

City of Fontanelle

Sept 12, 2023

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Mayor Sturdy-Martin calling the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council members present were Brown, Goetz, Kernen, and Barrett. All motions are carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employees present: Sam McIntire, Mary Dodson, and Scott Tondreum from Greenfield Municipal Utilities currently mentoring Fontanelle Municipal Utilities. Also present, Claudia Stutzman, Patty Jacobson, Rhonda Huddleson, Raina Connors, Bernard Connors, and Tyler Cooper.

One intention was filed for the open city council member seat. A Motion by Barrett was made to appointment Bernard Connors to the open city council seat, Goetz seconded the motion.

6:05 p.m. Mayor Martin swore in appointed council member, Bernard Connors.

The written Police report which each council member had in their possession was read and summarized by Mayor Martin.

6:11 p.m. Calvin Edwards entered.

Water, Wastewater and Street report was given by Sam McIntire. Electrical project B phase has been repaired. The A phase will be repaired when it faults. The pump has been repaired for the vac. The lagoon sager pump has been repaired under warranty. The lift station pumps need repair, estimates are being obtained. The lining project for sewer line has been slowed due to a large build up in a cast line. Motion by Barrett to have AccuJet use a chain cutter to possibly correct the issue, seconded by Kernen. Approved. The City's jet equipment needs the hose replaced. A monthly calendar has been created with Scott Tonderum for scheduling daily, monthly, quarterly, yearly work and special projects timelines. Smoke testing did not show major issues. The Department of Natural Resource will visit on September 13, 2023, to discuss a wastewater treatment plan. A closed bid sales for garage doors has not been picked up from the City Shop. Kernen motioned to send the recipient of the closed bid sale a certified letter to obtain the property within 30 days or forfeit the property, seconded by Connors. Approved. A second well in the City Park has been filled.

6:40 p.m. Mike Huddleson entered.

Goetz wanted to make sure the boxes and other items were being replaced after the wells are filled because of the July town celebration next year.

6:43 p.m. Kay Bax entered.

The project at Main Street and Hwy 92 is scheduled for next week as well as an electrical project. Per Scott Tonderum the mentoring for Fontanelle Municipal Utilities will continue with the current contract until the end of 2023. Tonderum suggested changing the water, wastewater, and street report to Utilities report to include electricity. Council members Goetz and Connors volunteered to be heads of the Utilities Committee.

Fire Department report was provided and read via Martin. The fire station was cleaned for the slab supper. August 9, 2023, was a regular fire department meeting. 5 rescue calls, 3 fire calls and one alarm.

City Clerk's report was given by Mary Dodson. An Eagle Scout project has been requested to clean up the Slab. Goetz motioned to provide paint and approve the project, Barrett seconded. Insurance renewal rates for an employee benefit for life insurance will remain the same. A recap from Jeremy Rounds with SICOG from his visit to the August 2023 regular council meeting is included in each members information packets. Information from Mandy Berg with the Auditor's office is provided for

council and mayor election. October 4, 2023, The City Clerk will attend a workshop in Corning for TIF information.

Council's Report: Goetz reported the cost per city vehicle for identification to use vinyl lettering would be \$35 or \$200 for magnetic signs. Goetz motioned to use vinyl lettering, seconded by Barrett. Approved.

Mayor's report was given by Mary Sturdy-Martin. Sturdy-Martin is not planning to run for reelection.

Attorney's report – none.

Motion by Brown to approve the Agenda, Minutes from August 8, 2023, regular meeting, financial statement, and bills, second by Goetz. Approved.

Motion by Barrett to pay the bill pulled from 8/8/23 meeting, Kernan seconded. Approved.

Motion by Goetz, seconded by Brown to approve the building permits plan B within compliance and not to cover utilities at 415 3rd Street. Approved.

Motion by Barrett to approve building permit at 510 1st Street, seconded by Kernan. Approved.

Goetz motioned to approve the building permit at 550 Edwin Place, Barrett seconded.

McIntire questioned if a building permit had been applied for at 204 3rd Street. Mayor Martin will speak to the owner.

Goetz on behalf of the Enterprise Club requested permission to clean the community center building, paint and restock the kitchen. Kernan motioned to approve the request, seconded by Connors. Barrett aye. Goetz and Brown abstained.

2nd public reading ordinance #2023.2-animal ordinance has been tabled.

3rd public reading of ordinance 2023.1-city building code has been tabled.

The regular meeting ordinance has been tabled due to Attorney Hockenberry's absence.

Consent Agenda items: Park and park bandstand clean up, slab renovations, bridge grant deadline. Halloween trick or treating is declared Oct 31, 2023, 5 – 8 p.m.

McIntire added the Fontanelle Municipal Utility employees will attend a training session in Lenox September 20, 2023.

Tonderum commented that the cleanup efforts by the city employees have improved the appearance of the city.

Animal ordinance questions from the public were heard.

7:50 p.m. Mike Huddleson and Rhonda Huddleson exited.

Council members are concerned about vaccination records for dog. Police department to follow up on this matter.

Next regular city council meeting is set for October 10th, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Motion by Goetz, seconded by Kernan for adjournment at 8:00 p.m. Approved.

Bills to approve since Aug 8, 2023, meeting

BILLS PAID		
Cyber Solutions	processing fee	\$75.00
Business Radio	processing fee	\$50.00
Dearborn Life Ins	benefits	\$170.40
Farmers Electric	utilities	\$410.50
FNB	processing fee	\$46.89
IPAIT	utilities	\$11,759.36

IDR	sales tax	\$856.56
IDR	sales tax	\$987.75
IDR	sales tax	\$941.84
IDR	WET tax	\$1,053.30
IDR	WET tax	\$929.72
IDR	WET tax	\$1,006.41
IPERS	benefits	\$3,266.20
IRS	payroll 8/11/23	\$2,453.76
IRS	payroll 8/25/23	\$2,348.69
IRS	payroll 9/8/23	\$2,313.70
United Healthcare	healthcare	\$5,560.52
Verizon	phone	\$105.79
Visa	supplies	\$643.27

TO BE APPROVED

21ST Century	supplies	\$612.69
AccuJet	service	\$22,640.49
Adair Co Treasurer	property taxes	\$548.00
Adair CO Auditor	service	\$5,000.00
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$76.34
	monthly sewer	
Atlantic, City of	contract	\$1,495.00
Border States	electrical supplies	\$27,825.43
Casey's	supplies	\$270.41
City of Orient	training	\$159.03
Creston Publishing	publishing	\$243.20
Dept of Energy	electricity	\$12,686.66
Farmers Lumber	supplies	\$177.51
Forward Fontanelle	electricity	\$6,267.75
Fontanelle Observer	publication	\$42.00
GMU	2 monthly contracts	\$17,259.90
GMU	Utilities	\$10,339.85
Greenfield True Value	supplies	\$30.37
Iowa League of Cities	dues	\$771.00
Matheson Tri-gas	supplies	\$271.10
McIntire, Sam	reimbursement	\$267.01
Midwest Cloud		
Computing	support	\$155.00
Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,743.12
Municipal supply	supplies	\$13,539.67
Neonlink	processing fees	\$71.60
Ring-O-Matic	supplies	\$3,581.44
S&T Property Solutions	roll off service	\$1,290.00
Skarshaug	supplies	\$175.42
State Hygienics Lab	testing	\$289.50

UnityPoint clinic	testing	\$84.00
USA Blue Book	supplies	\$684.83
visa	supplies	\$825.52
Wallace Auto Supply	supplies	\$35.97
Ward Computer Repair	service	\$280.00
Williams, Chuck	rebate	\$100.00
Windstream	Utilities	\$502.52
Totals		\$165,321.99

Revenues		Expenditures	
General Fund	\$7,540.74	General Fund	\$25,991.58
Road Use Tax	\$7,776.83	Road Use Tax	\$5,305.87
Employee Benefit	\$78.26	Employee Benefit	\$1,437.34
Urban Renewal	\$0.00	Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$15,019.01	Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Meter Deposits	\$0.00	Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$15,324.28	Water Fund	\$10,982.80
Water Sinking	\$0.00	Water Sinking	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$16,713.80	Sewer Fund	\$10,202.34
Sewer Sinking	\$0.00	Sewer Sinking	\$0.00
Electric Fund	\$53,886.72	Electric Fund	\$51,985.34
Library Fund	\$0.00	Library Fund	\$0.00
Landfill Fund	\$743.38	Landfill Fund	\$0.00
Totals	\$117,083.02	Totals	\$105,905.27

Attest: Mary Dodson, City Clerk