

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 MAY 6, 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

Others present: David Baumhoefner, Dennis & Anthony Paplow, Dan Uttech, Larry Schindler, Aron Hulstein – PeopleService and Jerry Johnson - Fulda Free Press. Present from Bondin Township were Jason Rennke, Jim Buschena and Nick Bergman.

Brown moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION approving the agenda with the additions of: New Business – Lions Temp Liquor License; and Building Permits – Tyson Meyeraan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Witzel moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from April 1, 2019 and special meeting minutes from April 12, 2019 and April 16, 2019 (3), with correction of removing Witzel from 2 of the meetings, and work session from April 23, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for April 2019 in the amount of \$126,526.54.

Motion carried unanimously.

Notice for SRDC public hearing will be May 9, 2019 if anyone is able to attend.

Bondin Township had members present to discuss the agreement between the City and Bondin Township. The city is responsible for maintaining (grading and snow removal) per the contract. Over the years, the City has hauled several loads of gravel to repair the roads from frost boils, etc. The question on the contract is what maintenance is and what capital improvement is. Buschena shared that there was a previous contract from 2001 that didn't specify grading and snow removal as maintenance. Bondin has not applied any gravel since 2001 and felt that was the intent of the contract. The current agreement was signed in 2006 and the city's concern is the amount of money that has been spent on gravel and requests the township to help with this. Buschena feels that the gravel is maintenance, not capital improvement. The city requested if Bondin would share in a percentage of the costs of the gravel. Bondin indicated they would have to take it back to the township to discuss.

Brown reported problems with the Sno-Go. The parts are totaling up to approximately \$12,000 before labor. The Sno-Go was purchased for \$10,000 and is 55 years old. Brown suggested selling it for parts to get some of our money back and look into a blower that fits on the tractor. He will bring something to the next meeting to approve for advertising for bids.

Brown indicated Fuller Paving is in town today and will apply up to 80 ton of asphalt and are honoring last year's price, to make a total around \$12,000.

Brown also discussed the boom truck and costs to operate yearly. Training was recently providing to the street department.

Elsing shared he recently attended an ambulance meeting/training. There is still a definite need for recruitment. Elsing plans to discuss with other cities to get their best practices for recruitment.

Elsing also attended an EDA meeting. Darwin Kruse had provided some plans and are still in the discussions for a duplex/twin home in the Wood Duck Addition.

Elsing also attended a Murray County Business & Industry breakfast. Heath Landsman gave a presentation on business readiness for emergencies, sharing that there is some on-line training for council people. Once the certification is complete, it could help with getting grants.

Elsing also had attended two meetings with Community Ed. The school board indicated realignment with Community Ed having Colby Pack taking over Jess Mitchell's position as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Elsing had two meetings with the Heritage Society. They are doing some fundraising activities and discuss possible grants. Discussion was also had on the water meter at the Heritage Society. Burchill shared that Ted Winter brought in the water meter today, stating it had been froze and is no longer working. PeopleService will be placing a new meter in the building and Johnson indicated steps have been taken to prevent the meter from freezing again.

Elsing is reviewing nuisance codes and will be discussing at the LMC Conference with other small cities to see what the best practices are.

The fire relief meeting was attended by Elsing. He felt it gave him a better understanding on the funding of the fire relief funding.

A request from Elsing was to have some work sessions to discuss the fire hall needs. Elsing did discuss the funding that is available from Nobles Cooperative Electric with Aaron Spartz. The funding depends on timelines and decisions before applying. The amount available is \$300,000 - \$350,000. He would like work sessions to further discuss and to move forward.

Elsing will be attending the LMC Conference in June.

Witzel shared that the owners of the dental building and the Murray County Medical Clinic have indicated the buildings will be put up for sale. Witzel followed up on a possible expansion for the Fulda Avera Clinic. Darwin Kruse drafted a letter to Avera about a possible expansion.

Witzel shared that six benches in the park have been repaired by Tielser and Rucktaeschel.

Farmers Coop spoke with Witzel about doing some volunteer work to earn their 15% for community service for their bonus. Suggestions were either the band shell or the shelter in the park. Elsing moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION to approve the volunteer work with proof of liability insurance/work comp to the City.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Witzel gave updates on the different organizations she is involved with. The Community Club and the Wood Duck Festival are busy and additional activities are being added this year. The Community Club is also looking into a new Bingo booth. The Parade of Lights held the first Tiny

Tuxes and Tiaras, which had a great turnout of 86 people. The Community Club has changed the Ms. Fulda scholarship is to the Fulda Scholarship having both Ms. Fulda and Mr. Fulda for the scholarship, having 3 boys and 3 girls.

Burchill had been contacted by Lisa Graphenten with DSI about the Small Cities Development Program, if we wanted to partner with another small city for another grant. Burchill also asked Jeff Gladis with United Community Action about the possibility. He wasn't sure we would be able to get another grant so soon, but was willing to help write for the grant if we wanted to move forward. The item was tabled and Burchill will send the emails from DSI and UCA to the council members.

Burchill shared a letter from Doug Daniels that he will not be doing snow removal any longer, so we will need to advertise again this fall.

Burchill did apply and receive for the aquatic permit with the DNR and has ordered the chemicals from Country Pride. The Fish & Game Club has agreed to apply the chemicals again.

Burchill gave an update on the FEMA application. The category A, which was the ditch cleanup didn't meet the minimum threshold, so it was canceled. Category B, pumping at treatment ponds, was submitted to the next step. Category C, which is the culverts, Brown is writing up a mitigation plan which will be submitted. There is a possibility of receiving some funds from FEMA, which we will find out a later date.

Baumhoefner had one fireman resignation due to moving out of the response area. Currently, the department has 22 members.

Aron Hulstein, PeopleService, had quotes for either rebuilding or replacing the lift station pumps on South Lafayette. There are also loaner pumps that could be available. The one pump is not working correctly, running twice as much as it should be. They had pulled the pump, cleaned it and reinstalled and it continued to run twice as much. It was discussed to do the repair, using enterprise funds.

Dierks moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION approving the temporary liquor licenses for the Fulda Fireman's Relief Association and the Fulda Lions.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Witzel moved and Dierks seconded the MOTION for the Fireman's Relief Association to have a \$1,000,000 liquor liability.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Dierks moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION approving the quote from Shades of Green for overseed at City Hall, tilling the Community Gardens, 3-step program at City Hall and overseed ruts at Dave Thiner's.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Elsing moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving Ordinance 2019-10 providing for the issuance of \$185,000 GO Temp Sewer Revenue Bond.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ouellette wished to abstain from the next conversation and gave control of the meeting to Vice Mayor Brown. Discussion was had on quotes received from VAST and CenturyLink for internet and phone service, including new phones with VoIP at all city buildings. Dierks moved and Elsing

seconded the MOTION approving the proposal from Century Link to provide internet/phone services, including new phones, for city buildings.

Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes – Witzel, Brown, Elsing, Dierks; Abstain – Ouellette

Brown moved and Elsing seconded the MOTION approving Erik Skogquist for \$8,000 for local assessor contract for 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fish & Game wanted to see about possible lake clean up again this year. Tiesler has been in contact with SWCD and they might be able to provide us 1 day.

Discussion was had on the tennis court overlay. The City has been saving money for the past 8 years and we currently have \$45,000 towards the project. The courts are in poor condition and there is at least 18” of slope. The original intent was to do basketball courts, tennis and pickleball courts and the skate park could come out. Witzel’s concern is how this will look, spending this money, when there are so many improvements needed in town and if the community will understand this is something that had been saved for. Witzel will follow up.

Discussion was had on allowing alcohol in the park during special events. Currently, it’s not allowed except during the Wood Duck Festival. One suggestion was to review on an event by event situation. Since Kenney was able to be at the meeting tonight, he had requested if we could table any decision until next month. Item was tabled.

Dierks moved and Brown seconded the MOTION approving the building permits for: T. Lubben – shed; G. Henson – shed; S. Klein – driveway; Maple Lawn – shelter; and T. Meyeraan – cement pad and driveway.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Elsing moved and Witzel seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill  
City Clerk

Chad Ouellette  
Mayor