

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **May 10, 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) May 10, 2021 Agenda, b) April 12, 2021 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) Apr 2020 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library and Bills Resolution 2021-17.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler mentioned the summer reading program will be titled Reading Colors Your World and the library has received a Libraries Transform Communities Grant that she is hoping to implement this fall.
- Ambulance Chief Nesbit had no additions to his written report.
- Fire Chief Manahl had no additions to his report but asked the council if there had been any decisions regarding the school fitness program. Mayor Schares replied that the city has not pursued a fitness program for all city employees; however, the program that has been developed between the school and the fire department is in-effect.
- Police Chief Stafford had no additions to his written report.
- Clerk Steffen had no additions to her written report.
- Public Works Director Loftus mentioned public works has been cleaning up the butterfly garden and removing trees. He also mentioned the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit is currently being amended by the DNR.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the FY2021 Budget Amendment. Mayor Schares commented that most of the amendment was due to refinancing the General Obligation Debt. Mayor Schares asked if the City had received any comments either for or against the proposed budget amendment. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the proposed budget amendment. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance and those attending via Zoom if there were any comments for or against the proposed budget amendment. Hearing none, moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to close the public hearing.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2021-18 FY2021 Budget Amendment.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the voluntary annexation of the Mixdorf Nature Preserve. Mayor Schares asked if the City had received any comments either for or against the annexation of the Mixdorf Nature Preserve. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the annexation. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance and those attending via Zoom if there were any comments for or against the voluntary annexation. Hearing none, moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to close the public hearing.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to approve Resolution 2021-19 approving the voluntary annexation of the Mixdorf Nature Preserve into the city corporate limits.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve setting a public hearing for the zoning of the Mixdorf Nature

Preserve for the June 14, 2021 council meeting.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the voluntary annexation of the City-owned lot next to the Bus Barn. Mayor Schares asked if the City had received any comments either for or against the annexation of the City-owned lot. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the annexation. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance and those attending via Zoom if there were any comments for or against the voluntary annexation. Hearing none, moved by Baugher, seconded by Roquet to close the public hearing.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2021-20 approving the voluntary annexation of the City-owned lot next to the Bus Barn into the city corporate limits..

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Bauther to approve setting a public hearing for the zoning of the City-owned lot next to the Bus Barn for the June 14, 2021 council meeting.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2021-21 GO Bond Transfers. Principal and interest payments of \$135,150 and \$15,675 for current GO Bonds \$860K and \$173K, respectively.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to accept and place on file bids for the Water Filtration Plant. Bids received were: \$1,267,381 Boomerang Corporation, \$1,391,644.09 Steege Construction, and \$1,617,195 Tschiggfrie Excavating.

Mr. Lucas Elsbernd from Fehr Graham addressed the council regarding the bid letting process for the Water Filtration Plant and recommended the council accept the low bid of \$1,267,381 from Boomerang Corporation. Mr. Elsbernd stated he is currently working with Boomerang on a project for Wellsburg and feels the company has the expertise to do a water filtration project of this size. Mr. Elsbernd also mentioned that Speer Financial has reviewed the cost estimates of the project and has determined that water rates will need to increase 6% beginning in July of 2021. Rates may reduce to an annual increase of 2% every year thereafter. Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to accept the low bid of \$1,267,381 from Boomerang Corporation for the water filtration plant.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve renewing the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield health and dental plan for city employees.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to approve revising the Ambulance Constitution and By-Laws Section X to state that training monies will be paid to EMT and/or Advanced Level candidates after successful completion of class and a certification card is presented with an agreement to provide 1 year of service to the ambulance department.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve utility account write-offs for the following accounts: 199007 for \$.34 and account 207011 for \$.77.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Shaner to approve a PCC refund request of \$100.66 for Tricare for Life.

Council discussed resident request to remove a maple tree at 710 Joseph Rd that is in the city right-of-way. Moved by Roquet to allow homeowner to remove tree at owner's expense. Motion died for lack of a second. Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to allow resident to remove tree after August 15th, 2021 allowing the city time to spray and attempt to correct the aphid issue.

Moved by Baugher, second by Shaner to approve signing a 5-year Iowa DOT agreement for maintenance and repair of primary roads within the city limits. Agreement effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve new fire department members Drew Speer and Ben Anderson.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve re-appointment of Sue Koppman to Library Board for a 6-year term beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve submitting a Black Hawk County Solid Waste Management Commission event recycling equipment application for waste containers to be used at Dunkerton Days. Application to be submitted with refundable \$250 deposit.

Ms. Tina Brown of 102 E. Main Street addressed the council regarding a nuisance abatement letter that she received. Ms. Brown mentioned she is rebuilding her Monte Carlo but may sell it as a derby car in the future. Ms. Brown also asked the council if she could erect a temporary shed to store items while they embark on a home remodeling project. The council commented that any temporary structure would need to follow current building guidelines and setbacks and will not address the issue at hand. Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to allow resident to provide the council with a plan to abate nuisance items by the next council meeting on June 14, 2021.

The council discussed a possible sign ordinance for the City of Dunkerton Code of Ordinances. The council directed Clerk Steffen to forward a draft of the sign ordinance for City Attorney to review.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2021-23 final plat for Stickfort 3rd Addition pending a new final plat map is provided that reflects a 5 ft. easement along the front of each property for utility access. Roll call votes: Ayes – Shaner, Reichen, Baugher and Roquet. Nays – Smith. Motion carried.

Council tabled Resolution 2021-24 accepting lots A & B of the Stickfort 3rd Addition. Council would like to review the road leading into the new addition as 16 to 17 panels of the cement road are cracked. Mr. Jamie Stickfort commented that the cracks will be sealed and monitored.

Public Comments:

- Mr. DJ Manahl asked the council when the nuisance abatement will proceed at 100 E. Sycamore Street. As Fire Chief, Mr. Manahl stated he is worried the vehicle may fall over on a pedestrian walking by. Mayor Schares and Police Chief Stafford replied that they are currently in conversation with the City Attorney about said property.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- 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 8:45pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk