

Rita Eble with SICOG will meet with Councilman Cummins to fill out a REAP grant application for the purchase and improvement of the tree triangle.

Departmental reports were given.

Mel's final police report was presented.

Street estimates were looked at. Motion by Cummins to accept Blacktop Service's estimate. The final decision on which streets to have done will be decided later. Seconded by Dukes. Carried unanimously.

Garry informed the Council that SIMECA will again donate \$2000 to organizations recommended by the City. Motion by Cummins to divide the \$2000 between three organizations as follows: \$200 to the Fontanelle Women's Club, \$800 to the Greater Fontanelle Community Betterment Foundation, and \$1000 to the Fontanelle Enterprise Club. Seconded by Thompson. Carried unanimously.

Garry also presented a proposal from Chem-Trol to spray weeds at the substation, lagoon, lift station, city hall, town lot and the recreation slab. The cost would be \$484. Motion by Dukes to accept this proposal. Seconded by Holan. Carried unanimously.

An employee policy will be discussed and set, at which time Melvin Smith's bill for sick leave pay will be treated accordingly.

Motion by Dukes to adjourn. Seconded by Holan. Carried unanimously.

*Lois Ehrenfried*

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Ramon D. Jacobson, Mayor

Attest: Lois Ehrenfried, City Clerk

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Fontanelle, Iowa  
March 24, 1997

The Fontanelle City Council met in special session at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Jacobson calling the meeting to order. Council members present were: Thompson, Holan, Dukes, Goff and Cummins. Absent: None.

Motion by Cummins to approve the agenda. Seconded by Goff. Carried unanimously.

A discussion on police protection was conducted. The pros and cons of entering a 28E agreement with Greenfield, going County protection or hiring our own officer were all discussed. Motion by Cummins to authorize the Mayor to have a background check done on Corey Larsen. If everything returns ok, Corey will be offered the Police Chief position at \$17,500 to start with a 6 month probationary period. His uniforms will be furnished and schooling will be paid after his probationary period. Seconded by Goff. Carried unanimously. The possibility of having someone oversee Corey for the first 3 months and help with his orientation will be explored.

A discussion on an employee policy took place. It was proposed that accumulated sick leave be paid to employees of good standing when they leave at a rate of 1/3 of the accumulated days. More discussion will follow at a later meeting.

An animal ordinance was discussed. The prior proposed ordinance would be added to with the following additional conditions: a limit of 12 head per property; all new animal sites restricted without Council approval; and if a property comes under new ownership, that owner will be given one year to put animals on that property. If not done in that length of time, the Council must give permission to have animals there at a later date, as if it were a new animal site. Motion by Dukes to have the prior included in the proposed ordinance and to have a Public Hearing at the next regular meeting, April 14, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. to vote on this proposed ordinance. Seconded by Goff. Carried unanimously.

The street committee will look at streets on March 25 and form a preliminary idea of what streets will be worked on this summer. They will check with Balcktop Service on the cost estimate for these streets and either add or reduce accordingly.

Motion by Cummins to pay Doug Barlow \$50 for trucking fees for putting rock in his alley, which falls within the one block radius of the square that the City maintains. Seconded by Dukes. Carried unanimously.

At the next meeting a clean-up notice for the paper will be considered.

Motion by Thompson to adjourn. Seconded by Holan. Carried unanimously.

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