

April 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Judith Ganger, Barb Schmidtknecht, Sol Simon, Bobbi Farrand and Gwen Katula. Absent: John Sagan. Others present: Ann Bohri, David Brommerich, Mike Lynch, Judy Boehm, John Schlesselman, Cally Ligman, Virgil Schaffner, Bruce Schamaun, Terry Duellman, Peter Schaffner, Chris Todd, Tim Schaffner, Kathy Justin, Richard Kennerly, Fran Burt, Keith Slocum, Delton Hoyt and Paul Lorenz.

Motion Gwen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 regular Council meeting as amended, with the exception of Bobbi and Sol who opposed. Motion carried. Sol requested that the minutes reflect a conversation that transpired between himself and the Mayor. The Clerk-Treasurer did not include due to it not necessitating an action to be taken, nor was it relevant to the item that was presented to Council. Gwen noted that commentary is not required to be reported in the minutes, only actions taken.

Citizens: Fran Burt questioned why the recycling center wasn't open, and Keith advised it was a scheduling error on his part.

Reports: Delton Hoyt, Police Officer, presented the Council with a report from March; Keith Slocum, Public Works Supervisor, presented and read his top 10 list for the month; Streets-Roads/Recycling: gathering information for Mill Street ordinance and LRIP grant for '18-'19 cycle; Park-Rec/Tourism/City Prop./Cemetery: projects can get started as weather has warmed up, \$1,000 in donations collected for flower baskets, but need volunteers for watering to backup the City crew; lovely page on website about garden done by Gwen; Finance: 2016 audit to be presented to committee soon; PZED: met on March 16th, property at STH95 & Jefferson property to be cleaned up in spring, as concern was more on weeds than lawn, a citizen clean up day was suggested with removal, food and school organizations assisting, zoning taking over Census 2020 and zoning issues regarding new Inn have been referred to legal; WWTP Plan Committee: review change orders, ahead of schedule on project and coming in under budget; Public Works: overtime down significantly, sharing a staff person is working fairly well, sanitary survey rescheduled due to holiday, classes for certifications & taking tests - cover with T rating employees and not need OIC in early summer to save the City money; cuts in agriculture dept. means cuts to grants/awards in the next few years; Mayor's Report: Thanked the citizens for their efforts that they put in, and all that they do.

Motion Sol, second Gwen, all alderpersons agreed to approve R.J. Jurowski's contractor's application for payment no. 8 of \$361,594.11 for the WWTP project. Motion carried.

Virgil Schaffner, representing the Fountain City Fire Association, addressed the Council. He noted that there has been a disconnect in this whole process. He went through a list: Average person doesn't know that it isn't the Fountain City Fire Department, it is the Fountain City Fire Association with Fountain City, Towns of Milton, Cross & Buffalo being equal partners except that the fire station is the sole responsibility of Fountain City; Needed a building for years as custom trucks were needed in the current station; Located in a residential area which is not a good arrangement; Only inches between trucks and firemen getting dressed; No showers, only one restroom, no laundry and firemen should shower before going home; originally had planned to replace 20 year old truck with a custom truck at \$450,000 to \$500,000, but now would buy a used 7-8 year old truck for \$100,000 to \$175,000; Virgil was approached by the Lions Club five years ago to use the land by the pool for a new fire station and they spent \$7,000 to secure the land and building for the FCFA (FC Fire Assoc.) but they had to deed the land to the City as that was who the original agreement with BNSF was with; building was donated by Joe Greshik for the pool and he feels the City has no investment in it; they want the City to operate external restrooms, but building plan for new station would attach to the existing pool house owned by the City; want the City to transfer the land at no charge to the FCFA. Discussion ensued regarding: if the pool house could be used as part of Fountain City's share of the cost of the new building since townships of Milton, Cross and Buffalo would benefit from the City's contribution in land and building; retainage of bathroom, but give the FCFA land; merits more consideration for cost and value of building; sign 99 year lease for restroom/shower facility; surveying needed and cost borne by whom;

building to be recognized as part of our share of new facility; legal description needed (John Schlesselman left); and number of driveways to support park area and fire station. Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed for the City to approve process by which, once legal description is done, grant deed to the FCFA. (FCFA members left at 7:58pm)

Motion Barb, second Sol, to approve the Secure Sockets Layers Update for the Fountain City website with Gwen abstaining due to a perceived conflict of interest. Motion was amended by Sol, seconded by Barb, and all alderpersons agreed to direct the City Clerk to create rationale for reasonable proration of charges amongst the various departments for the SSL update. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed and discussed the agenda item of appointment authority of Council and Mayor update. Building inspector appointment was position that precipitated this agenda item request and the idea that the Mayor would appoint contrary to an individual alderperson's desire. Belief that the charter ordinance dictates that the Council appoints committees and that the order of precedence should be state law, local law and past practices was discussed at length. The Clerk-Treasurer advised that the Charter ordinance is mute about the formation of committees and that in past practice the Mayor appointed committees and the Council ratified. A letter from the City Attorney's office was given to all members present outlining that past practices would generally prevail in the case of no ordinance or resolution governing the process. With regard to the desire to flipflop the positions of building inspector and assistant, it was reiterated that a committee cannot appoint anyway, that it takes the Council for appointments. General consensus was that no change was needed as if past practice remained, that the Mayor would appoint, and the Council ratification would mean that the Council still retains power.

Motion Sol, second Gwen, all alderpersons agreed to street sweeping with Wigham Services for \$1,175 as recommended by Public Works Supervisor, Keith Slocum. Motion carried. Keith thinks it might be a good idea to use handbill to get the word out about street sweeping.

Motion Sol, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to the Buffalo County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Motion carried. It was also mentioned that some information is outdated and needs updating.

Options to make the City Charter and ordinances more available to Council members was discussed. Several ordinances are almost ready to go on the website that the Clerk and an alderperson had asked about. A digital copy of ordinances was made available to Sol upon his becoming a alderperson and he will share with other members.

Motion Sol, second Judith, to table to next meeting Bond Road gravel as Public Works has no hard numbers now. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed to table until the next meeting a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2,720,000 sewerage system mortgage revenue bonds of the City of Fountain City, Buffalo County, Wisconsin and providing for the payment of the bonds and other details with respect to the bonds for renovation, repairs and upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Motion carried. (Fran Burt left at 8:40pm)

Motion Gwen, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to grant an operator's license to Ellinor Jean Wanshura. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to pay the bills presented. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 8:46pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer