

PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND  
NOTICE THEREOF, A REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF FULDA WAS HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
JANUARY 3 , 2018 AT 6:30 P.M

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor J. Maertens, with the following present: Councilmembers J. Troje C. Ouellette and T. Roberts.

Staff present: J. Burchill – City Clerk; P. Kenney – Police Chief; and N. Frodermann – Public Works Superintendent.

Others present: William Lindquist, Gary Clarke, Willie Sanow and David Baumhoefner.

William Lindquist discussed a proposed land split on his property. He had the property surveyed and proposes to split off the building site from the farm land. The building site would be 3.32 acres. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the land split as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Clarke and Willie Sanow, with the Fulda Fire Dept. Relief Association, were present to request the next increase in the pension benefit from \$1200 to \$1300. Per the accountant, all numbers are still good and the increase will not have an effect on the city. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to increase their fire relief pension from \$1200 to \$1300. Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of Public Forum – Gary Clarke, FFD Relief Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from December 4, 2017, and special meeting minutes from December 4, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for December, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

The SRDC has a meeting for Regional Legislative Issues Forum on Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Burchill or Roberts will try to attend.

Maertens shared a couple training opportunities from Fred Pryor Seminars. One was for supervising and one for conflict resolution. Frodermann and Burchill will review if they can attend.

Ouellette shared that he has seen staff not wearing seatbelts while in city vehicles. Another concern was smoking in public buildings and/or vehicles. Ouellette also noted that the new vendor removing the snow by City Hall and Senior Center, he felt wasn't doing a good job and had concerns that it could be a hazard.

Frodermann reported they had 2 water main breaks today. One was repaired today and the other will be completed tomorrow.

Frodermann questioned about when to proceed with the new well. Council directed him to proceed when the money becomes available.

Frodermann has not received a state bid yet for a new pickup.

Discussion was had on purchasing a soft cab for the mower. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the purchase of the soft cab from John Deere for \$1279. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on pay scale for the person hired to clean at City Hall. The position is currently being advertised. The library is also interested in using the new hire for cleaning the library. Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to pay the new hire \$15 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Burchill requested to attend the MCFOA Conference in March in Bloomington. Council agreed with the request.

A donation was received from the Eichten family for upkeep of Eichten Park.

David Baumhoefner updated the council on having BKV Group doing a feasibility study to determine if an addition to the fire hall would be a possibility versus building a new one. Cost would be \$7500 - \$8000 to have someone come down and figure out what the costs would be with each option. Baumhoefner suggested for a couple council members to have a conference call with BKV to explain the process and what we would get for \$7500-\$8000.

The township/fire/ambulance meeting will be Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 pm at City Hall.

Maertens and Burchill reviewed the point value for the pay equity report and added in the new public works position. Burchill submitted a preliminary report and was advised it would be in compliance. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve and submit the point value for the pay equity report. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was had on the current water rates. Reports were included showing number of gallons sold monthly and metered gallons pumped. Unfortunately, Mitchell wasn't able to be present for the meeting to explain the reports in detail and answer council questions. The council tabled the discussion for the February meeting pending additional information.

Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve Resolution 2018-01 Annual Designations for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts moved and Maertens seconded the MOTION to approve a 2% COLA increase. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

John Maertens  
Mayor