

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **April 8, 2019**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Mark Lichty, Bill Richard, Tina Dalton, DJ Manahl and Tom Delong. Quorum present. Delong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent agenda: Manahl moved, Delong seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) April 8, 2019 Agenda b) March 11, 2019 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) Mar 2019 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Police, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Payment of Monthly Claims.

#### Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler mentioned the summer reading program will begin May 20th.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated candidates are completing FireFighter 1 training and the department has fought 2 grass fires this month.
- Police Chief Krieger mentioned there were 12 traffic stops and 16 calls for service.
- Ambulance Chief Stout stated the ambulance has had maintenance issues with doors and tires. New ambulance should arrive by end of April or the beginning of May.
- Clerk Steffen mentioned that budget reports will be sent to department heads and she will be requesting a budget amendment hearing for May 13th.
- Public Works Interim Director Chris Reynolds stated the department has been repairing City property that was vandalized and cleaning City parks for summer use. Mr. Reynolds also stated IIW Engineering's gauge analysis of the lift station pumps indicates a reduction in the lines so HydroKlean will camera the lines to determine what the issue may be.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to open the public hearing for Ordinance #199 ~ Chapter 152 Building Code.

Mayor Jessen asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any written comments either for or against Ordinance #199. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against Ordinance #199. Mayor Jessen asked those in attendance if they had any comments for or against Ordinance #199. With no further comments, moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to close the public hearing.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Lichty to approve the first reading of amended Ordinance #199 ~ Chapter 152 Building Code.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Richard to approve Resolution 2019-12 Employee Handbook updates including comp time increases and new language for health and dental benefits.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Delong to approve scheduling a budget amendment public hearing for May 13, 2019.

Council members discussed Resolution 2019-8 Wages. Council members Richard and Lichty stated budget workshops held in January included a 3% cost of living raise for City staff and are reflected in Resolution 2019-8. Council members Dalton and Manahl felt the recent wage increases for Chris Reynolds and Walt Anderson included these cost of living raises. Moved by DeLong, seconded by Lichty to approve amended Resolution 2019-8 Wage Resolution. Amended resolution to remove Chris Reynolds and Walt Anderson. Ayes: Lichty, Dalton, DeLong and Manahl. Nays: Richard. Motion carried.

Part-time officer Rob Roquet addressed the Council regarding his wages. Mr. Roquet stated he has worked for the City since 2009 at a starting wage of \$14.00/hr. Mr. Roquet mentioned he has worked most Friday and Saturday nights as well as attended school events during that time. Mr. Roquet mentioned previous councils did not apply cost of living raises to part-time staff. Mr. Roquet requested a raise to \$20.00/hr due to his length of service and certifications. Moved by DeLong, seconded by Richard to approve \$20.00/hr with no cost of living raise for part-time officer Rob Roquet. Ayes: Manahl, DeLong, Lichty and Richard. Abstain: Dalton. Motion carried.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Dalton to approve offering cleaning person \$11.50/hr with an increase to \$12.00/hr after successful completion of 90 day probationary period.

Moved by DeLong, seconded by Manahl to table hiring of engineering firm for water treatment plant to allow Council time to review Cahoy Pump Service documentation.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to approve signing Vantage Point Right-of-Way request for buried fiber optic cable on behalf of Dunkerton Communications. In addition, the Council directed Clerk Steffen to draft correspondence to Vantage Point asking that they address any disturbances promptly upon completion of the work. In the past, contractors have not filled holes and did not put down grass seed after completing a job.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to approve up to \$1,000 for Dunkerton Days fireworks or porta-potties based on invoice received from the Dunkerton Days Committee.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to sell City computers without hard drives for the best price possible.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichty to approve write-off of ambulance run expense of \$46.71. Patient is deceased, insurance has paid their portion and there is no estate.

#### Public Comments:

- Mr. Ron Reichen stated he is waiting for 2 service line repair receipts and will then bring his repair request to the Council.
- Ms. Bobbi Jo Rigdon stated she has two large trees that are in the City right-of-way that appear to be splitting. Ms. Rigdon mentioned she is concerned with them falling and asked the Council what she should do. Mayor Jessen stated Public Works will look at the trees.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member DeLong thanked Mayor Jessen for his work on the new parking lot across from the ball diamonds.
- Mayor Jessen thanked the Council for their diligence and dedication.

With no further discussion, Manahl / Dalton to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk