

City Council Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Frontenac City Council, January 7, 2019, at Town Hall was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Grilz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll call was answered by Mayor Linda Grilz, Ethan Spurling, Dave Chiappetti, Marc McCully, Trey Coleman, Pat Clinton and David Hogard.

Minutes from the December 17, 2018, council meeting were open for discussion. Clinton made a motion, seconded by Hogard, to approve the minutes. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the council.

Appropriation Ordinance #1733 was opened for discussion. A motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1733 was made by McCully and seconded by Spurling. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

Dwight Dicus, new owner of Short's Trash Service spoke to the council about taking over the business and relocating to Frontenac's Industrial Park.

Chris Spear, Frontenac Youth League, requested that the Youth League be allowed to have work done to Field #2. Spear stated that the Youth League has been awarded two different tournaments, including the 11-12-year-old boys state tournament and a regional tournament for 9-year-old boys. Spear presented photos of the field and the dugouts along with a list of items that would need done. Spear stated that he believed the Rec Board would be able to fund the project. Mayor Linda Grilz said that she had attended the Rec Board's last meeting and she did not believe that the Board was going to pay for the entire job. Council member David Hogard asked Spear how much the Youth League was going to put towards the work on Field #2. Spear stated that the youth league would be able to fund a small portion of the work but currently they are putting a majority of the money that is made back into their programs. Hogard felt that Field #5 needs as much work as #2 does and Spear agreed. Reams told the Council that the City had released an RFP and depending on the bids, the scope can be reduced if needed.

Mick Bulot, 522 E McKay, asked when the water rates will be raised and how much will they be raised. Grilz stated that the Council would be discussing water rates later in the meeting.

John Macary entered the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Don Papish, 312 W McKay, asked if Frontenac was going to get a new water tower and if so, would the old tower be torn down and a new tower put in the same location. City Public Works Director Brian Cussimano stated that it has not been decided where the tower will be located. Council member Marc McCully stated to Papish that the engineers would decide what the best locations would be for the tower. Papish asked how much the City would be spending on the sewer. Grilz explained that there had not been any money spent on Frontenac's infrastructure for decades and ignoring it has created issues that KDHE has stated have to be repaired. Grilz pointed out that City staff has worked numerous hours along with Kramer Consulting to come up with the best solutions to the infrastructure issues along with the addition of water softening. Grilz asked Papish to consider what kind of condition his home would be in if he ignored it for 90 years. Grilz reiterated that Frontenac's infrastructure has deteriorated over the years and needs serious repair and restoration.

Diane Street, 505 South Linn, requested a street sign for South Linn. Public Safety Director John Zafuta stated that he has the street sign in his office and Cussimano would install the sign by the end of the week. Street stated that HUD did not cover the water increase but their rent did not increase. Street asked how much Frontenac had to pay for its portion of the regional wastewater study. Mayor Grilz stated that the agreement was that Frontenac would pay \$4500. Street wanted the Council to be aware that a lot of people volunteer in Frontenac. Grilz pointed out that on the agenda was enrollment of the Kansas Pride organization and someone will have to keep track of all the hours.

Tom Sighel, 202 S Meadowlark Lane, asked whether the old water tower can be repaired and used for the water project. McCully stated it does not hold enough water for a growing community and it will need to be inspected before any conclusions can be drawn. Reams said the engineers are still working on the hydraulic analysis.

City Clerk's Report: City Clerk Terri Kutz asked for a motion to allow the City to enroll in the Kansas PRIDE program.

McCully motioned, seconded by Coleman, to pass **Resolution 2019-01**, authorizing the enrollment of the City in to the Kansas PRIDE program for 2019. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Next, Kutz stated a resolution was needed to waive the GAAP requirements for financial reporting. Reams stated that GAAP financial reporting fits larger communities that have enterprise funds, fleet maintenance, etc.

Chiappetti motioned, seconded by Spurling, to pass **Resolution 2019-02**, authorizing the waiving of the statutory requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) related to financial reporting. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Kutz invited the council members to a Live Well Crawford County Annual Meeting on Jan 9th, Legislative Send Off Luncheon on Jan 11th and a meeting with Congressman Steve Watkins on Jan 23rd.

Public Works Report: Cussimano informed the council that the Dittman street pump has not been repaired yet due to problems getting in parts. Next, Cussimano notified the group that a 2-inch line extension will be done north of Grasshopper Corner on 230th from Mary street to a new home. This will be at the home owner's expense.

Cussimano also stated that staff is waiting on the regional wastewater study that is due in February to work with Kramer Consulting and their study on how to meet the total phosphorus levels for the lagoons. Frontenac will have to have a plan in place by 2022 since the allowable phosphorus levels are being lowered.

According to Cussimano there was enough money left over in the 2018 budget to cover the \$102,900 cost of an emergency water connection with Rural Water District #1. Having an emergency water connection to another water source is a KDHE requirement.

McCully motioned, seconded by Coleman to authorize the emergency water connection with Rural Water District #1. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the council.

Mayor's Report: Macary motioned, seconded by Chiappetti, to appoint the Mayor's judicial appointment of Steve Angermayer as Frontenac's Municipal Judge. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Clinton motioned, seconded by Chiappetti, to appoint the Mayor's judicial appointment of Tim Fielder as Frontenac's City Prosecutor and City Attorney. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Grilz informed the Council that a quarterly exhibit titled "Celebrate Frontenac", including 3 monthly programs, is currently at the Miner's Memorial. The mayor is planning on having another spring cleanup in April. Grilz also spoke to the group about downsizing the council. She asked them to think about the idea and to give her their feedback.

City Administrator's Report: Reams advised the Council that it is required to have a bond rating from two different agencies for the WIFIA loan and it will cost around \$37,000 for the ratings. This could also help with better rates in the future on bond issues. It could be wrapped into the WIFIA loan, but Reams believes it should be paid for outright.

Reams informed the group of how the federal opportunity zone works.

Reams presented proposed **Ordinance 2019-01** governing the 2019 water and sewer rates, state fees and how water service is established. McCully asked what fees had increased. Reams stated that the water and sewer rates both went up by \$2 and the water protection fee went up twenty-five cents. Reams pointed out that an addition to the ordinance was that if a resident or business of Frontenac is within 100 ft. of the city water then they must be connected.

Macary motion, seconded by Spurling, to approve the ordinance. Citizens in the audience started asking questions and the Mayor reminded the council that they were in the middle of a vote. McCully abstained from the vote because he thought the citizens should be able to speak during the council's business meeting. The motion was voted upon and approved. K.S.A. 12-3002 requires that a majority of all members of the council vote in favor of a passage, so abstentions do not count. Reams reminded McCully that the Council had approved a Code of Procedure that needs to be followed. Grilz also explained to McCully that on motions, Kansas follows the common law which counts an abstention or refusal to vote as a vote with the prevailing side.

Reams stated that there was an RFP for the city cemetery's landscaping. The deadline for proposals to be turned in is February 8th. The current landscaping agreement is good through February 28th.

The next RFP is for demolition of 103 South Cayuga. The proposal deadline is January 25th.

There is also an RFP out for Field #2 which was discussed earlier in the meeting. the proposal deadline is January 25th.

Reams informed the council that he had turned in grant applications for restroom improvement at Rotary Park and to add some security measures to the Senior Center.

City Attorney's Report: City Attorney Tim Fielder informed the council that there had been another meeting with Kevin and John Mitchelson about acquiring land along west McKay for water and sewer lines. The Mitchelson's stated in the meeting that they would make a decision about whether they would voluntarily sell. On December 28th they wrote a letter to Mayor Grilz and agreed to sell the land for \$4,000 an acre. Fielder wrote back and offered \$3,000 an acre and asked that they respond by January 18th. If they do not accept the City's offer, then the next step is condemnation.

At 7:37 p.m., Spurling motioned, seconded by McCully, to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss possible litigation pursuant to consultation with an attorney which is deemed private in an attorney-client relationship and will include the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Attorney, Public Safety Director and the City Clerk. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

At 7:45 p.m., Chiappetti motioned, Macary seconded by, to return to regular session with no action being taken. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

City Council Comments: Clinton asked that if Chamber gift certificates are given out to city employees again that she would like to see more Frontenac businesses on them. Reams stated that the chamber members had to let the Chamber know that they wanted to be on the certificates as it is an opt in marketing program.

Spurling stated that he had been contacted by citizens who were complaining about the quality of the overlay project. Cussimano said he had taken pictures of potholes that are starting and approaches that are disintegrating. He said that Blevins performance bond has not been returned. He will meet with Dennis Meier to discuss the issues and then they will contact Blevins to set up a meeting.

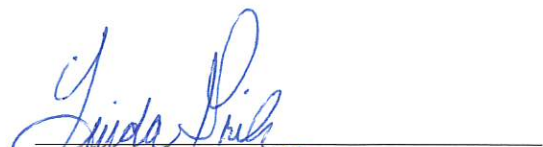
McCully asked whether citizens can talk throughout the meeting and Reams stated that if the council is going to follow the code of procedure that they approved then the citizens speak sure the citizen's comment portion of the meeting. Grilz said she knows questions come up while the council is working. The council conducts the city's business meeting and a portion of the meeting is for the citizens comments but allowing citizens to discuss issues along with the council is not conducive to a successful meeting.

With no further business, the council meeting of January 7th, 2019 was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:



Terri Kutz – City Clerk



Linda Grilz – Mayor