

CITY OF FULTON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOV. 27, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wendy Ottens at 5:30 p.m. On roll call, Alderpersons VanKampen, Burggraaf, Banker, Wilkin, Boonstra, King and Brondyke were present. Alderperson Mask was absent. Police Chief Neblung, Public Works Director Sikkema, City Attorney Huizenga, Business Manager Garibay and City Clerk Wade were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New Appointments by Mayor Wendy -None

Recognition of Volunteers – None

Communications from Visitors – None

Presentations – Lynn Roth did not show up.

Mayor Wendy asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2023, in one motion.

Motion to approve, Alderperson VanKampen, second by Alderperson Brondyke.

On roll call, all yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Wendy asked for a motion to approve a Liquor Committee, appointed by Mayor Wendy, the Liquor Commissioner. Appointed Alderpersons are Mask, VanKampen, Boonstra & Wilkin. Mayor Wendy will chair the committee.

Alderperson Brondyke made the motion. Alderperson Boonstra seconded.

On Roll Call, Alderpersons Burggraaf, Banker, Brondyke, Wilkin, VanKampen, Boonstra said, yes. Alderperson King said, no.

Motion passed.

Committee of the Whole - Discussion items

Discussion was held on the IML recommended Model Ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act. The City does not give part-time employees. This is for all employees, including part-time. It is cumulative, if an employee works 40 hours, they are entitled

to 1 hour of vacation time. This should be added to our Ordinance regarding leave time for part-time employees. It will be on as a Motion for the Dec. 11, 2023, meeting.

Discussion was held on the 2023/2024 Tax Levy and Bond Abatement. Business Manager, Garibay, stated the City is receiving \$30,000.00 more than last year. The City has never tried to raise the amount, it has always been sufficient. She feels that this year's amount is also adequate. (Bonds are not included in the tax levy.)

Chief Neblung discussed the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer. He provided detailed information on this position for the Council to look over and come back with a yes or no decision on hiring a Code Officer.

Discussion on the new generator for City Hall was discussed. Public Works Director, Sikkema, discussed the needs and costs for this. He will bring a report to the Dec. 11, 2023, Council meeting.

Police Chief Neblung presented to the Council information about the Law Enforcement Simulator. It is a mobile simulator that he would like all elected officials to participate in this training. He said we would have it available for 3-4 weeks in mid December into January. He is hoping that a variety of groups get to go through this training.

Discussion was held on the possibility of Fulton having a senior center. It would need to be housed somewhere that there is a certified kitchen if it was to serve meals. Possibly, the Cattail building if no meals were served.

There was some discussion on the Sip and Shop night in Fulton. Chief Neblung said that some businesses did not follow the rules. This will be an item for the new Liquor Committee to check in to.

Going on to Reports:

Marina Report was submitted. No questions were presented. A question was directed to Public Works Director, Sikkema, as to how the dredging is going.

Mayor's Report - Verbal report regarding sewer backup on 16th Place residence. Possibly adding these properties to the City sewer system.

Chief of Police Report - presented the 1999 report, "An Analysis of Police Service in the City of Fulton, IL". He asked the Council to look it over and give their input.

Public Works Report - Updated the Council on the progress of the new bandshell, roads that have been paved, the budget for next year's streets, water/sewers and parks.

Business Manager's Report - Stated she had received the EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation of Properties) from County Clerk, Dana Nelson.

The Council asked Public Works Director Sikkema the status of the Snow Route Signs. He said he believes they have been delivered. Also, the new stop signs have been installed at the locations previously discussed.

Mayor Wendy asked to make a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Aldersperson Boonstra made the motion. Aldersperson Burggraaf seconded.

All present were in favor.

Meeting adjourned. 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tori Wade
City Clerk