

**ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING FOR FOWLER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 21, 2018**

Mayor Nold opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM. The Clerk confirmed appropriate notice was given.

Kristine Golz, Accounting Manager reported the proposed 2019 budget for the Fowler Lake District has a \$104,000 tax levy for 2018. Estimated expenditures are \$5,250 for goose roundup and testing, \$1,050 for advertising and postage and \$100,000 for repairs to the weed harvester equipment. Commissioners questioned the frequency of repairs to the weed harvester. Frye stated the equipment was purchased in 2004 with a grant. To date, we have not done significant repairs, however we have had some years where we spent \$20 -\$30K over the normal repair amount when something went wrong. As he reported last year, due to the age of the equipment we need to either replace it or do major upgrades. Our Fleet Dept went over the equipment to determine what it would cost to make it usable for the next 7-10 years compared to purchasing a new harvester for \$450K minus a potential 35% grant if the City could get it. Staff recommends refurbishing the equipment. The Commissioners verified that this expenditure would be an additional tax levy for those in the Fowler Lake District. Kitsembel stated typically the budget each year consists of the cost for aquatic plant studies, goose roundup and mailing the notice for the annual meeting. The Fowler Lake District has funded the weed harvester purchase in the past as well as any repairs. The effect on the average taxpayer would be approx. \$14.00 to \$15.00 on a \$250K home compared to under \$1.00 for the previous year. No other comments were received. The public hearing closed at 7:19 PM.

Mayor Nold 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 Rosek, Shaw, Ellis, Spiegelberg, Zwart, Strey and Miller

Excused: Commissioner Kowieski

Others Present: Mayor Nold, Kitsembel, Freber, Pickart, Sullivan, Golz, Gallo, Kelliher, Buerger, Duffy, Frye, Osborn, Lam and Coenen

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by audience member to approve the minutes of the 8/15/17 Fowler Lake Annual Meeting as written; second by Rosek. Voice vote carried.

Staff Reports: Aquatic Plant Management Update – Frye reported last year we approved SEWRPC to update the aquatic plant management plan which has been completed and we have been issued a new 5-year permit. The cutting operations won't change. Plant growth on the lake is weather dependent and this year is the least amount of material we have removed from the lake. About 582 cubic yards compared to the average of 1000. Also, staff completed another goose roundup with 18 birds collected (average is 25/30 birds.)

Lake Equipment – Frye reported on this item during the public hearing.

Adoption of 2019 Budget: Motion by Shaw to adopt the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$106,300; second by Whalen. Voice vote carried. Rosek and Ellis voted no.

Set Tax Levy for 2018: Motion by Shaw to set the 2018 Tax Levy for the Fowler Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District at \$104,000; second by Whalen. Voice vote carried. Rosek and Ellis voted no.

Set Meeting Date for 2019: Motion by Strey to set the 2019 Fowler Lake Rehabilitation and Protection public hearing and meeting for the same night as the second Council meeting in August 2019; second by Zwart. Voice vote carried.

Motion by Shaw to adjourn; second by Spiegelberg. Voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Diane Coenen, City Clerk