

City of Fontanelle  
March 12, 2024

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Pro Tem Mayor Brown calling the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Walker was absent. Council members present were Connors, Edwards, Goetz, and Young. All motions are carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employee Dodson was present. Others in attendance: Claudia Stutzman, DJ Bruns and Brenda Dudley with Midwest Partnership Economic Development.

Public forum was opened at 6:01 p.m. No comments were heard. Open public forum was closed at 6:01 p.m.

No Clerk's report was given.

Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Edwards.

Midwest Partnership Economic Development gave a presentation re their economic development services.

Edwards motioned to approve a building permit at 113 S 1<sup>st</sup> St with locates, Young seconded.

Goetz motion to approve 413 Maple St building permit with locates, Edwards seconded.

Connors motioned to approve 324 1st St building permit with locates, Young seconded.

Goetz motioned to approve 625 Maple St building permit with locates, Edwards seconded.

Connors motioned to approve 119 W Washington building permit with an approved state permit and locates, Goetz seconded.

Connors motioned to approve city insurance renewal with EMC insurance for \$64,357, seconded by Goetz.

Connors motioned to close the waste disposal site (tree dump) as of April 30, 2024, seconded by Young. The City will continue to look for an alternative disposal site.

Goetz motioned to approve the use of a portal water meter to start April 1, 2024, seconded by Young.

**Resolution 2024.5 Monthly water meter rental agreement.**

Edwards motioned to increase the monthly landfill charge from \$2 to \$3 for a 12-month period after the ordinance has been enacted, Young seconded.

Connors motioned to increase the monthly Sewer rates from \$32.19 to \$36.19 and \$10 per 1000 gallon for a 12-month period after the ordinance has been enacted as well as the commercial charges to be increased by the same percentage, Edwards seconded.

Connors motioned to increase the water base rate to \$21.50 from \$16.25 and leave the usage rate as is, this increase will be for a 12-month period after the ordinance has been enacted, seconded by Young.

July 4<sup>th</sup> parade route has been set for a state permit to be applied for to close Hwy 92 from 250<sup>th</sup> street to 7<sup>th</sup> street.

City utility employees need to obtain estimates to remove more ash trees in City right away.

Connors motioned to use up to \$10K LOST funds for the first phase of reconstruction to the City Park bandstand, seconded by Young. **Resolution 2024.6 LOST funds to renovate City Park bandstand.**

Goetz motioned to set budget levy public hearing for April 2, 2024, 6 p.m. at the Community Center, Young seconded.

The utility committee with Fontanelle's utility supervisor will begin talks with Greenfield Municipal Utilities regarding the service contract.

Connors motioned the council to fill the utility supervisor position with utility employee, Hunter Ernst effective 3/4/24 with a \$.50 increase and a deadline requirement for water 1 license, Goetz seconded. **Resolution 2024.7 Utility Supervisor position filled.**

Goetz motioned to have the Utility committee and the utility supervisor use their best judgement to purchase a lawn mower up to \$18K using LOST funds as soon as possible, Young seconded. **Resolution 2024.8 City Equipment purchase with LOST funds.**

Cambridge Law Firm has agreed to remain Fontanelle's legal representation.

No consent agenda items.

Next agenda item: landfill rate ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> reading, sewer rate ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> reading, water rate ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Next regular City council meeting is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

No closing public comments.

Motion by Goetz to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Connors.

**Bills to approve since Feb 13, 2024, meeting**

BILLS PAID		
CMS	processing fee	\$0.01
Cyber Solutions	processing fee	\$75.00
Farmers Electric	utilities	\$260.30
FNB	processing fee	\$73.71
FNB	safety deposit box	\$25.00
FNB	Check stock	\$85.60
FNB	processing fee	\$55.44
IPAIT	utilities	\$9,670.36
IDR	sales tax	\$893.58
IDR	WET tax	\$805.39
IPERS	IPERS	\$3,152.88
IRS	payroll 02/23/24	\$2,291.25
IRS	payroll 03/08/24	\$2,416.01
United Healthcare	healthcare	\$7,061.42
Verizon	utility	\$121.08
VISA	supplies	\$1,195.78
TO BE APPROVED		
21ST Century	supplies	\$397.48
Adair Co Lanfill	utilities	\$2,535.00
AgriLand FS	supplies	\$346.33
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$583.50
Bigelow Repair	repairs	\$75.00
Casey's	supplies	\$35.85
CIPCO	program fees	\$705.00
Atlantic, City of	monthly sewer contract	\$1,100.00
Creston Publishing	publishing	\$444.43
Dearborn	benefit	\$213.00
Dept of Energy	electricity	\$12,977.49
Farmers Lumber	supplies	\$198.44
GMU	Utilities	\$4,686.48
GMU	jan 2024 contract	\$6,751.97
Grantham Sanitation	Utilities	\$132.00
Greenfield True Value	supplies	\$665.00
Greenfield Lumber	supplies	\$48.02
Held, Amanda	services	\$221.00
Jacobsen	supplies	\$46.53
Matheson	supplies	\$277.31

Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$3,208.68
Municipal Utilities	transfer to water sinking	\$6,540.00
Municipal Utilities	transfer to sewer sinking	\$37,010.00
Neonlink	processing fees	\$71.20
Rhoads, Mallory	deposit return	\$300.00
Schildberg Inc	inspection	\$379.73
S&T Property Solutions	roll off service	\$500.00
State Hygienic lab	services	\$304.00
Titan Machinery	repairs	\$1,162.31
USPS	supplies	\$1,594.15
Windstream	Utilities	\$713.46
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$112,406.17</b>

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>	
General Fund	\$1,594.11	General Fund	\$16,924.62
Road Use Tax	\$7,209.86	Road Use Tax	\$4,423.24
Employee Benefit	\$208.27	Employee Benefit	\$801.33
Urban Renewal	\$0.00	Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$18,094.93	Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Meter Deposits	\$0.00	Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$14,889.70	Water Fund	\$18,426.24
Water Sinking	\$0.00	Water Sinking	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$15,908.57	Sewer Fund	\$24,328.55
Sewer Sinking	\$0.00	Sewer Sinking	\$0.00
Electric Fund	\$57,874.73	Electric Fund	\$43,933.39
Library Fund	\$0.00	Library Fund	\$41.98
Landfill Fund	\$703.86	Landfill Fund	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$116,484.03</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$108,879.35</b>