

September 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Judith Ganger, Barb Schmidtkecht, John Sagan, Sol Simon and Jen Tepovich (arrived at 7:08pm). Absent: Bobbi Farrand. Others present: Dick Wichser, Fran Burt, Tyler Kulig, David Brommerich, Judy Boehm, Judy Wolfe, Ann Bohri, Ann Murphy, Nick Lorenz, Paul Lorenz and Stephanie Foust. Nancy Anderson arrived at 7:30pm.

Motion Sol, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 special meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Citizens: Ann Bohri wished to compliment Bruce on doing a good job – a job of three people she thought.

Committee Discussions: PPHS: Judith noted they finished annual employee reviews and were conducting police interviews. Streets-Roads/Recycling: Patching, curb and gutter issues are being worked on and Wall Street should be done in a month. Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties/Cemetery: Roof and painting of park buildings to be addressed at the end of September. John Schlesselman gave a great presentation highlighting funding available for recreation, and that he can assist in writing a grant. Information has been received as to the Great River Rumble grant process as well. Finance: Committee met last week and are continuing with the 2017 budget preparation minus wages. Barb noted that wages are a big part of the budgets. Planning/Zoning/ED: Sol reported, in Bobbi's absence, that they were working on a property maintenance ordinance as well as some other issues. WWTP Plan Committee: Kevin reported that they had a construction meeting today. Project has been going well. Hope to have RBCs by the end of October, and to be installed by mid November. They will be submitting a couple of change orders for blacktop. Mayor's Report: C-FC school senior lunch program will be starting on Sept. 19th per Mr. Strand. Kevin noted they are hearing good things – commending about our minutes having detail and keeping employees a longer length of time. He is thankful that the Council members have been easy to work with. The public is watching and listening. He is also thankful for the employees we have. It is a good city with good people. Public Works: Gil and Keith left for other jobs. Bruce is the only one left in Public Works and Tom Platteter has contracted for reporting purposes. We are filling two positions, and have had eight meetings in the last month. Sol is looking forward to new personnel coming on.

Motion John, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to an extension of the contract with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement extending through the month of October. Motion carried.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to accept the Mayor's appointment of Randy Engel to the vacant seat on the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the City Attorney to send letters to adjacent property owners regarding the right of way of a portion of Hill Street - noting the barn issue in the letter as well. Motion carried. Option of discontinuing the street, legal costs, taxes, and adverse possession issues were discussed. The Council felt that the City Attorney should write the letter and cover chain of custody of land barn is sitting on, removal of trees that were planted on City property, as well as the restate the City's position that this is still a platted City street.

Motion John, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to kick back to the committee the agenda items of proceeding with State Statute 66.05 to have the property owner of 335 North Street receive a letter from the City Attorney per Planning/Zoning-Economic Development committee's recommendation. Motion carried. It was noted that since the property owner was working with Sol, and Paul Duellman was reportedly going to tear the house down by December, that we should work with him.

Motion John, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to accept the proposal from Oium Asphalt Paving, Inc. for \$4,136 to redirect water to the catch drain on STH 95. Motion carried. Guardrail also needs to be installed by upper side. Most of the asphalt is in the bid with RM Schlosser, this amount is for an additional grade change.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to accept a proposal from RM Schlosser for up to \$3,850 to cover lowering a manhole, PVC piping, and dropping the grade. Motion carried. Sol noted this was a badly designed, poorly written contract and in the future that we do a much better job of contracting our work.

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to order new billing cards at a cost of \$340 for the JUS system due to software implementation. Motion carried. This amount is over the amount allowed for a department head to vet, so needed to go to Council for approval.

Sol gave a recap of the preparation for the rehabilitation of the well scheduled for September 26, 2016. He noted that this project was put off as our one employee was scheduled to be on vacation during the original date. The system will be down for two days, and Municipal Pump and Well will air shock to improve our flow. The

reservoir will be filled to the max before then. Sol would like a backup plan in place for a worst case scenario. He would like an available milk hauler to haul water or other plan in place. Sending a letter to property owners was discussed, with the thought that it was too short of notice to reach the 180 customers with water service. It was decided to notify the residents via Winona Radio, CFC Recorder and postings around town.

Motion John, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to kick the Mill Street resolution back to committee. Motion carried. Report only at this time, as ordinance needs to be created, reviewed by legal counsel, and sent to the Clerk-Treasurer for numbering. (Paul and Nick Lorenz left at 8:02pm.) Estimates were \$3.60 per truck load x 2500 loads per year. This would add up to \$9,000 annually for a Mill Street maintenance fund. A \$100 fine plus costs and fees for noncompliance would be implemented with a GoPro recording trucks hauling. Desire is to have money sitting in a restricted fund so that it doesn't get used in other places and when Mill Street needs repairs, the money would be available and not lost.

Motion Jen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to the WWTP project pay request of \$268,697.75 that has already been approved by Donohue and Rural Development. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Sol, all agreed to reassign pool capital funds to Park/Recreation capital funds. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign the application for the 2017 recycling grant that is due on or before October 1, 2016. Motion carried. (Ann Murphy left at 8:15pm.)

Motion Jen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to table the written request to discontinue sewer service on Lot #24 by Tamke Mobile Home Park LLC until the City receives confirmation from a contractor that the sewer was capped off. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to grant a temporary Class "B" retail license for the Fountain City Fire Dept. on September 17, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to grant operator's licenses to Randy Knecht, Cassandra LaValle and Joslyn Frie. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to pay the bills presented with the exception of the Schaffner Plumbing & Heating bill of \$412. Motion carried. This bill was held previously at the recommendation of the former WPWD. Sol will work on this for the next meeting.

Motion Sol, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to appoint Gwen Katula to the Ward 2 alderperson seat created by the pending resignation of Jen Tepovich for the remainder of her term expiring in April 2017. Motion carried. Two candidates: Tyler Kulig and Gwen Katula requested to be considered for the opening. Tyler was present and gave a statement to the Council regarding his qualifications and interests, and Gwen sent a statement via email that Mayor Hutter read to the Council. Gwen received three votes and Tyler received two votes.

Motion Sol, second Jen, all alderpersons agreed to ratify the Mayoral committee appointments that Kevin had placed Gwen on including: Park-Recreation/Tourism/City Properties/Cemetery; Finance; and Planning-Zoning/Economic Development. The motion also included ratifying Barb Schmidtknecht's appointment as Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Motion carried. (Fran Burt left at 8:30pm.)

Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to elect Judith Ganger as Council President. The Council President should work closely with the Mayor, polling the Council and would preside over meetings in the absence of the Mayor. Motion carried.

Jen Tepovich stood and read a letter expressing her thankfulness for allowing her to serve on the City Council. She noted cooperation and collaboration with the Council, who is full of dedicated members, among other positive statements, and is hopeful that she had a positive influence - however how small. Mayor Hutter vocalized great remorse in accepting her resignation.

Motion John, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 8:35 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer