

November 11, 2019 (open session)

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bobbi Farrand on Monday, November 11, 2019. Alderpersons present: Cheryl Braatz, Gwen Katula, Barb Schmidtknecht, Sol Simon. Alderperson absent: Tyler Kulig.

Fountain City Historical Society member John Schlesselman requested that the mayor and council consider outside preservation of the old fire station.

Motion Gwen, second Barb to table consideration of minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Gwen to table the purchase agreement for the new well. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl to table the wall license agreement with Kelly Lynch. Amendments to the agreement were discussed. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Sol to take a recess at 7:17 pm. Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 7:22 pm.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl, to adopt the alternate side parking ordinance as stated. Motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor/3 opposed.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl to secure a \$201,220 loan from the Bank of Alma with a fixed rate of 3.15% for 10 years for the city's share of the fire station and fire truck. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Sol to increase the garbage bag fee to \$3.50 effective January 1, 2020.

The survey for the community development block grant was discussed with no action taken.

There were no proposals available for cemetery lawn maintenance.

Motion Cheryl, second Gwen to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the old playground equipment. Motion carried with a vote of 3 in favor/1 opposed.

Motion Sol, second Gwen to sell the old police squad car and old police boat on the Wisconsin surplus auction website. Motion carried.

The Lance LaDuke complaint letter dealing with the Highway 35 project was rejected as advised by the city attorney.

The MSA contract for future well development was discussed with no action taken.

Motion Sol, second Gwen to switch from CenturyLink to Spectrum for internet service at the city shop. Motion carried. It was agreed to inquire about service at the wastewater plant.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl to renew employee health insurance with the Health Traditions platinum plan. Motion carried. Cheryl will schedule a meeting with the insurance agent and employees to review coverage.

Motion Cheryl, second Sol to grant an additional one week of vacation for Keith Kirkey effective January 1, 2020 and an additional one week of vacation for Gil Adams effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Barb to offer the park recreation supervisor position to Miranda Maurer at \$10/hour contingent on passing a background check. Motion carried.

Mayor Farrand read the following: to consider a motion to convene in Closed Session under section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion Sol, second Cheryl to go into closed session. Roll call: Cheryl Braatz-yes, Gwen Katula-yes, Barb Schmidtknecht-yes, Sol Simon-yes. Motion carried and meeting went into closed session at 8:40 pm.

(closed session)

Meeting reconvened in open session at 9:04 pm.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl to give full-time employees a 2% cost of living wage increase effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Barb to give Keith Kirkey a \$1/hour wage increase effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Cheryl that Keith Kirkey and Bruce Hentges be eligible for a wage increase of \$1/hour upon completion of DNR water certification and an increase of \$1/hour upon completion of wastewater certification. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Cheryl to pay the following bills: UPS, Burgraff, Winona Computers, Menards, Department of Employee Trust Fund, McCarthy Well, Waste Transport, Core & Main, and Health Tradition (pending confirmation of charges). Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Sol, second Cheryl. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Schmidtknecht