

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 7, 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. Brown, C. Ouellette, J. Troje and T. Roberts.

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

Others present: Bill Lindquist, John Nau, Dan Uttech, Lucas Isder, Dave Thiner, Ron & Diane Kirchner, Gary Clarke, David Baumhoefner and Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press.

Gary Clarke requested a strong liquor license for the fire department street dance on Friday night of the Wood Duck Festival. Brian's would be the contracted vendor. Liquor liability coverage was increased to a \$1 million dollar policy. He agreed that the fire relief association would share in the cost for extra security. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to have the increase in the liquor liability to \$1 million and approve the application for the strong liquor with a cost for the permit set up \$10/day.

Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Kirchner requested to close the road between her home and Babe School's on NE 8th Street for a family reunion the weekend of June 22-24. They will get barricades from the street department prior to Friday 3:30 pm. Frodermann noted they need to make sure not to block the fire hydrants. Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION for the road closure beginning 5:00 p.m. Friday thru 3:00 pm Sunday.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Kirchner requested permission to plant dwarf trees 10' from the curb on the north edge of his property. The trees grow to a max height of 10'-12'. Permission was granted with the request that he would place a flag/marker on each end of the trees when they leave for the winter months so the trees don't get damaged with snow removal.

John Nau requested permission to have a city wide barbeque in the park on August 30th. He would have free food and inflatables. The purpose is to build community and to socialize. They would be inviting families and individuals from Fulda, Avoca, Dundee and Kinbrae areas. Solid Rock Assembly Church will carry a \$1 million dollar liability policy. The council gave their consensus for the barbeque.

Bill Lindquist requested to have parcel 25.270.0091 which is 26.23 acres changed to a Rural Service District. He recently had the lot surveyed and split so that the lot is only farmland. Discussion followed about the area of the land that was being farmed in the past but is actually city property (by Florence Avenue) and should be returned to grass. A quote to reseed the grass was \$925 and council asked Lindquist if he would pay this. After further discussion, Lindquist indicated he would do the dirt work (approximately 4-5 rows). Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to revise Ordinance 225 to include his parcel in the RSD with a summary publication.

Motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes – Roberts, Maertens, Troje, Ouellette Nays – Brown

Dan Uttech updated the council on the Wood Duck Festival which is scheduled for June 13-17. They have been meeting every Thursday, but expressed they could use more volunteers. The same carnival will be here this year and will bring 8-10 rides. He requested from the city:

- Close streets Tuesday evening and have the barricades at the corners for them to set up.
- Make sure that there is power and water set up by the Depot for the carnival. (Jim Brown will manage)
- For the parade, the barricades need to be in place Saturday afternoon
- Would like to request the council to review the possibility in future budgets to provide monetary support for the festival. Previously had been \$1000.
- Requested a temporary license for 3.2 for the Lion's for Saturday night. Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the permit.
Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill requested for a tree on her boulevard to be removed. The tree is bug infested and she feels it is a danger to falling onto her home or the neighbors. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to remove the tree with the low bid from Johnson's Tree Service.
Motion carried unanimously.

Lucas Isder discussed some upcoming projects that they are looking at completing at Seven Mile Park, pending approval from county board. He would like to request if the city could provide a dump truck, pay loader to help with the work. Frodermann volunteered his time to help with the project. It would need to be reviewed if he would be covered under workman's comp if he is volunteering his time but using city equipment.

Brown moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from April 2, 2018 and special meetings April 10, 2017 & April 17, 2018.
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for April, 2018 in the amount of \$203,544.95.
Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette updated that the Summer Rec program is currently advertising for a director and employees. The pool will be getting drained and refilled in the near future.

Maertens discussed the recent resignation of Anthony Zins. Maertens also would like do a wage review on all employees. He will work on this with Burchill as time permits.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of 3 building permits: T. Golda, H. Vongchapan, and G. Ossenfort.
Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts and Frodermann recently looked at a plow truck for sale at MnDOT. The truck is a 1999 for \$11,000 and would need rims, tires and spinners that would be changed at MnDOT's cost. Burchill will verify with K. Einfeld if the money in street equipment savings can be used.

Frodermann requested to apply dust control again this year on East Davis for \$931 as done the past two years. Consensus was to move forward with it.

Frodermann discussed the city's current ordinance for sump pumps. He feels that our ordinance should be changed to having no cross connection to sanitary system at any time during the year. Maertens requested to table the request and discuss further at next month's meeting.

Proposal from Jon Fenske was tabled for the tiling, fertilizing and grass seeding along Florence Ave.

Frodermann discussed road maintenance on S Lafayette from Mailanders to the boat landing. The City has just put 13 loads of gravel on the road. The City has a contract with Bondin Township for maintenance of the road. Frodermann will look for a copy of the contract and will forward on the council. He will address the contract with Bondin about sharing in the cost and who is responsible for what and their meeting tomorrow evening.

Frodermann requested to use a part time person to help with painting and other miscellaneous jobs until public works hires a new person. Darby Stewart would also help on an as needed basis and Jarred Jans would be mowing again. They would need to stay below the income level of \$5100 due to PERA. The part time person hours would be reduced once a new person is hired. Council agreed with the request.

Frodermann presented a service agreement with Thien Well that would provide an annual inspection of the 8 wells. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the service agreement at the cost of \$560 year plus costs for repairs.
Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann discussed signs on S. Lafayette. The item was tabled pending review of the Bondin Township contract.

Discussion was had on the open position in the public works/street department and if there is a need for a 3rd person in the department. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to advertise to hire a new public works/street employee.

Motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes – Troje, Roberts, Maertens, Ouellette Nays – Brown

Burchill noted that May 21st at 5:30 will the special meeting with Northland Securities to discuss the Wood Duck Addition and the Tax Increment Financing. They requested for us to forward questions to them a few days prior to the meeting.

Troje moved and Ouellette seconded the MOTION to approve the Local Pound Agreement.
Motion carried unanimously.

Baumhoefner shared 1 resignation with the fire department. Membership is down to 21. Ouellette moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to confirm the decision to accept the resignation.

Motion carried with the following votes:

Ayes – Maertens, Brown, Ouellette Nays – Roberts, Troje

Baumhoefner discussed the fire hall study. They are looking at 4 sites with 5 options and BKV would like to meet with a couple council members, possibly early June. Troje and Ouellette offered to attend the meeting.

Baumhoefner noted that fire department treasurer position can only be through the relief association. Therefore, the fire department would be changing their secretary/treasurer position to secretary only position and the current secretary felt that it would be fair to reduce the pay for the position to \$400/year instead of \$600/year since it will reduce his work. The council agreed with the change starting 2019.

Baumhoefner shared that the fire department received a \$10,000 donation from Nobles Cooperative Electric and designated it towards auto extrication equipment. To purchase all the equipment the cost would be \$35,000.

Roberts moved and Troje seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 - Supporting Local Decision-Making Authority.
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION approving the building permits for: J. Sleeper – deck/pergolas; T. Golda – fence (subject to Brown verifying type); G. Ossenfort – steps; and H. Vongphachan – fence & deck and the request from L. Holtrop to be referred to the zoning board.
Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor