his Mayor's Report, noting that he spoke with Terry of RM Schlosser and they now are permitted from the state to move the large excavator needed for this project. They are hoping to have it here this week, and wishing to be done in two weeks, but repairs scheduled to be done by August 31st.

Committee Discussions: WPWD: Sol, on Gil's behalf, reported that a new mower was purchased. PPHS: Judith spoke wanting to address the citizen comments from the last Council meeting stating that our computer system, as well as our staff, is up to date with technology; financial information is all computerized, but for security/liability reasons is not on our website – other communities do not do this either; website is not designed to have all ordinances on it, but if there is an ordinance you would like to see on the website, let us know and we will try to get that one uploaded; website is a combination of tourism and City information created at the direction of previous Council members, we would like to make some changes to make it more user friendly, depending on 2017 budget constraints. Also, there will be an open meeting on Aug. 11th for police and employee reviews forms will be going out shortly. Streets-Roads/Recycling: Barb noted the committee will be meeting in August about two issues: recycling of light bulbs and the Mill Street resolution. Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties/Cemetery: Community garden has went to the rabbits/weeds, Great River Rumble was a success, roofing has been ordered for the park buildings, Pickleball has started, WSU to do program for kids, and the water wagon broke down again. Finance: Jen noted they were meeting on the 16th to get the budget stuff going. Planning/Zoning/ED: Bobbi advised they were working on enacting a property maintenance ordinance, state ordinance only covers some areas and mowing and weeds need to be addressed. Sol advised that a couple property owners were sent a letter about maintenance issues. WWTP Plan Committee: Sol has been appointed as the chairperson. Mike Suntken will remain on the committee. Sol wants to meet with the group a couple weeks before construction meeting in September. Public Works: Sol mentioned three things: 1) normal business while working on WWTP 2) agreement for well was reviewed and looking towards fall to do that, but he wants a Plan B in case anything goes bad and 3) got disk mower. Mayor's Report: Kevin talked about the Great River Rumble having 126 rowers and 20-30 other people at the park. They told him that this was the best stop they had. Kevin and Solana (his daughter) made 260 homemade cookies for the group. He was very happy and pleased that businesses opened up and reached out to the group. The park was cleaned up beautifully afterwards. We have a great community with great people! Kevin recommended that the public attend the meeting on Thursday at 6pm for citizen input, grant information and the police officer position. He would like to fill the auditorium.

With regard to the discontinuance of an undeveloped portion of Hill Street per resolution #0216, Kevin advised that a citizen wanted something to be done with this. Referring to the letter from Lorenz's attorney, he noted that it was Dave, not Scott Fugina. Dave is sick and has not reviewed the letter. He suggested keeping discussion to a minimum, until Dave can review this. There is a disagreement between the two attorneys regarding state requirements. Bobbi referred to a conversation she had with David Fugina in which he told her that the City don't have to do anything with this issue. Charles Betthauser, Lorenz's attorney, stated that the Lorenz family was aware Fugina is sick. He is willing and able to talk to him at a future time. Sol clarified that only the portion of Hill Street north of Jefferson Street was potentially going to be discontinued. Barb noted that the last part of the Attorney Betthauser letter addresses more than the discontinuance of a street. Sol noted we can 1) vote 2) table or 3) let it go, as we have been dragged into a dispute between two property owners. Motion Sol, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed to refer this matter back to committee. Motion carried. Attorney Betthauser, Paul, Cindy and Nick Lorenz all left at 7:27 pm.

Kevin gave an update on the WWTP Plan Committee outlining the sentiments of the members that Mike Suntken put much time and effort into the WWTP project. Jerry & Nikki Kafer, as well as the other members not present tonight, have also put much time into the project.

Kevin advised that Mr. Prussing has resigned from the Board of Appeals Chairperson effective on July 31, 2016. He is hoping we can find someone who will want to be on the BOA and a meeting of that committee needs to happen soon. Barb questioned who was on the committee, and Janet outlined the members as well as who appoints the chairperson and the other officers of the BOA.

Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to the change of agent request for Kwik Trip, Inc. to Nicole Campbell. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed to grant a Class B beer and Class C wine license to Joe Libera d/b/a Fortunatas Coffee House for the period from Aug. 10, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to grant operator's licenses to: Debra McDonough, Makyla Jo Culpitt and Sheila Becker. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed to pay the bills presented, with the exception of the Schaffner Plumbing bill for a sewer lateral issue by Rhoda Abts, per the recommendation of the Working Public Works Director. Motion carried.

Last minute comments regarding the wonderful job done with Salute to Rhubarb, thank you to go out to Zoe LaDuke for painting the Community Garden sign, and noting that the Fountain City festival is this coming weekend were made.

Motion Judith, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer