

City of Fontanelle

June 13, 2023

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at 6:01 p.m. at the Community Center, with Mayor Sturdy-Martin calling the meeting to order. Council members present were Brown, Goetz, Barrett and Sickles. Council member Ellis resigned. All motions are carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employees present: Sam McIntire, Mary Dodson, Matt Heinz. Also present, Scott Tonderum, Brenda Funke, Jon Funke, Claudia Stutzman, Julie Christensen, Jade Zimmerline, John Thatcher, Caleb Nelson, John Huddleson and Calvin Edwards.

Motion by Brown to approve the Agenda, Minutes, and financial statement, second by Goetz. Approved. Approval of bills moved to later for review time.

FNB Insurance quotes for city's liability and property insurance had not been returned as of meeting time. The city's insurance policy will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

John Thatcher representing Windstream agreed to all of the project being buried to a 30" depth in conduct. The project will have an approximate completion date of Fall 2023 with immediate approval. Goetz motioned to approve the Windstream project; Barrett seconded. Approved

Windstream representatives exited at 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Goetz, seconded by Brown to approve a deferred pay plan for Agriland FS, Inc. propane usage for the city water plant. Approved.

Discussion regarding cameras in the city park has been forwarded to June 26, 2023, working meeting to allow time to research options.

Motion by Barrett, seconded by Brown to have city wide cleanup days July 22, 2023. Approved.

Motion by Barrett, seconded by Brown to use vendors A & B for waste disposal for cleanup days. Approved.

Motion by Goetz, seconded by Sickles to use the only vendor with a returned quote for tire disposal. Approved.

Disposal of appliances will need a sticker from City Hall with a paid fee to be picked up. Motion by Sickles, seconded by Barrett. Approved.

A burn variance application for 511 6th Street, motion by Goetz, seconded by Sickles. Approved.

Building permit applications: 107 9th Street, motion by Goetz, seconded by Sickles. Approved. 720 4th Street, motion by Goetz, seconded by Sickles. Martin Abstained. Barrett and Brown aye.

Motion by Goetz, seconded by Barrett to approve Fiscal year 2021-2022 audit report. Approved.

1st public reading of ordinance #2023.2 – animal ordinance has been tabled. Motion made by Brown, seconded by Goetz. Approved.

2nd public reading of ordinance #2023.1 – city building code has been tabled. Motion made by Brown, seconded by Goetz. Approved.

All interested parties for the open council seat should attend the next regular city council meeting.

7:30 p.m. Brenda Funke, Jon Funke, John Huddleson and Caleb Nelson exited.

Barrett made a motion to move a City Employee 6-month review to the end of the regular meeting, action seconded by Goetz. Approved.

Motion made by Brown to approve all bills except one in question until further information is obtained, seconded by Sickles. Approved.

Police report given by Officer Heinz. All mowing violations have been taken care of, a clean-up complaint has been addressed and all parking complaints have been attended to.

Water, Wastewater and Street report was given by Sam McIntire. City Park well is not useful. Brown motioned to fill the well in question and check the others wells for possible issues, seconded by Goetz. Approved. Blacktop services will not be used this year. The May 4th power outage was due to B phase needing replaced. This replacement will take place 6/16/23. Many storm sewer ditches are on the summer agenda to begin cleaning. A lead line inspection letter will be sent with June bills to begin scheduling appointments. This inspection process will have to be completed by October 2024. Transformers for the city need to be ordered. Barrett motioned ordering these supplies from Border State, seconded by Brown. Approved. The lagoon pit has crackers which will need warranty repairs. Bucket truck safety training for all city employees will be June 21, 2023, all day. Many trees have been taken down in the city park, however the contractor has 4 more to remove. Fontanelle would like to take advantage of the City of Greenfield helping with stump grinding. Sickles motioned to use the City of Greenfield for stump removal, seconded by Brown. Approved. Sam will be taking a wastewater exam on July 12, 2023. The switch in is at the Queck corner. City dumpster use has increased.

Fire Department report given by Tyson Sickles. Sickles advised the ambulance will need to be replaced in the near future.

City Clerk's report given by Mary Dodson. City hall will be closed June 16, 2023, 8:30 to 3:30. Dodson request attending a training conference in Ames for city clerks July 26 – 28, 2023. Motion made by Goetz to allow Dodson to attend, seconded by Brown. Approved.

Council's report – discussion surrounding fireworks. Request made by Martin to add fireworks to the June 26, 2023, working meeting.

Mayor's report was given by Mary Sturdy-Martin.

Attorney's report – none.

Items to be on the next regular meetings agenda are property & liability insurance updates, 1st reading of Ordinance #2023.2 – Animal Control, 2nd reading of Ordinance #2023-1 – City Building Code and GMU contract discussion.

Next regular city council meeting is set for July 11th, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Council entered closed session at 8:16 p.m. Motion by Brown, seconded by Goetz.

Council entered open session at 9:05 p.m. Motion by Brown, seconded by Goetz.

Sickles made a motion to approve a 5% raise (\$1.20 per hour) for McIntire, seconded by Brown. Goetz, nah. Barrett, nah. Motion failed.

Mayor Martin reached out to Attorney Hockenberry via a telephone call for legal advice regarding her position as being a deciding vote without a 5th council member. Hockenberry advised against it, but a second motion could be made.

Motion by Sickles to give McIntire a \$1.00 per hour raise for his 6-month review, seconded by Brown. Barrett, aye. Goetz, nah. Motion approved.

Motion by Sickles, seconded by Brown for adjournment at 9:23p.m. Approved.

Bills to approve since May 16, 2023, meeting

21ST century	gas	\$195.63
BANYON	SUPPORT	\$3,044.00
BAUDLER	SERVICE	\$1,260.00
BORDER	SUPPLIES	\$3,869.00
BRIDGEWATER TIRE	GAS	\$17.00
CASEYS	GAS	\$287.44
CITY OF ATLANTIC	SERWER SERVICES	\$2,180.00
CRESTON	PUBLICATIONS	\$349.10
PUBLISHING		
Cyber Solutions	software support	\$75.00
DEPT OF ENERGY- WAPA	ELECTRIC	\$9,044.65
ECHO	SUPPLIES	\$311.76
Farmers Electric	Utilities	\$444.67
FARMERS LUMBER	SUPPLIES	\$147.52
FNB	Credit card processing fee	\$22.95
FNB	Credit card processing fee	\$44.94
FNB	Check stock	\$85.60
FORWARD	MAY 2023 Electric purchase	\$2,245.43
FONTANELLE POWER		
GMU	WATER & SERVICES	\$16,793.43
GRANTHAM	SERVICE	\$120.00
SANITATION		
IA DEPT REV	SALES TAX	\$731.82
IA DEPT REV	WET TAX	\$949.58
IPAIT	ELECTRIC	\$8,731.01
IPERS	May-23	\$4,386.28
IRBY	SUPPLIES	\$19,816.40
IRS	payroll 5-15-2023	\$2,089.08
IRS	payroll 6-1-2023	\$2,364.89
JACOBSEN	SUPPLIES	\$1,282.13
MATHESON TRIGAS	SUPPLIES	\$135.55
MOBOTREX	SUPPLIES	\$490.00
FONTANELLE MUNICIPAL	Utilities	\$1,620.66

NELSON LAWN CARE	MOWING	\$250.00
NEONLINK	PROCESSING FEE	\$67.60
S & T PROPERTY	SERVICE	\$1,360.00
SCHILDBERG	SUPPLIES	\$795.28
SCHULTZ PLMB	SUPPLIES	\$150.00
SOUTHWEST IA PEST CONTROL	SERVICE	\$214.00
TRUEVALUE	SUPPLIES	\$200.00
UnitedHealthCare	June Ins	\$5,561.27
US Postal service	envelopes	\$1,516.65
US Postal service	BOX RENTAL	\$104.00
USA BLUEBOOK	SUPPLIES	\$81.03
Verizon	city cell phone & data fee	\$105.73
WALLACE AUTO	SUPPLIES	\$156.14
Windstream	phone & internet	\$442.53
Totals		\$94,139.75

Revenues		Expenditures	
General Fund	\$10,443.93	General Fund	\$19,260.38
Road Use Tax	\$145.12	Road Use Tax	\$6,126.83
Employee Benefit	\$714.08	Employee Benefit	\$1,195.24
Urban Renewal	\$0.00	Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00	Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Meter Deposits	\$0.00	Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$17,256.84	Water Fund	\$13,212.27
Water Sinking	\$0.00	Water Sinking	\$32,830.00
Sewer Fund	\$19,341.72	Sewer Fund	\$10,397.94
Sewer Sinking	\$0.00	Sewer Sinking	\$130,081.66
Electric Fund	\$51,924.73	Electric Fund	\$32,668.98
Library Fund	\$0.00	Library Fund	\$0.00
Landfill Fund	\$832.49	Landfill Fund	\$0.00
Totals	\$100,658.91	Totals	\$245,773.30

Attest: Mary Dodson, City Clerk
