

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 DECEMBER 4 , 2017 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, J. Brown, C. Ouellette and T. Roberts.

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

Others present: Jerry Johnson – Fulda Free Press.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business – Town & Country Gambling Exempt Permit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann reported on the smoke testing that was recently completed. There were 5 locations that indicated a problem: 1). Corner of Murray and Mill; 2). Dean McNeal's on Park; 3). Depot storm intake direct tie; 4). Corner of Davis and S. St. Paul; and 5). Mrs. Leinen – Lloyd Lane. Items 2 & 5 would be homeowner's responsibility. Suggestion for item 1 would be to have Gass Trenching to explore to locate to see where it goes at \$25 and items 3 & 4 to have Spartz proceed with the repair at \$125 and \$60/hour. Council directed Frodermann to proceed. For the two homeowners, letters will need to be sent in the spring to address the issue.

Frodermann has received bids from Marthaler for a new pickup, but has not received state bids. Item was tabled to January meeting.

Discussion was had on purchasing a cab/wind block for the lawn tractor for snow removal. The quote Frodermann received was \$7200 from Kibble Equipment. The consensus was to look into a soft side cab instead. Roberts will check into a soft cab.

Frodermann received a quote from Jon Fenske on seeding the property by Lindquist's. The area he was farming was 10-15' further than it should be. The quote from Fenske was \$950 to prepare, seed and fertilize. Prior to this, the land will need to be prepared and all the stalks will need to be removed. The item will be revisited in the spring.

Frodermann noted the 1993 plow truck bottom of the box is gone. They've attempted to weld to repair, but haven't been successful. A new steel box mounted on the truck would be \$12000 plus \$5446 for a sand spreader. It was discussed to try to make it through the winter and plan for a possible purchase next year.

Frodermann requested permission to use part time help for snow removal being that the part time budget has been exceeded for the year. Roberts moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to allow part time help for snow removal since the street wages are under budget for the year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Frodermann wanted to review the discussion from the previous meeting about snow removal when it requires them to come in early. His concern was if they have to leave early, they may not be able to get everything done. The council reiterated that it will be reviewed on a case by case basis as to whether overtime will be needed.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION approving the regular meeting minutes from November 6, 2017, and special meeting minutes from November 13, 2017, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION approving bills as presented for November, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

A notice was received from Mediacom with a rate increase.

Murray County Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting will be December 11 at 4:30 pm. Burchill will try to attend or Brown indicated he could if she is not available.

Brown noted that he spoke with B. Cuperus and she will begin including him on library meetings going forward.

Roberts and Maertens completed a performance evaluation with Frodermann for A. Zins 6 month probation. Roberts moved and Maertens seconded the MOTION to recommend ending Zins probation period and include a step increase.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette noted that the Community Education brochures should be out this week and encouraged everyone to sign up.

Discussions on having BKV Group complete a feasibility study for the fire department was tabled to the January meeting.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve Resolution 2017-06 approving the final 2017 tax levy, collectible in 2018 for a total levy of \$399,445.

Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to not waive the monetary limits for liability coverage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Troje moved and Brown seconded the MOTION to approve the LSS Site Agreement for the Senior Center for 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

The 2018 council schedule has two months that will have conflicts due to holidays. Consensus was decided to have the January meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and the September meeting date will be determined at a later time.

Discussion was had on the pay equity report that is due January 31, 2018. Maertens will review it with Burchill and will present it to the council at the January meeting.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the 2018 cigarette/tobacco licenses for Graff's, Casey's and Maynard's.

Motion carried unanimously.

The fee schedule for 2018 was reviewed and discussed. One item needing to be added is the Urban Chicken Fee - \$15.00. It was also decided to add a non-conformity fee of \$100.00 for when a building permit isn't applied for and work is completed that would normally require a permit. Discussion was also had on possibly increasing the water rate, which was tabled to the January meeting. Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve Ordinance 228 - 2018 Fee Schedule with the changes discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the audit agreement for 2017 from Berg and Eisfeld.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brown moved and Troje seconded the MOTION to approve the building permit for: M. Brandt - storage shed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to approve the gambling permit for Town & Country raffle.

Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Troje moved and Roberts seconded the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Burchill
City Clerk

John Maertens
Mayor