

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 APRIL 1, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor C. Ouellette, with the following present: Councilmembers J. Brown, R. Dierks, J. Elsing and A. Witzel.

Staff present: J. Burchill – City Clerk and P. Kenney – Police Chief

Others present: Stacy Grothe, Nick Riley, Dave Thiner, David Baumhoefner, Tim Roberts, Larry Schindler, Joe Liepold – PeopleService, Brent Kavitz – SEH, Tom Whitehead – Slayton Chief of Police, and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from March 4, 2019.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for March 2019 in the amount of \$132,532.12.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Notice was received from MN Dept. of Transportation for a District 8 Utility Meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00 am to share information about upcoming MnDOT projects.

Natural Resource Conservation Service and Murray Soil and Water Conservation District are having a listening session/work group meeting on April 11 at 12:45 pm. Burchill was directed to attend if it works with her schedule.

Brown reported the street department is running smoothly. One of dump trucks is currently at Rowdy's Radiator for a bad injector. The quote to repair one injector is \$1,187 or \$4,339 for all six, which the recommendation would be to replace all six. South Lafayette has erosion issues at the culvert due to the excess rain events last spring. Brown shared pictures of the culvert. This is part of the review with FEMA and they will be doing another site inspection.

Witzel shared the logo for the Wood Duck Festival and tentative schedule with a number of new activities.

Dierks attended the Plum Creek Library meeting and shared that they are looking for a new director. Dierks also had a zoning board meeting to review the conditional use permit for Stephanie Evers. The zoning board also discussed the need to review the building permits costs. They will meet again before fall and bring a recommendation to the council. Don Reith also approached him about a tile issue in the Wood Duck Addition. There is water bubbling up about 20 feet from the tree line. Brown will follow up on the problem.

Burchill mentioned the MMUA meeting next week, which will also include First Aid/CPR, which is open to all employees. Burchill and Brown met with a representative from FEMA and had a number of questions needed to respond back to her on. Burchill discussed a visit from Family Heritage Insurance, which is similar to AFLAC. They would like to meet with employees to offer the supplemental insurance. Council indicated that since we have one already, we didn't need to offer a second option since there currently aren't complaints/problems with the current option.

Kenney shared information about the discussions with Slayton in regards to the possibility of a shared officer. Currently, one part time officer is planning to resign, one lives 3 hours away and one works for the county, so there isn't availability of a part time officer to help cover hours. The cost with assuming a 50/50 split would be about \$34,000 for each city. Currently, the budget for part time is at \$10,000. A round table meeting will be set up with Slayton City Council for further discussion. Burchill will coordinate with Malchow and let the council know possible dates.

Baumhoefner reminded the annual Fire Department fundraiser dance is February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Brown has not heard back from Renneke on the Bondin Township Agreement. The roads on S. Lafayette and 21<sup>st</sup> Street have been closed temporarily due to condition of the roads from the melting snow. Brown will reach out to Bondin Township again otherwise recommends we send another letter that states our understanding is that we grade and plow the road. Gravel will be their responsibility.

Brown and Baumhoefner attended a meeting with Nobles Cooperative Electric about possible low interest loan for a new fire hall. The amount that could be available is \$300,000 for a term of 10 years.

Kavitz, SEH, discussed the bids received for the Baltimore Ave emergency sewer project. Only two bids were received. The low bid was for \$176,489.39 from GM Contracting for pipe bursting. Kavitz recommends awarding the bid to GM Contracting. Elsing moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to accept the bid and award to GM Contracting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to set the city clean up date for May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion carried unanimously.

Witzel moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to approve Resolution 2019-06 to authorize Elsing to vote on behalf of the City at the annual meeting for Nobles Cooperative Electric.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-07 regarding the administration of the MN Wetland Conservation Act was tabled, requesting more information and to bring back to the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to approve the application for the fireworks display for the Wood Duck Festival on June 14, 2019 (rain date June 15, 2019) with Pyrotechnic Display.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving the building permits for: T. Lang - garage; and J. Elsing - addendum to deck permit 2018-18.

Motion carried unanimously.

A special hearing for the conditional use permit for Stephanie Evers was set for April 16, 2019, at 6:30 pm. Ouellette shared there was a special fence permit that was granted to the previous owners and would like to have this included in the CUP for Evers.

Stacy Grothe addressed the council in regards to their sewer. Ouellette shared that the videos have been reviewed with SEH and no problems were seen in the main. Grothe requested if Empire Pipe could come back and video from the main to the lateral to the home. Ouellette reiterated that it would be at her cost since we haven't seen any issues in the main itself. Dierks again suggested filling out the bathtub 2-3 daily to get some flow moving. Brown also suggested to periodically cleaning the trap in their line also.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

Chad Ouellette  
Mayor