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|  Fountain City Town Council Meeting MinutesSeptember 1, 2020 |

# Call to Order

The public meeting of the Fountain City Town Council was held at the City Building at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Attendees included Jesse Yandl, Steve Clark, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Aubrey Crist, town attorney. Shane Shroyer was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

# Approval of Minutes

Yandl confirmed that everyone had read August’s minutes. Clark motioned to approve August’s minutes as written. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Welcome Visitors

* McGuire

# New Business

* Dan Burk – Dan Burk from the Wayne County Health Department was present to discuss a face mask distribution. The county received funds from the CARES Act and would like to distribute the wealth. If the town is willing to participate, the event will be September 12th from 12-3 p.m. There are other communities participating and all are on the same day to prevent anyone getting overwhelmed by people. The county will deliver the masks, but the town will need to have volunteers to pass them out and control traffic. The county will advertise the event. McGuire informed those present that she has spoken with Shroyer about the event and he ensured that the firefighters will help. Marshal Martin informed council that he will provide traffic control for the event. Everyone agreed to participate but no vote was required.
* Notice of Grant Award – McGuire announced receiving the official letter for the water project grant. The award was through the Community Develop Block Grant from OCRA for $700,000. These funds are for the upcoming water project.
* Bond Resolution/Waterworks – McGuire ensured that all of council received the email with the bond resolution for the waterworks project attached. Hayes questioned some of the amounts and the reason for a bond. Crist and McGuire provided some clarification. Mullins motioned to accept the resolution for the waterworks. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Sewer Rates – McGuire informed council that she has been questioned about the sewer rates once again. In 1990, the sewer base rate was raised due to a sewer project at that time and loan for the project. Residents were told that the rates would go back down after the loan was paid off. McGuire has read the ordinance, which doesn’t say anything about the increase being temporary, and she has asked several that work in this area, which all agreed that they shouldn’t be lowered. As far as the town’s ordinances, there are supposed to be water and sewer rate studies done every 3-5 years. The sewer hasn’t been done since 1990.
* Review of Attorney Contract – Yandl informed council that there are some questions about an invoice received from the lawyer firm through which Crist works. The town has paid the same quarterly attorney fee for many, many years. McGuire informed council if the town is charged for any and all communication, then the communication needs to be very limited. Crist explained that it was an unusually busy quarter and she is willing to credit some of the invoice. Yandl assured her that the council is happy with her work and doesn’t want to part ways, but the town just cannot afford an extra $2,000 plus a quarter.

# Unfinished Business

* Chicken Ordinance – Crist had prepared an amendment to existing ordinance for animal control to allow chickens and McGuire emailed it to the council. Yandl confirmed that everyone had read the ordinance and is very happy with the way the ordinance was written. Clark motioned to accept the chicken ordinance. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Department Reports

Water/Sewer Departments – Shawn Phenis & Charles Tice

* Tice read his sewer report.
* Phenis read his water report.
* Tice informed council that he would like permission to purchase three scoops of cold patch, which is $135 per scoop. This is to do some pothole and road patching. Clark motioned to allow the purchase of three scoops of cold patch. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Phenis informed council that himself and Tice would like a clothing allowance instead of renewing the contract with Cintas. McGuire would need to contact Cintas to find out when the present contact terminates. Clark motioned to table this issue until contract is terminated. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Phenis informed council that IPEP has a new grant opportunity for safety equipment. It is an 80/20 match grant. He, Tice, and Martin would like to apply and see if they qualify for one. They will discuss the details when and if approved.

Police Department – Marshal Carey

* Marshal Martin read his report.
* Marshal Martin wanted to thank Martin’s Country Mart for donating shelving for his evidence room. “Thank you Mini-Mart.”

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Chase Tice

* Tice read his park/building and grounds report.

Street Department – Chase Tice

* Tice read his street report.

# Claims

Clark motioned to approve all current claims. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Adjournment

Mullins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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