

City of Fontanelle
September 10, 2024

The Fontanelle City Council met in regular session at the Community Center, with Mayor Walker calling the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Council members present were Brown, Connors, Goetz and Young. Edwards was absent. All motions are carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted. City employee Dodson was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Walker.

No opening public comments were heard.

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

Mayor Walker asked the council to communicate regarding subjects relevant to upcoming meetings. He also expressed work needs done on the employee handbook, many ordinances, and alley cleanup at 616 Washington and 301 Maple. Walker stated all employees need to use the timeclock on a consistent basis. Connors motioned to approve timeclock usage by all employees, Young seconded.

Clerk's report was given by Dodson. EMC insurance shared 2 free benefits available with our policy. Attorney Hockenberry has given further explanation re vacating allies and has provided copies of contract termination with S&T Properties and the City of Bridgewater regarding the tree dump. The city's codification service can still accept ordinance changes completed this year. The Greenfield Municipal Utilities service contract is being negotiated. Virtual clerk training will be October 2-4, 2024. In person clerk training will be October 16-18, 2024. City hall will be closed for both events. September 12, 2024, city hall will close at noon.

No police report was available.

Mayor Walker read the utility report. Six new electric primaries have been installed. Two of the six were fixing faulted lines with the rest updating old lines. The faulted lines happened July 23rd and August 19th. One new electric service was installed at Roger and Beth Frank's garage. Upgraded the electrical service at Matt Marckmann's barn. Two new water services have been installed. The water tower had to be filled manually for the past 2 weeks due to a valve issue at the meter pit.

Connors motioned to table the park rules and signage, seconded by Goetz.

The contracts with S&T Properties and the City of Bridgewater will expire Nov 13, 2024, unless the parties are willing to terminate early.

No action was taken regarding the Lutheran Church bells playing due to no church representation.

Jon Conzett, a representative of Calhoun-Burns Associates, Inc. was present to give the council updated and accurate information regarding the 3rd Street bridge. The bridge is required to be inspected every 2 years. The next inspection will be 2025, which will be performed by his company. Conzett referred to the most recent bridge inspection report that has the bridge classified as poor condition with an estimated remaining life of 4 years. Conzett continued explaining the bridge grant Fontanelle currently has from the Iowa Department of Transportation. He went on touching upon the time sensitivity of the project, the legal phase, the liability the city has, and a few financial requirements, needed to continue. No action was taken by the council.

Goetz motioned to approve the building permit at 203 4th Street Place, seconded by Young.

Connors motioned to approve the building permit at 421 Jefferson with fees paid, utility locates performed, building codes followed and the permit signed, seconded by Young.

Brown motioned to approve the building permit at 416 2nd Street to clear the lot, with fees paid and utilities capped, seconded by Young.

Goetz motioned to approve the building permit at 914 Washington upon the filing and payment of the permit within 30 days, seconded by Connors.

No consent agenda items were discussed.

Next agenda items: park regulations in Chapter 47, building permit regulations ordinance 155, city ordinance 50 and 145 regarding abandoned properties and grants for sidewalks.

Next regular City council meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2024 @ 6 p.m.

In closing, many questions were heard regarding the 3rd Street bridge.

Motion by Connors at 7:32 pm to adjourn, Young seconded.

Bills paid to approve since AUG 13, 2024, meeting

	BILLS PAID	
CMS	processing fee	\$361.49
Cyber Solutions	processing fee	\$75.00
Dearborn Life Ins	benefit	\$213.00
Farmers Electric	utilities	\$180.26
FNB	processing fee	\$43.73
IPAIT	utilities	\$13,786.07
IPERS	IPERS	\$3,416.92
IRS	payroll 8/23/24	\$2,504.31
IRS	payroll 9/6/24	\$2,608.32
United Healthcare	healthcare	\$7,061.42
Verizon	utility	\$123.95
VISA	SUPPLIES	\$1,742.33
Windstream	utilities	\$216.20
	TO BE APPROVED	
21st Century	supplies	\$463.58
Adair Co Treasurer	taxes	\$1,025.50
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$72.34
Automatic Systems	maintenance	\$787.50
Border States	SUPPLIES	\$1,635.00
Agriland FS	SUPPLIES	\$833.86
Atlantic, City of	monthly sewer contract	\$1,100.00
Corning Rentals	rental	\$2,805.00
Creston Publishing	printing	\$131.63
Dept of Energy	power purchase	\$12,816.88
Farmers Lumber	supplies	\$4.58
Forward Fontanelle	power purchase	\$4,685.65
Fontanelle Observer	subscription	\$42.00
Fox Welding	repairs	\$94.13
Grantham Sanitation	Utilities	\$562.00
GMU	Utilities	\$4,606.38
GMU	service contract	\$6,630.00

Grainger	supplies	\$217.24
Iowa DNR	NPDES permit	\$210.00
Iowa League of Cities	dues	\$792.00
Iowa One Call	service	\$21.70
Irby	SUPPLIES	\$1,444.50
Jacobsen of Adair	SUPPLIES	\$315.00
Matheson Tri-gas	supplies	\$168.88
Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$2,025.38
Municipal Utilities	transfers	\$13,579.17
Neonlink	processing fees	\$75.20
S&T Property Solutions	roll off service	\$1,900.00
True Value	SUPPLIES	\$58.88
Windstream	utilities	\$320.41
Totals		\$91,436.98

Revenues AUG 2024

General Fund	\$11,959.31
Road Use Tax	\$7,353.90
Employee Benefit	\$141.74
Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$9,805.67
Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$16,960.99
Water Sinking	\$2,711.67
Sewer Fund	\$18,792.21
Sewer Sinking	\$10,867.50
Electric Fund	\$54,539.42
Library Fund	\$662.55
Landfill Fund	\$1,045.28
Totals	\$134,840.24

Expenditures AUG 2024

General Fund	\$23,167.09
Road Use Tax	\$43,754.71
Employee Benefit	\$537.30
Urban Renewal	\$0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$13,988.88
Meter Deposits	\$0.00
Debt Service	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$26,627.89
Water Sinking	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$20,572.68
Sewer Sinking	\$0.00
Electric Fund	\$86,516.07
Library Fund	\$1,345.22
Landfill Fund	\$0.00
Totals	\$216,509.84

Attest: City Clerk, Mary Dodson