

February 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Judith Ganger, Barb Schmidtknecht, Sol Simon, Bobbi Farrand and Gwen Katula. Absent: John Sagan. Others present: Nick Lorenz, Fran Burt, Ann Bohri, John Schlesselman, Cally Ligman, Jack Stutsman, Captain CJ Martin, David Brommerich, Richard & Colleen Kennerly, Attorney David Fugina & Jeanne Fugina, Attorney Scott Curtis, Chris Pickering (at 7:04pm) and Delton Hoyt (at 7:05pm).

Mayor Kevin Hutter read the proclamation of Attorney David Fugina. Excerpts of the proclamation are as follows: 28 years of faithful legal practice as City Attorney; vital part of community; professional, knowledgeable, yet humble and straight-forward; dedicated service and extending wishes for a long and prosperous retirement. David noted how he was thankful – labor of love, and also enjoyed working with the Mayors and Clerks over the past years. If he had it to do all over again, he would do the same things – marry Jeanne and return to his hometown to be an attorney.

Mayor Kevin Hutter introduced Attorney Scott Curtis to all the Council members. He will be in the satellite office in Fountain City on M, W & F mornings for sure. His firm offers a full range of services. (David & Jeanne Fugina and Scott Curtis left at 7:07pm)

Motion Gwen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 regular Council meeting with a wording change clarification from flexpay to flextime and additional wording after capital funds of “that are not sufficient to build a well in 10 years” requested by Sol. Motion carried.

Citizens: Fran Burt wanted to remind the City to keep an eye on 327 North Shore Drive due to a storm sewer drain with bad positioning.

Delton Hoyt, Police Officer, presented the Council with a mock monthly report. There were five general incidents and nine traffic stops- which were mostly speed related. Cost of F150 windshield replacement was presented. Inventory was all done except for the evidence room, as he hasn’t been able to get in touch with Lee. Nick Lorenz will assist with him obtaining keys at the Corp. of Engineers.

Keith Slocum, Public Works Supervisor, noted that things were going well. Training and then testing coming up on May 5th for approval. He took a continuing education class in Onalaska and a Rural Water convention is also coming up at the end of March.

Committee Discussions: PPHS: Three month evaluations are done. Resignation of the Deputy Clerk, but will not be replaced at this time per the committee’s decision. Instead a Public Works employee will be used part-time in the office as the Clerk-Treasurer realigns her duties and procedures to see if this will work as a cost-saving measure. Streets-Roads/Recycling: met on January 19th finalizing Mill Street, snow emergency procedures and dumpster ordinance. Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties/Cemetery: Recreational plan, update on FCRP production, public acknowledgement of Judee at spring play, roofing, bathrooms, website updates, volunteers, second picnic shelter, donated exercise equipment to be returned to donors or disposed of, and future skating rink are on the 2017 list.

WWTP Plan Committee: John Schlesselman reported committee will meet again on Feb. 21st at 4pm. Construction meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, and he noted that: headworks, ductwork, demo, and lighting are mostly complete; issue with concrete in tanks will be on a future change order; electric and HVAC yet to finish; comminuter has had nothing done with it yet, but will be looked at next week; primary clarifier starting to deteriorate and may need coating; new pumps being installed; end of April will be working on control building and may need temporary service; check with manufacturer of controls, Rural Development contact is moving, and new replacement (Brenda) will be here next two months with Nate, and then she will be handling alone. Public Works: Meeting on Feb. 28th at 7pm regarding scheduling, overtime, SDWLP funding, relining sewage main in Germantown with CIPP (cast in place piping). Mayor’s Report: Will dedicate Judee’s plaque on opening night of the play on April 19th at 7:30pm; Keith to erect plaque in auditorium; and loan with Rural Development will be closing and need to approve sewer rate adjustment. (The Clerk-Treasurer was requested to send loan information to entire Council per Barb’s request.) Introduced the two write-in candidates for First Ward Alderperson of: Cally Ligman and Richard Kennerly who both reside on Hill Street in Fountain City.

Motion Sol, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to reduce the sewer units per JP Plachecki's request for 119 S. Main Street, to 2 units, as recommended by the Clerk-Treasurer, effective with the next billing cycle. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Bobbi, all alderpersons agreed have a public hearing on March 7th at 7pm to address proposed lawn/weed, snow emergency and dumpster ordinances. Motion carried. John Schlesselman would prefer to have samples available online to view ahead of time.

Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to approve the request by the Army Reserve to use our facilities May 5-9, 2017. Motion carried. Captain Martin stated they would be bringing the bridge units as there are no bodies of water at Ft. McCoy. Mutual benefit as they get training, and we get the influx of soldier spending. There will be 60-70 soldiers, spending two nights housed at the Corp. of Engineers, with deployment there as well. Soldiers, as part of their training, will be wearing gas masks and carrying weapons (not loaded) and possibly will be having smoke pots (harmless) for obscurity as part of their exercises. Locals are welcome to observe operations and Nick Lorenz advised that the river will not be closed.

Motion Sol, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to grant a cemetery lot deed to Jerry Bond. Motion carried.

Motion Judith, second Gwen, all alderpersons agreed to adopt procedures for walking in the auditorium as read by Gwen. Motion carried. There will be a sign and a sign-up sheet for entry via the Clerk's office.

Motion Sol, second Gwen, all alderpersons agreed to table the U.S. Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey. Motion carried. Census is due again, and they have reached out to us. Last census was not very thorough, and we might wish to establish a Census committee. This warrants more discussion later was the consensus of those present.

Motion Gwen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to approve R.J. Jurowski's contractor's application for payment no. 6 of \$233,494.80 for the WWTP project. Motion carried.

Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to approve purchase of a second voting machine, if available, for a price of up to \$600. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer had been in touch with the Clerk at New London, WI who had advertised that they were selling their touch screen machines - which were identical to the one the City currently has.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to allow Gwen to begin the initial setup of an Economic Development committee with Gwen as lead – consisting of 5-7 members of the community. Motion carried. Gwen wants the citizens to have more input and say as there is a lot to offer in this City. This committee could work on the recreational plan as well.

Gwen also noted that the FCBC Group will again be hosting an Easter egg hunt with St. Michael's at 10am sharp. The FCBC Group's next meeting is Feb. 23rd with a 5pm social hour and 6pm round table discussion at the Golden Frog that is open to the public. Membership dues are \$35.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a review of parliamentary procedures rules or to develop our own procedures. Sol had noted that a junior at C-FC school had precipitated him asking for the first part of the agenda item as this student was amazing at parliamentary procedure. The idea of creating our own procedures based off parts of others was entertained by the Mayor, but Sol had contacted the League and was told that all other cities in Wisconsin use Roberts Rules of Order. After further discussion regarding the loose use of Roberts Rules and the need for all to review them, (Nick Lorenz and Captain Martin left at 8:55pm and Richard & Colleen Kennerly left at 8:56pm) Judith made a motion to table until next month's meeting. That motion failed due to lack of a second. No action was taken either way.

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

Motion Gwen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 9:13 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer