

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **March 9, 2015**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present: Adam Fuelling, Mark Lichty, Colt Robinson and Tom Delong. Quorum present. Lichty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delong moved, Lichty seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) March 9, 2015 Agenda b) Council Minutes Feb 9 Regular Mtg as written c) Feb 2015 Monthly Reports: Clerk Budget, Clerk Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, and Payment of Monthly Claims. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

#### Department Head Reports:

- Fire Chief Manahl stated there was one fire call and they will be losing 2 members. The fire dept will be recruiting new members.
- Ambulance Chief Stout was unable to attend.
- Police Officer Roquet mentioned he is working on GTSB audit and grants.
- Clerk Steffen stated she has finalized the budget for submission to the state, called police candidate references and has completed documents for bond counsel.
- PW Dir Pierce commented that he has been working on grants with INRCOG and that the reverse option in the city truck stopped working. He would like to continue with enforcement of sump pump and sidewalk programs.
- For the City Engineer, PW Dir Pierce commented that there is nothing new with RTA.
- Library Dir Wheeler stated there will be a Master's Gardeners class at the library. She also mentioned the library board met with the city attorney to discuss issues with the library bldg.

#### Public Comments:

- Dan Steffen mentioned the city attorney should have informed the City that a Police Chief should have been appointed shortly after Chief Schultz resigned.
- Dick Ede asked if the city had any updates regarding the outcome of the police investigation. Mayor Jessen commented that we have not heard from the State Auditor's office yet.

Mayor Jessen announced the public hearing on the proposed and council approved FY2016 city budget. Mayor Jessen opened the hearing and asked if there were any written or oral objections. Clerk Steffen responded none had been received. Mayor Jessen closed the time for oral and written objections. Council member Fuelling moved and Delong seconded to close the public hearing on the FY2016 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Council member Delong motioned and Fuelling seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-10 the proposed FY2016 City Budget. Ayes: Lichty, Fuelling, Robinson and Delong. Motion carried.

Mayor Jessen announced there were three candidates interested in the vacant council seat left by Councilman Belmer's passing. The candidates were: Jon Cox, Tina Dalton and Dick Ede. Council member Fuelling mentioned Jon Cox was the next candidate with the most votes in last November's election. Council member Delong commented that the residents of Dunkerton had cast their votes for Jon in that election. Council member Fuelling motioned and Robinson seconded to approve Jon Cox to fill the vacant council seat until the November election. Ayes: Fuelling, Lichty, Delong and Robinson. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Robinson seconded to approve Resolution 2015-11 City Council Appointment of Vacant Council Seat to Jon Cox. Ayes: Robinson, Delong, Fuelling, and Lichty. Motion carried.

Clerk Steffen conducted the swearing in ceremony of Jon Cox. Mayor Jessen welcomed council member Cox and asked him to be seated at the council table. Mayor Jessen thanked the other

candidates and asked them to run again in the November election.

Council then considered going into closed session to discuss police candidates. Fuelling moved and Lichty seconded to go into closed session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council returned to open session at 7:37 pm. Council member Fuelling motioned and Robinson seconded to hire Kevin Driscoll as full time police officer. Ayes: Fuelling, Robinson. Nays: Lichty, Delong, Cox. Motion failed. Council member Delong motioned and Lichty seconded to hire Ed Adams as full time police officer. Ayes: Delong, Robinson, Cox and Lichty. Nays: Fuelling. Motion carried.

Delong moved and Fuelling seconded to authorize the City Clerk to transfer \$5000 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Reserve. Ayes: Robinson, Cox, Lichty, Fuelling, and Delong. Motion carried.

Fuelling moved and Lichty seconded to donate \$575 to Operation Threshold. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Jessen updated the council on the start date for the Dunkerton Rd Project due to the bid letting date being pushed back to April. Per conversations with the DOT, the best chance of completing the project this year is to move the start date to September. Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to move the start date to September. Roll call vote - Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling moved and Lichty seconded to table Resolution 2015-8 Ament Engineering contract regarding construction oversight of the Dunkerton Rd Project. Roll call vote - Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling moved and Robinson seconded to table Resolution 2015-9 Terracon contract regarding materials observation and testing services for the Dunkerton Rd Project. Roll call vote - Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #177 Water Rates ~ Section 92.09 Customer Deposits. Ayes: Lichty, Cox, Robinson, Delong, and Fuelling. Motion carried.

Council member Lichty motioned and Delong seconded to waive the third reading of Ordinance #177 Water Rates ~ Section 92.09 Customer Deposits. Ayes: Delong, Robinson, Cox, Fuelling and Lichty. Motion carried.

Council member Lichty motioned and Fuelling seconded to pass amended Ordinance #177 Water Rates ~ Section 92.09 Customer Deposits of the City of Dunkerton. Ayes: Fuelling, Cox, Lichty, Robinson and Delong. Motion carried.

Council member Lichty motioned and Fuelling seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #178 Sewer Service Charges ~ Section 99.07 Deposits. Ayes: Delong, Robinson, Lichty, Cox and Fuelling. Motion carried.

Council member Robinson motioned and Fuelling seconded to waive the third reading of Ordinance #178 Sewer Service Charges ~ Section 99.07 Deposits. Ayes: Robinson, Fuelling, Cox, Delong and Lichty. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to pass amended Ordinance #178 Sewer Service Charges ~ Section 99.07 Deposits of the City of Dunkerton. Ayes: Lichty, Fuelling, Robinson, Cox and Delong. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling moved and Lichty seconded to approve Resolution 2015-13 approving post issuance compliance policy for Ahlers & Cooney. Ayes: Delong, Fuelling, Cox, Lichty, and Robinson. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Robinson approved signing the Dunkerton Telephone

Company's Highway Right of Way application for construction of buried fiber optic cable. Ayes: Cox, Lichty, Fuelling, Delong and Robinson. Motion carried.

Jacob Tjaden from INRCOG presented to the council information regarding grant application for the Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park which is to be located on Joseph Rd. If the grant is approved, the fee for writing the grant will be \$1500.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Delong seconded Resolution 2015-14 approving the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant application; designating the Mayor as the official representative of the city; and authorizing the Mayor to affix his signature to said application and certain assurances in conjunction with same. Ayes: Robinson, Fuelling, Lichty, Cox, Delong. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to approve Resolution 2015-15 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments for the preparation of a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant related to the development of Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park. Ayes: Fuelling, Cox, Lichty, Robinson, Delong. Motion carried.

Council member Robinson motioned and Fuelling seconded to approve Resolution 2015-16 on acquisition or development of outdoor recreation for Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park. Ayes: Delong, Robinson, Lichty, Cox, and Fuelling.

Council member Robinson motioned and Lichty seconded to accept City of Fairbank's offer of \$2000 for street sweeper. Ayes: Lichty, Cox, Robinson, Delong and Fuelling. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling moved and Robinson seconded to table until next month discussion of a new street sweeper. PW Dir Pierce was asked to bring options and pricing so council could vote on a 'not to exceed' amount for a new sweeper. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

City attorney Guthrie presented the council with a letter regarding sledding inside of city limits. Attorney Guthrie's recommendation is for the city not to take any action at this time because the Iowa League of Cities is trying to get legislation passed at the state level. The city will wait to see what the legislature does.

Mayoral & Council Comments:

- Council member Robinson asked that when we receive information from the State Auditors, that the city share that information. Clerk Steffen mentioned the State Auditors will meet with the council in groups of 2 or less to review their findings before publication.

With no further discussion, Fuelling/Cox to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk