

February 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 by Mayor Bobbi Farrand. Alderpersons present: Barb Schmidtkecht, Cheryl Braatz, Gwen Katula and Sol Simon. Absent: Richard Kennerly. Others present: Robert Keiper, Heidi Stanton, Gil Adams, Jared Cyrus, Kevin Adams, Kate Dillon, Jason Fuentes, Jason Lewallen, Kim Rhyner and Lee Bailey.

Motion Barb, second Gwen, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Barb, to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Randy Boehm as alternate to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the agenda item to reconsider granting an operator's license to Tia Powell.

Motion Gwen, second Sol, to renew the garbage service agreement with Waste Transport. The new agreement is for 29 months and will end at the same time as the recycling contract in July 2021. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the alternate side parking ordinance and the snow event policy. The Public Works Supervisor noted that the placement of signs has not been approved by the state.

Update on new well project revealed that the PUC was working on three potential sites.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl, to use Option A with edits for the income survey for the Community Block Grant. Motion carried. MSA to modify as requested.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl, to approve task order with MSA for CDBG survey at a cost of \$1,500. Lee Bailey is to be designated as the coordinator. Motion carried.

A letter and mailing to citizens regarding the potential new well project and public forum was discussed. PUC members present at the Council meeting want the letter sent out and then the survey to follow at a later date. Gwen offered to edit the letter.

In order to clarify the new DNR phosphorus requirements, Sol is scheduling a three-way telephone conference with Gil and the DNR representative. Testing for phosphorus is now done twice a week.

Motion Gwen, second Cheryl, to purchase a new Bobcat with an 84" snow blade and 72" snow blower for \$30,406 with trade in of old Bobcat. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, to sell the F250 Ford vehicle to Elmer's for \$1,700. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, to accept the quote prepared by Schaffner's Plbg & Htng. for a new furnace at the auditorium of \$3,075. Motion carried. Sol made an amendment to install smart thermostats for the old part of City Hall for \$700. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl, to approve draft towing agreement with Elmer's Auto Inc. Motion Barb, second Cheryl, to amend agreement to remove reference to statute number and day amount. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Gwen, to a fifty cent an hour increase for the Deputy Clerk as recommended by the PPHS committee. Vote was 3-1 with Cheryl opposing. Motion carried by majority.

Motion Cheryl, second Gwen, to discontinue one sewer charge at 121 S. Main Street. Vote was 3-1 with Sol opposing. Motion carried by majority.

Budgeting for capital improvements ongoing by Barb, Janet, Sol and Gil. No action was taken and the draft presented is not a binding document.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, to adopt resolution #0119 granting authority to identified officers of City to act on the City's behalf with regard to an Edward Jones account. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Gwen, to authorize the Mayor to sign the corporate resolution certification form. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl, to authorize purchase of Quickbooks software at a cost up to \$850. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Cheryl, to waive the fee for the C-FC Ag class use of the JC building for a chicken Q. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Cheryl, to grant an operator's license to Alissa Carryer. Motion carried.

Suggestion of streamlining the Council meeting agenda process by using Google docs to create a new agenda right after the Council meeting that would be reviewed and adjusted by all members. Barb to contact League about this process.

Employee Handbook updates need to be run through the attorney prior to adoption.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl, to approve payment of the bills presented with the exception of the Spillman invoices, phosphorus credits to Eau Claire and Trempealeau counties, and the NEI invoice. Motion carried. Motion Sol, second Barb, to authorize payment of phosphorus credits at the directive from the Public Works chair. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Gwen, to remove the Spillman invoices from the accounts payables. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Sol, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 11:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke
Clerk-Treasurer