

May 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:01 pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Judith Ganger, Sol Simon, Barb Schmidtkecht, Bobbi Farrand, John Sagan, and Jen Tepovich. Absent: None. Others present: Gil Adams, David Brommerich, Stephanie Foust, Dick Wichser, Ann Murphy, Simone Heitman, and Ann Bohri.

Motion John, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the April 19th reorganizational meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Discussions: Gil, WPWD, reported that all docks are in; working on RBC #2; pumped out digester; and lawn and general maintenance; Judith reported that we have information from Buffalo County Sheriff for a dedicated officer and calling several tech schools about encouraging applicants; John will get an annual estimate from Zach of how much revenue we will get from implementing a permit fee for sand hauling as Judith was told it would only amount to \$2 a truckload at .15 per cu yard; there have been problems getting the Community Garden up and running; hanging baskets to be delivered on the 24th of May; flag was down at cemetery due to rope pull breakage; 168 floral trusts total at cemetery; Salute to Rhubarb cookbook ready for printing; Jen to work with Gil about logistics for kayak group coming; Finance noted addressing audit and working on cost analysis for full-time City officer versus County officer; Planning-Zoning/Economic Development Committee will meet on May 26th at 7pm; WWTP preconstruction meeting tomorrow, 540 days to complete to commence on June 17th; and Sol got a tour of the facilities from Gil and talked to DNR, looking at the equipment replacement process.

Mayor's Report: Kevin wished to thank those for stepping up and being on the Council. Hopefully, as a group they can move forward and do some good things for the community. He further noted that it was reported in the paper that he had done something illegal as Council President, and he wanted to make it perfectly clear that he did not. He read from Roberts Rules of Order that if a motion is made and seconded, it does not have to be recognized by the presiding officer. At that point it should be discussed, and it was not. David Brommerich disagreed, and Kevin offered to make a copy for him after the meeting had adjourned.

Wall Street Update/Status Report: equipment might be coming this week. RM Schlosser has dropped off some sewer sections by shop and John will try to call again for more information about when they will start. Barb questioned if drain pipe was included or not? Gil and Kevin felt that it was included, and Gil said Terry Schlosser knows about it and they have talked about it recently.

Park Shelter Roof Replacement: \$2,000 from assigned funds was for picnic shelter and bathroom roof replacements. Claire and Jen haven't talked recently about volunteer labor. Steel vs. shingles were discussed, with steel thought to be ideal. Unexpected expense of propane tank made committee think of just doing one roof. Metal for picnic shelter was \$1375, now \$1430; shingles \$1225 to \$1044 now. Jen suggests they discuss more at a committee level. Motion Sol, second Barb, all agreed to table this item. Motion carried.

Wall Repairs at the Intersection of Fountain and Beagle Street: City was approached to repair, and the City's responsibility was questioned. It was noted that every situation has to be looked at separately. Motion Sol, second Judith, all agreed to refer this matter back to Streets-Roads/Recycling Committee. Motion carried.

Street Sweeping Proposals: This was discussed with Gil as our regular person declined to do it; use a broom or contact another individual from Dover/Eyota area to do it? Sol asked about a list of contractors that Gil contacted, and said he will request the County to paint the crosswalk where it was repaved. Gil was turned down by Buffalo City/Cochrane and is concerned about the timeframe. Motion Jen, second John, to explore possibilities for street sweeping and have Gil go ahead. Motion carried.

Update Concerning Current Well and Low Flow Issues: What will cost the least amount of money, but fixes the problem? In 2011, DNR started an enforcement action, but didn't say how to fix it. Cedar Corp proposed a new well at 1.25 million and piping to the existing reservoir, or rehab existing well by pumping out and possibly to air burst. \$30,000 for land acquisition and a good chance of getting 50% grant with a deadline of June 30th; however, we won't make that as we need plans, specs and more by that time. Rehab would cost \$25,000 to \$50,000 with advantage of cost, but only fixes it for now and could possibly ruin well (even though it is a very small chance). Sol called Municipal Well & Pump and they said we should scope well before moving forward. We could do a soft rehab without risk of bursting, but there is no guarantee of improving our flow rate. Only informational at this time and what does this mean to the rate payers of the City? Sol wants to take this back to the Public Works Committee. John & Jen thinks the DNR wants us to build a second well. How much can we increase fees with PSC oversight? Motion Jen, second John, all agreed to table well and low flow issues until the Public Works Committee meets again. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign another Community Acknowledgement Form for the WWTP project. Motion carried.

Motion Jen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to authorize Mayor to sign a Waiver of Full Time Resident Project Inspection as recommended by Donohue for the WWTP project. Motion carried. Sol questioned if Gil is going to be there to watch site progress? Gil will make a point to know, and can be called out if need be.

Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to allow the Fountain City River Players to have a 16"x20" recognition plaque made for Judee Brone, who was the founder and director of the FCRP for 30 years of productions. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign an insurance claim for property at Main St. and Hwy. 35. Motion carried. The \$543.10 in damages occurred from an accident that Judith and Gil dealt with.

Motion Jen, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to approval of the 2015 audit report as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried. Jen advised that the Finance Committee went through the audit report with the auditor and some recommendations were made. No big issues, and many are recurring: separation of duties and viewing rights on major bank accounts for checks and balances of general fund, water, sewer and cemetery. Jen will talk to Waumandee State Bank for viewing purposes only.

Motion John, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to table the Bond Road gravel agenda item until we have more information. Motion carried. Gil didn't know anything about this and grading might be best for this problem, with Gil suggesting we just add rock.

Mayor Hutter called for a recess from 8:37pm to 8:42pm. Upon end of recess, the Council discussed at length the agenda item relating to a provisional raise upon completion and presentation of test results for Public Works maintenance employee. Per Sol's request, Janet reread the minutes of the July 23, 2015 meeting addressing how and when raises would take place. The recommendation of the PPHS Committee, requirements of new employees, funding, amount of raise, and tests to be taken was questioned. Motion Jen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed that upon passing and presenting of results, a raise of .15 per license would be given. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed to grant a trust created to beautify graves requested by Sandra Wunderlich. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to grant an operator's license to Michael Meska. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to pay all the bills presented with the exception of Poms. Motion carried.

Motion Bobbi, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 9:20pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer