

March 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, March 12, 2019 by Mayor Bobbi Farrand. Alderpersons present: Barb Schmidtknecht, Gwen Katula, Richard Kennerly and Sol Simon. Absent: Cheryl Braatz. Others present: David Brommerich, Karl Hoffmann, Heidi Stanton, Gil Adams, Lance LaDuke, John Schlesselman, Lee Bailey, Jerry Kafer, Bill Katula and Robert Keiper.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, to repeal the alternate side parking ordinance and snow event policy. Discussion ensued. Motion Sol, second Gwen to call to question and vote to close debate. Motion carried 4-0. Motion Gwen, second Barb, to repeal alternate side parking and the snow event policy. 2-2 tie vote with Gwen and Barb voting yes, and Sol and Richard voting no, was broken by the Mayor. Motion carried 3-2.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, to amend the minutes to further signify that two motions carried. 2-2 tie vote with Barb and Gwen voting yes, and Sol and Richard voting no, was broken by the Mayor. Motion carried 3-2. Motion Sol, second Gwen, to approve minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Motion Sol to not pursue the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Motion failed for lack of a second. Gil was directed to get information regarding multifamily properties and to work with Lee Bailey with proposed new deadline of March 18th to get to MSA.

Discussion of letter and mailing to citizens regarding the potential new well project and public forum ensued. Edits were made and the letter was directed to go to all property owners. No formal action was taken.

Motion Barb, second Gwen, to update the employee handbook to approve up to a maximum of 160 vacation hours to be paid out upon separation. Motion carried. Employees will accrue at established rate in handbook per every pay period up to 320 hours, but only 160 hours will be paid out at separation.

Motion Gwen, second Sol, to allow the Historical Society to place banners after the frost at each end of the City and stay up until the end of October commemorating our 180th celebration. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Barb, to purchase two sanders from Universal Truck and Equipment for \$9,110. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Gwen, to table the truck purchase until the next meeting. Motion carried.

An ordinance prohibiting creating piles of snow on City streets was discussed. Public Works Supervisor was directed to contact businesses advising that they cannot remove snow from private property and place on the street. No formal action was taken.

Planning for potential flooding included plans to have a strategy meeting. Coordination of volunteers, sandbags, pallets, pump rental, and recording of related expenses need to be addressed.

Motion Sol, second Gwen, to approve draft of sidewalk ordinance. Possible amendments to include notifications, enforcement and weed classifications. Suggestions to be left with Gwen and to bring back to Council again. Motion failed 0-4.

Motion Gwen, second Richard, to accept proposal of \$1,545 from Wigham Trucking Inc. for street sweeping with dates/times to be arranged with the Public Works Supervisor. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Barb, to amend the garbage ordinance per verbiage in line number four that mimics our recycling ordinance. Motion carried. Gwen to take to the attorney for review.

Motion Gwen, second Richard, to approve the purchase of a Canon IRC2225 color copier from Tri-State Business Machines Inc. for \$2,690 plus monthly service and toner fees. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, to approve payment of the bills presented with the exception of the NEI invoice. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 10:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke
Clerk-Treasurer