

**City of Fountain City
Common Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

Present: Mayor: Bobbi Farrand. Alderpersons: Gwen Katula, Tyler Kulig, Barb Schmidtknecht, Cheryl Braatz, Sol Simon. Staff: Michelle Copley, Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call to Order at 6:32 p.m
2. *Motion/Second (Simon/Katula) to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019 meeting of the Common Council as presented. Passed unanimously.*
3. Old Business
 - a. *Crosswalk Painting - After discussion it was decided public works staff will need to make a stencil sized to fit our streets in order to paint Continental-style crosswalks.*
 - b. *Strategic Planning - NOTE: This item should have been included in New Business. Motion/Second (Katula/Simon) to refer the exploration of developing a Strategic Plan for the City of Fountain City, including forming a subcommittee, to the Planning/Zoning/Economic Development Committee. Passed unanimously.*
4. New Business
 - a. *Online Banking for City Funds - Motion/Second (Simon/Braatz) to authorize the use of online banking services with full administrative rights assigned to the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer and viewing rights assigned to the Finance Committee Chair.*
 - b. *DNR costs for phosphorus discharges - Alderman Simon reviewed the recent phosphorus rules and the cost to the city. Additional expense of \$24-\$28,000 will be due in February of 2020. This expense is being inflated due to incorrect drainage of clear water into the city sewer system.*
 - c. *Program to separate Clearwater from the sanitary system - The City has mailed to all residents notice that inspections will be conducted to reduce clear water drainage into the sewer system.*
 - d. *Assessment program to assist property owners separating Clearwater from sanitary system - Motion/Second (Schmidtknecht/Braatz) to move forward with an assessment program, contingent on approval of program by city legal counsel, to assist property owners with the expense of correcting clear water drainage into the city sewer system. Passed unanimously.*
 - e. *Payment of RJ Jurowski invoice for Highway 35 Project - Motion/Second (Braatz/Kulig) to approve partial payment of the RJ Jurowski bill using previously agreed upon funds consisting \$93,000 pledged by the City, the USDA Rural Development grant of \$235,000 and the remaining funds from the wastewater treatment plant grant. Passed unanimously.*
5. *Accounts Payable - Motion/Second (Katula/Braatz) to pay the monthly invoices as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer with the exception of GreyStone. Passed unanimously.*
6. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Copley
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: September 10, 2019