

**ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING FOR FOWLER LAKE PROTECTION
AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 17, 2021**

Mayor Magnus opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 PM. The Clerk confirmed appropriate notice was given.

Sullivan displayed a picture of the 2022 Proposed Budget and reported the Fowler Lake District is projecting revenues at \$54,100 and expenditures at \$18,000 for Aquatic Plant Management; \$1,100 for expenses related to advertising, postage and administration; and \$5,000 for Goose Roundup. Sullivan noted there is a reserve fund of \$30,000 per year, started a few years ago, to help pay for a weed harvester. She noted that the tax levy is approximately \$6.63 on an average home. No other comments were received. The public hearing closed at 7:10 PM.

Mayor Magnus called the Fowler Lake Annual Meeting to order immediately following the public hearing and announced that any elector and/or property owner in the Fowler Lake District may participate in the meeting.

Roll Call: Commissioners Spiegelberg, Mulder, Rosek, Zapfel and Ellis
Staff Present: Mayor Magnus, Trebatoski, Gallo, Pfister, Frye, Sullivan, Duffy, Lam, Kielich and Coenen
Others: Alderman Kowieski and Brad Bowen

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Zapfel to approve the minutes of the 8/18/20 Fowler Lake Annual Meeting as written; second by Ellis. Voice vote carried.

Staff Reports: Frye introduced Tom Kielich who is the main weed cutter operator on Fowler Lake. Frye reported that the operations this year mirrored a lot of what we saw last year, however staff did see a little more of aquatic plant material coming off the lake. We are about 70% over what we were last year due to water depth and weather, which is about 1,700 cubic yards compared to 1,000 last year. He stated every 5 years the City resubmits to the DNR for a permit for the cutting operations and our aquatic plant management plan. Staff will be submitting for a grant next month. The goose round-up has not been done the last couple of years because we have not seen a large number of geese. Marilyn Olson, 333 N. Lake Rd #602 asked if staff has ever approached the DNR and asked for a greater compromise on cutting deeper. Frye stated a few years ago the DNR did change the cutting method and staff did ask at that time if we could cut deeper in some areas of the lake, but they denied the request. Frye stated staff will approach the DNR again.

Adoption of 2022 Budget: Motion by Zapfel to adopt the 2022 Budget in the amount of \$54,100; second by Mulder. Frye reported the levy amount is \$31,100, which is about \$3.92 per average home. Voice vote carried. Rosek voted no.

Set Tax Levy for 2021: Sullivan reported the tax levy amount for 2021 is \$53,990. Motion by Mulder to set the 2021 Tax Levy for the Fowler Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District at \$53,990; second by Spiegelberg. Voice vote carried. Ellis and Rosek voted no.

Set Meeting Date for 2022: Motion by Mulder to set the 2022 Fowler Lake Rehabilitation and Protection public hearing and meeting for the same night as the second Council meeting in August 2022; second by Rosek. Ellis asked why we need this district and Frye explained the management district. Rosek asked staff again to review what the City needs to do eliminate this district and make it a DPW line item in the City's budget. Magnus stated staff will look into this issue. Voice vote carried.

Any other business that may properly come before this body: Marilyn Olson, 333 N. Lake Rd #602 stated she has not received a written notice the last couple of years. She asked why and is concerned about who else did not get notified. Magnus stated staff will look into why you did not get notified.

Motion by Mulder to adjourn; second by Rosek. Voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Diane Coenen, City Clerk