

January 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fountain City was called to order at 7:02 pm on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 by Mayor Kevin Hutter. Alderpersons present: Judith Ganger, Barb Schmidtknecht, John Sagan, Sol Simon, Bobbi Farrand and Gwen Katula. Others present: Claire Waters and Delton Hoyt.

Motion John, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 public hearing and special meeting as submitted and the December 13, 2016 regular meeting with a correction to the snow emergency amount to be 2 inches instead of the 3-4 inches as submitted by the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

Committee Discussions: PPHS: Three month evaluation due for Keith/Chris and evaluation sheets to go out with meeting scheduled for 1-31-17 at 7pm. Streets-Roads/Recycling: Meeting scheduled for January 6, 2017 at 6pm. Park-Rec/Tourism/City Properties/Cemetery: use balance of beautification for year round banners; 3 people interested in community garden; finish roofing bathrooms at park & paint interior; paint all buildings; inspect and repair/replace picnic tables; Rhubarb festival on June 3rd; meeting with John Schlesselman and Dave Bonifas about recreation plan; ice skating rink; floral trusts and tombstone repairs at cemetery as well as website updates were all on the plate for 2017. WWTP Plan Committee: met today and discussed change order process – will meet regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4pm to keep on top of budget issues. Public Works: keep track of overtime but minimize hours and oversight, well discussion and staff development and licensing. Mayor's Report: 198 hours of overtime; last year 226 hours and flex time. Keith has employees going home. Stephanie works 8:30am-1:30pm on M, T & TH leaving 5 hours of flex time weekly. Committee meetings should be later in the day, and Kevin would like them 6:30-7:00pm because it is very difficult for him to make a 4pm meeting. Engineer was already in town and we are paying them for time spent here. He is concerned with having a lot of committee meetings, and he is passing on information that people have told him. We need to see results from meetings. Kevin thanked all for working well together. Gwen noted that when she was door knocking for nomination signatures, that people were concerned about how they can find out about meetings. Winona Post instead of C-FC Recorder was one suggestion that was brought up to her?

Discussion of scheduling a public hearing on lawn/weed, snow emergency and dumpster ordinances ensued. Committee is hopeful that in March a draft of all are ready for the meeting. To have the language ready for the February meeting is desired by Sol. It was noted that Alma has a nice dumpster ordinance with a thirty day provision and renewal. Janet gave Barb a copy of Alma's ordinance for review.

Motion Sol, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed for Officer Hoyt to purchase law enforcement software from Spillman at a cost of \$1,380 to be paid monthly at \$115/month. Motion carried. Beginning in 2017, all citations have to be filed electronically, not written. He liked this software for price, no hidden fees, been around for 34 years, and cloud based.

Motion Gwen, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to R.J. Jurowski's contractor's application for payment no. 5 of \$364,787.55 for the WWTP project. Motion carried.

Motion John, second Gwen, all alderpersons agreed to kick back JP Plachecki's request for a utility rate reduction for 119 Main Street back to Public Works to review sewer (not water as listed in his letter). Motion carried.

Public Works well improvement fund was discussed. Sol noted that we had a letter from Charlie Cameron as follow up, and he said we would do well to put a solid capital fund in place for 10 years. It was suggested that we establish a fund and Janet then explained about PSC and CDBG mandates as well a fire protection charges. We have a capital fund that is not sufficient to build a well in 10 years, but cannot increase amount without increasing our rates, and that is governed by the PSC. Kevin noted that they should quit mandating without providing funding. Keith interjected that the meter was tested and is working correctly at the well house.

Motion John, second Gwen, all alderpersons agreed to the change order submitted from R.J. Jurowski, as recommended by the WWTP Plan Committee, for \$48,145.28. Motion carried. Change order included paving and sidewalk, sludge load out, piping changes, fencing changes, head house, exterior siding replacement and doors.

Motion Gwen, second Barb, all alderpersons agreed to authorize the Mayor to sign the single audit statement due 1/15/17 to the Dept. of Administration. Motion carried.

Motion Gwen, second John, all alderpersons agreed to pay the bills presented with the exception of the bill from Louis Earthmoving. Motion carried.

Motion Bobbi, second Judith, all alderpersons agreed to adjournment at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet LaDuke, Clerk-Treasurer