

City Council Minutes: October 6, 2008

CITY OF FULTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2008

5:30PM

Mayor Van Zuiden called the meeting to order and directed the clerk to call the roll. On roll call, Mayor Howard Van Zuiden, Aldermen Charles Dykstra, Gene Field, Merle Sterenberg, Charlie Letcher, Warren Juist, Wes Letcher, Bill Loerop and Ron Roels answered present. Also in attendance were Bill Shirk - City Attorney, Randy Balk - City Administrator, Dan Clark - Public Works Director, Clink Kettler - Zoning Officer and Jim Rhoades - Chief of Police.

Ald. Loerop moved, seconded by Ald. Roels to approve the September 15, 2008 regular council meeting minutes. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to pass Resolution No. 209 for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. There is no cost to sign up for the program which offers a variety of surplus property at a low cost to participating municipalities.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to approve the firearms purchase agreement as presented with the addition of another condition stating that in the event the officer fails for any reason to comply with the terms of the agreement, the officer will pay all attorney fees, collection fees, and all other costs incurred by the city in enforcing the terms of this agreement. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. The firearms purchase agreement will allow an officer to select a firearm from the approved list as prepared by the department's firearms instructor and the chief of police to be used by the officer in his/her official duties. The City of Fulton will purchase the firearm for the officer and the officer will make 12 monthly payments through payroll deduction, until the total cost, not to exceed \$800 has been repaid to the city. There will be a cap of \$1600 spent in a one year period.

Ald. Dykstra moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to appoint a committee of Dan Clark (city), Nancy Kolk (community), Heather Bennett (city) and Heather Houzenga (artist) to work out a mural design plan for the restroom building at School Park at a cost not to exceed \$1,435.70. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. Randy Balk reminded the council that Heather Bennett will soon be on maternity leave and therefore may be unavailable to serve on this committee.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Loerop to amend line item 01-52-515 (Parks - Ground Maintenance); increasing the total budgeted amount by \$1,435.70 for the mural project. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Moring Disposal is offering new containers on wheels (toters) to keep costs lower and to neatly and effectively contain recyclables and garbage. Samples of the toters were shown to the council. There are toters available in a 65 gallon or 95 gallon size for regular garbage and in a 65 gallon size for recycling. The recycling toter would be picked up every other week. If toters are used, they will be provided to each resident with a rental fee added to the monthly charge. The council will obtain more information prior to making any decision. The news reporters present were asked by the council to make the public aware of the toter program. Moring's general manager, Denny Pate will attend the next council meeting to speak to the council on the toter program options.

Old Business. The agreement between the city and Jo-Carroll Energy has been revised and is currently being reviewed by Jo-Carroll's CEO and should be ready for approval at the next council meeting.

Dan Clark is working with the state on signage for the bike trail where it intersects 14th Avenue and should have more information by the next meeting.

New Business. Ald. Dykstra asked the aldermen to sign up to volunteer for upcoming Fall Festival events on October 11, 2008. There are 9 time slots of 18 left to be filled.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to enter executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of property and property litigation. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

The council entered executive session at 6:04PM. Executive session minutes are recorded elsewhere.

The council returned to regular session at 6:50PM and immediately adjourned.

Minutes recorded by,

Linda Hollis

City Clerk