

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **February 10, 2020**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Michael J. Schares presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Mark Lichty, Bill Richard, Brian Roquet, Ron Reichen and Monica Smith. Quorum present. Mayor Schares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were passed by affirmative and unanimous vote of the council members present.

Consent agenda: Reichen moved, Roquet seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) February 10, 2020 Agenda b) January 13, 2020 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; January 21, 2020 Special Meeting; c) January 2020 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, Kwik Star Liquor Licenses, Bills Resolution 2020-11, Proclamation noting Nonnie Bartholomew's birthday and Proclamation for Tom Delong noting his length of service.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler stated Black Hawk County Library Directors met with the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors and asked for a 12% increase in library funding.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated there were 6 calls for the month of January and that 249 were served at the chili supper. Chief Manahl thanked everyone for their generosity.
- Clerk Steffen stated she would like to hold another budget workshop possibly on February 20th.
- Public Works Director Loftus mentioned there has been pet waste on the walking trail and stated there will be waste receptacles placed along the trail for pet owners to use.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the maximum tax levy rate required by State of Iowa statute 384.15A. Mayor Schares asked if the City had received any comments either for or against the proposed tax levy rate of \$9.19351. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the proposed tax levy rate. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance if there were any comments for or against the proposed tax levy rate. Mr. Ed Jessen stated the increase is approximately a 13% increase and asked what the proposed tax dollar amount would be. Clerk Steffen stated the proposed tax dollars would be \$290,011 whereas the current fiscal year tax dollar amount is \$257,171. Mr. Jessen stated he did not feel the increased tax levy was warranted. Hearing no further comments, moved by Smith, seconded by Reichen to close the public hearing.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-12 setting the property tax levy rate at \$9.19351 with a maximum property tax dollar amount of \$290,011. Council member Smith commented that the proposed rate may be reduced at the budget hearing in March but the levy rate could not be increased.

Mr. Wendell Lupkes from VJ Engineering provided information to the Council regarding a proposal for curb, gutter and storm sewer plans along Marilyn Street. Mr. Lupkes stated once the engineering plans for the project are approved, the City can enlist construction bids for the project. Moved by Lichty, seconded by Roquet to approve the engineering proposal of \$9,700 for Marilyn Street.

Mr. Lucas Elsbernd from Fehr Graham presented the Council with building site plans for the water filtration plant at Well 2. Originally, the building design included using both City owned lots at Well 2 but after discussions with the DNR, it was determined that the second lot was a FEMA buyout lot and a building could not be placed on this lot. Building plans were adjusted to place the entire water filtration building on the west lot of Well 2. Moved by Roquet, seconded by Lichty to approve the preliminary building plans for the water filtration plant at Well 2.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to set a public hearing for the engineering SRF loan agreement for March 9, 2020.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Roquet to approve setting the public hearing date for the FY2021 budget adoption for March 9, 2020.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-13 transfer of funds from the Retention Pond Fund to the General Fund. Total transfer amount \$553.81.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-14 appointing Laura L. Folkerts as City Attorney. Roll call vote – Ayes: Richard, Reichen, Smith, and Roquet. Nays: Lichty. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-15 City credit card policy.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-16 seasonal help. Seasonal winter help with CDL to be paid \$18.00/hr, seasonal winter help without a CDL to be paid \$15.00/hr, and seasonal mowing help to be offered \$12.50/hr.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Reichen to approve Hydro Klean poly pigging proposal to clean force main to lagoons for \$10,660.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Smith to approve financial support of Community Hall refacing up to \$500 prior to June 30, 2020 and up to \$1,000 after July 1, 2020.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Reichen to table Resolution 2020-17 ambulance fees until the Council can review rates of surrounding communities and receive a recommendation from the ambulance department.

The Council discussed the Wapsi Watershed Strategy Implementation Survey. Council members Reichen and Roquet will meet with Mayor Schares and City Clerk Steffen to complete the survey.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Jamie Stickfort provided the Council with a development plan for 6 acres across from the cemetery on the east side of Canfield Rd. Mr. Stickfort mentioned he has spoken to the landowner who is willing to sell the parcel. Mr. Stickfort would like to know if the Council would be interested in a housing development in this area.
- Mr. Tom Delong thanked the Council for their proclamation.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.
- Mayor Schares set the next budget workshop meeting for Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 pm.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Lichty to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk