

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in special session, **February 6, 2014**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Ed Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present: Belmer, DeLong, Fuelling, Lichty, Robinson. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Belmer/DeLong to approve the agenda as written. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Mayor Jessen said that he had made the offer to Sheila Steffen and she would like two weeks vacation up front, that she will accept the \$18.00 per hour starting wage with the understanding that there will be an increase after the ninety-day orientation period if both parties agree that the position is a good fit. After discussion and agreeing to giving two weeks vacation up front, Lichty/Belmer to pass Resolution #2014-6 entitled, A Resolution Hiring Sheila Steffen as City Clerk Effective February 10, 2014 and Setting Wages (starting at \$18.00/hr). Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Resolution adopted.

The meeting continued with a final budget work-session. Library Director Wheeler presented a per capita comparison for libraries in the area from her Annual Report, with Dunkerton at \$42.23 (libraries ranged from \$14.40 to \$76.69 per capita). Wheeler said that though the wage line had increased, she was not increasing her hours, that she is averaging twenty-five (25) hours per week. Mayor Jessen pointed out to the council that the Library Board controls the line items of the Library budget, that the council can ask them to cut the budget down to a specific dollar total, but in the future the board will determine which line items to change. Clerk Thompson presented an expense time-line for the Dunkerton Rd Reconstruction Project and how it would affect the current, FY2015 and future budgets. She said that the changes she had made since the last budget meeting were the costs and transfers to finance the Dunkerton Rd Project (FY2015 expenses and revenues), amending the current FY2014 budget for engineering costs for said Project, and amending the current budget for the library costs dealing with the building water issues. She said that the library shouldn't be using reserves designated for a historical room to fix the water issues, but it is up to the council to decide if the costs should deplete the current operating budget or not. The consensus of the council was to amend for the expenses related to the water issues. After further discussion and questions regarding the final budget figures, DeLong said that the ending FY2015 bank balance is stable compare to the previous two years.

With no further discussion, Belmer/Fuelling to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Brenda M. Thompson, CMC, City Clerk