

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **March 14, 2022**, 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: Brian Roquet, Derek Shaner, Monica Smith, Ron Reichen and Allison Baugher. Quorum present. Mayor Schares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Residents could participate via an online session at Zoom.us by entering meeting ID: 860 1255 6023 and Password: 331295. Residents could also participate via audio by dialing 1.312.626.6799.

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) Mar 14, 2022 Agenda, b) Feb 14, 2022 Regular Meeting; February 24, 2022 Special Meeting; c) Feb 2022 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library, Public Works Director Daniel Loftus resignation, and Bills Resolution 2022-10.

#### Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler was unable to attend.
- Ambulance member Stout stated ambulance response times may be delayed. There are no ambulance members that work within the city during day time hours.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated that the ISO rating for the city will be determined shortly and may not be favorable without a PW Director on staff.
- Police Chief Stafford had no additions to his written report.
- Clerk Steffen had no additions to her written report.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated construction of the water filtration plant continues and mowers have been readied for the summer mowing season.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the proposed FY2023 budget. Mayor Schares asked if the city had received any comments either for or against the proposed budget. Clerk Steffen stated the city had received two letters from residents stating their opposition to a tax levy increase. Clerk Steffen read the letters received. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance and those attending via Zoom if there were any comments for or against the proposed budget. Mr. Jim Olson stated he had written one of the letters sent to the city and reiterated his opposition to the proposed tax levy increase. Mr. DJ Manahl expressed his approval of the proposed tax levy increase and said he had hoped the city would have passed the initial tax levy proposal of \$12.73295. Hearing no further comments, moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to close the public hearing.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Baugher to approve Resolution 2022-11 adopting the FY2023 budget and levy rate of \$11.52543. Roll call vote: Ayes – Reichen, Baugher. Nays – Shaner, Roquet, Smith. Motion failed.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2022-11 adopting the FY2023 budget and levy rate of \$11.25000 per \$1,000 valuation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Roquet, Shaner, Smith. Nays – Reichen, Baugher. Motion carried.

Mr. Ryan Wicks from Fehr Graham provided the council with an update on the water filtration project. Mr. Wicks stated the project will not be substantially completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> and the delay is not warranted. Mr. Wicks recommended the city not approve any change orders and stated Fehr Graham will be sending a letter to general contractor Boomerang. If penalties are assessed, penalties will be retroactive to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve posting an open position for a Public Works Director. Ad to seek candidates with Grade 1 certifications for water and wastewater, CDL preferred.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve offering part-time police position to Andy Snyder at \$20.40/hr.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2022-12 accepting \$600 donation for the General Fund.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve setting a public hearing date of April 11, 2022 for Ordinance #207 – Signs. Ayes: Smith, Roquet, Baugher, Shaner. Nays: Reichen. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Baugher to approve setting a public hearing date of April 11, 2022 for amended ordinance #208 – Building Codes Sections 152.15 and 152.20.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve scheduling the annual Periodic Exam with the State Auditor’s Office.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve setting a fair market value of \$4,410 for the city owned parcel adjacent to and east of 211 E. Dunkerton Street. Fair market value includes all legal fees. City will require easements for water and sewer if city decides to sell.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Baugher to approve Resolution 2022-13 Destruction of Records no longer needed for retention pursuant to Iowa Code 372.13(5).

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to approve taking the following metal items to a local scrap yard and non-metal items to the Black Hawk County Landfill: Epson Printer TM-U375P, QQ GQ power supply (old meter reading equipment power supply), Hach DR/1A Colorimeter (out of date equipment), Sensus water meter reader tool & wires (out of date equipment), Orion tubed TV, VCR Player, credenza from PW Office, broken rocking seahorse, 40+ miscellaneous street signs, broken fire hydrant, and fuel and oil filters for old brown Chevy truck. Two Ricoh Toner Cartridges to be given to the library recycling program.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Mayor Schares stated that he and Council member Roquet attended Mr. Bolts class at the school. Mr. Bolts class will be creating a new flyer for the city.
- Council member Reichen stated he felt the tax levy rate should not have been reduced by \$.27 from \$11.52 to \$11.25.
- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.

With no further discussion, Roquet / Shaner to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk