

City of Fontanelle  
January 10, 2024

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Mayor Walker calling the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. This meeting was rescheduled for January 9, 2024, due to inclement weather. Council members present were Brown, Connors, Goetz, and Edwards. Council member Young was absent. All motions are carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employee Dodson was present as well as community members, Claudia Stutzman, Chance Stutzman and Greenfield Municipal Utilities representative, Scott Tonderum.

No public comments were heard.

Mayor Walker gave an opening statement thanking everyone for voting him as mayor. His request to the community is to pledge to move forward for the betterment of the community, to the council a request to continue to make Fontanelle a place to call home and to the City's employees a request to remain honest and ethical.

The following committees were also set up by Mayor Walker. Mayor Pro Tem: Brown, Personnel/HR: Connors & Goetz, Utility: Connors & Edwards, EMA: Walker, Edwards and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate Ernst, Finance: Brown & Goetz, Park & Recreation: Brown. With councilperson Young absent more committees will be filled later.

Utility report was read by Dodson. The Library shed has been cleaned out, a list is being compiled of manhole rings needing replaced, and input is needed for items to be completed before July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. A grant from the Department of Transportation has been received for 2 digital speed limit signs. These signs will be placed on Washington Street (west bound) before Funke's daycare and (east bound) will be placed at the tree park.

Fire department report was read by Dodson. December 2023 the department had 3 EMS calls, no fire calls and 1 meeting.

Clerk's report was given by Dodson. The Fire Department truck loan is made via an interfund transfer and is up to date. Set dates for the legal service proposal. Held has agreed to assist with the upcoming budget for \$25 per hour. LOST funds of \$18,057.80 have been used for Reeves Roofing. An appointment needs to be made for a project board for SICOG.

6:11 p.m. Kay Baxe and Becky Boes entered.

Connors motioned to approve the agenda, minutes from December 13, 2023, financial statements, and bills for payment, seconded by Goetz. All Aye.

Scott Tonderum spoke to the council regarding the 2 contracts between Greenfield Municipal Utilities and The City of Fontanelle. Both contracts require an official written notice of termination 12 months before the contract expires. Tonderum noted this notice is not Greenfield Municipal Utilities leaving Fontanelle; it is a chance to start to negotiate the contracts to allow Fontanelle a chance to let their employees do more work on their own and save the City money.

Chance Stutzman spoke on behalf of the Lions Club requesting approval to have Scott's Amusement in town the weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Goetz motioned to table the request pending more information re their need of electricity, seconded by Brown. All, aye.

Connors motioned to post bids for mowing City property for 2024, Brown seconded. All, aye. Connors and Edwards will also research costs of equipment and pesticide application to possibly bring this service back to the City's utility department.

Brown motioned to obtain an updated bid for codification, seconded by Edwards. All, aye.

Brown motioned to send out proposals for legal counsel by 1/19/24 and require a return response by 2/9/24, Goez seconded. Brown motioned to amend the request to send a proposal for legal counsel as soon as possible, seconded by Goetz. All, aye. Edwards also made a request to ask Attorney Hockenberry for any billing owed to Cambridge Law Firm.

No consent agenda items.

Next agenda item: Lions club, legal service proposal, City Superintendent, mowing, 4<sup>th</sup> of July work list, SIMECA rep, SICOG rep.

Next regular City council meeting is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

Closing public comments: Tonderum suggested looking at other communities of same size for ordinance updates. He also noted a utility superintendent is greatly needed as well as job descriptions.

Motion by Connors to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Edwards. All, aye.

**Bills to approve since Dec 13, 2023, meeting**

BILLS PAID		
Cyber Solutions	processing fee	\$75.00
Farmers Electric	utilities	\$453.50
FNB	processing fee	\$50.09
IPAIT	utilities	\$8,086.37
IDR	sales tax	\$805.78
IDR	WET tax	\$828.75
IPERS	benefits	\$4,973.27
IRS	payroll 12/15/23	\$2,435.62
IRS	PAYROLL 12/29/23	\$2,470.71
Neonlink	processing fee	\$395.05
United Healthcare	healthcare	\$7,061.42
Verizon	city cell phone	\$253.52
TO BE APPROVED		
21ST Century	supplies	\$342.48
Adair Co Hospital	testing	\$415.00
Adair Co Auditor	Service contract - Police	\$5,000.00
AgriLand FS	supplies	\$1,025.03
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$592.07
Atlantic, City of	monthly sewer contract	\$1,450.00
Creston Publishing	publishing	\$159.61
Dept of Energy	electricity	\$14,252.00
Farmers Lumber	supplies	\$437.89
Fastenal	supplies	\$109.66
Feld Fire	supplies	\$152.00
Forward Fontanelle	electricity	\$5,596.77
Fox Welding	repairs	\$392.47
GMU	Utilities	\$4,005.25
Grantham Sanitation	Utilities	\$120.00
Greenfield True Value	supplies	\$112.43

Jacobsen	supplies	\$75.00
Library	quarterly support	\$12,500.00
Matheson Tri-gas	supplies	\$148.11
Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$2,429.48
Neonlink	processing fees	\$70.40
Reeve's Roofing	repairs	\$56,507.25
S&T Property Solutions	roll off service	\$500.00
Southwest IA Pest Cntrl	services	\$214.00
Swanson, Matthew	IT services	\$3,337.50
USA BlueBook	supplies	\$1,117.08
Windstream	Utilities	\$538.73
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$139,489.29</b>

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>	
General Fund	\$10,720.22	General Fund	\$25,256.18
Road Use Tax	\$8,394.43	Road Use Tax	\$6,409.75
Employee Benefit	\$2,069.41	Employee Benefit	\$2,083.85
Urban Renewal	\$0.00	Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$28,460.21	Local Option Sales Tax	\$0.00
Meter Deposits	\$0.00	Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00	Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$14,291.41	Water Fund	\$13,352.68
Water Sinking	\$0.00	Water Sinking	\$3,540.00
Sewer Fund	\$15,301.66	Sewer Fund	\$6,221.89
Sewer Sinking	\$0.00	Sewer Sinking	\$23,010.00
Electric Fund	\$56,804.49	Electric Fund	\$62,183.55
Library Fund	\$0.00	Library Fund	\$15.35
Landfill Fund	\$711.22	Landfill Fund	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$136,753.05</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$142,073.25</b>

Attest: Mary Dodson, City Clerk

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