

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **April 12, 2021**, 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, Ron Reichen, Derek Shaner, Allison Baugher, and Monica Smith. Quorum present. Mayor Schares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, as authorized by emergency proclamation of the Governor of the State of Iowa, this meeting of the City Council was conducted electronically, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8, as holding the meeting in person was impossible or impractical. Residents could participate via an online session at Zoom.us by entering meeting ID: 837 0188 1374 and password: 851919. Residents could also participate via audio by dialing 1.312.626.6799 and entering the meeting ID and password listed above.

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

Consent agenda: Reichen moved, Baugher seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) April 12, 2021 Agenda, b) March 8, 2021 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) Mar 2020 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Police, Building Permits, Library and Bills Resolution 2021-15.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler mentioned she attended Dunkerton pre-school and will be periodically reading to the class. Director Wheeler stated the library basement still has water issues, but they are being addressed.
- Ambulance Chief Nesbit stated he had no additions to his written report.
- Police Chief Stafford mentioned there was an issue with the squad car fuel pump and it has been repaired. Also, the process for delivering nuisance abatement letters has started.
- Clerk Steffen stated she will be working on the budget amendment and will have the amendment prepared for the next council meeting.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated mowing season has started. Also, Public Works staff member Walt Anderson will be shadowing the Waterloo Public Works department for a day. This will help prepare him for the DNR certification test that covers multiple water systems.

Mr. Troy Belmer from Alive and Running Suicide Prevention provided the council with an update regarding this year's Suicide Prevention event. Mr. Belmer informed the council that Alive and Running will be hosting their event on June 18 - 19 on school grounds. Event to include a Remembrance Ceremony and 5K Run.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the Water Treatment Plant construction plans. Mr. Lucas Elsbernd from Fehr Graham Engineering gave a brief synopsis of the proposed project via Zoom. Mayor Schares asked if the City had received any comments either for or against the proposed construction plans for the Water Treatment Plant. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the proposed construction plans. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance and those attending via Zoom if there were any comments for or against the proposed construction plans for the Water Treatment Plant. Hearing none, moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to close the public hearing.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve setting 2 public hearings for the May 10th council meeting for the voluntary annexation of the Mixdorf Nature Preserve and the City-owned lot next to the school bus barn. Both properties have portions that reside within, and outside of, the city limits.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to approve Resolution 2021-16 Seasonal Summer Help. Council approved hiring Jamie Fulton as Seasonal Summer Help at \$12.50/hr, increasing to \$13.00/hr on July 1, 2021.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to accept and place on file the State Auditor's Annual Exam for FY2020.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve hiring the State Auditor's Office for the FY2021 Annual Exam.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Baugher to approve setting the City-wide garage sales for the first weekend in June – June 4 & 5, 2021. Since the COVID pandemic is still present, the Council would like to remind residents to socially distance, wear masks and wash their hands frequently.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve setting the City-wide cleanup day for June 12, 2021 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve placement of 2 streetlights in the Stickfort 3rd Addition – one at the entrance of the addition and one at the cul-de-sac.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to approve a letter of support for assistance with two shelters along the River Walking Trail be sent to the Black Hawk County Gaming Grant Association.

Two bids were received for siding the north side of the city maintenance shop on Main St. Bids received from Matt Stickfort Construction - \$6,225 and Dan Stickfort Construction - \$6,750. Pinecrest Construction declined to submit a bid. Motion by Smith, seconded by Baugher to approve the low bid of Matt Stickfort Construction for \$6,225.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve a seal coat bid by Prairie Road Builders for \$26,497.85. Seal coat bid to include Tower Street from Canfield St. to Marilyn St.; Jefferson St. from Tower St to Dunkerton St.; Jefferson St. from Dunkerton St. to E. Main St. (north side); Jefferson St. from E. Main St. (north side) to the dead end; Williams St. from Jefferson St. to Canfield St., and 205 W. Williams St.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve the warning siren quote from RC Systems for \$28,337.50. Quote includes siren, 2 portable radios, a base radio at the fire station, and a radio control upgrade to the south siren near Everlast Car and Truck. The new siren will be located to the east of City Hall and will have a broader radius than the siren at Well 3. The siren at Well 3 will be dismantled.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve the list of activities submitted by the Dunkerton Days Committee. Most activities will resume again this year including the car show, parade, fireworks, and the Rust to Dust Market.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve the Dunkerton Days Committee request for City supplied time and materials, and an estimated cost of approximately \$1,500 for the port-o-johns for the Dunkerton Days celebration.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Mayor Schares mentioned the DNR has provided the city with a list of trees within the City right-of-way and the characteristics related to each tree.
- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Roquet to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk