

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **July 8, 2019**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present: Mark Lichty, Bill Richard, Tina Dalton, DJ Manahl and Tom Delong. Quorum present. Lichty 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) July 8, 2019 Agenda b) June 10, 2019 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; June 27, 2019 Council Minutes Special Mtg c) June 2019 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, Payment of Monthly Claims, resignation of Ambulance Director Lynne Stout and addition of new Ambulance Director Jim Stanton.

#### Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler mentioned the summer reading program is going well.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated the firefighter 1 trainings are being completed.
- Ambulance Director Stout stated a deer hit the new ambulance and thanked Rydell Chevrolet and DJ Manahl for repairing the ambulance within 24 hours.
- Clerk Steffen mentioned that she has a number of items on the current agenda for the Council to consider.
- Public Works Interim Director Reynolds stated public works is using GPS to index and log infrastructure locations within the City, fish have been added to the lagoons to help the lagoon ecosystem, Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park pickets have been installed and the staff have been preparing for Dunkerton Days.

Mayor Jessen and Ms. Maggie Burger from Speer Financial provided financial information to the Council regarding the proposed GO Bond not to exceed \$800,000. Ms. Burger mentioned there are two portions to the bond – the first portion of \$410,000 will be used to refinance the existing 2009 GO Bond including the cost of issuance and the second portion will be used to purchase property for a retention pond. This amount is estimated to be \$355,000. Ms. Burger stated that the not to exceed amount of \$800,000; though, is to cover any unforeseen expenses that may occur with the purchase of the property.

Mayor Jessen also stated that one of the side benefits of building the retention pond – which will mean the removal of many tons of dirt – is to use this dirt to build a berm along Crane Creek to protect the houses in the flood plain. Currently, there are 39 homes in the flood plain and these homes are paying \$50,752 annually in flood insurance. By building a berm, the homes that are in the flood plain may have the cost of flood insurance reduced or mitigated. Mayor Jessen commented that the next major flood event in Dunkerton could remove the affordable housing within the City.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to open the public hearing for the General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$800,000.

Mayor Jessen asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any written comments either for or against the General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$800,000. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the GO Bond. Mayor Jessen asked those in attendance if they had any comments for or against the GO Bond.

Ms. Kathy Rigdon stated she is one of the first homeowners within Dunkerton to see flooding when the water in Crane Creek rises. Ms. Rigdon asked that the Council fix the streets and curb & gutters before entering into a new GO Bond.

Ms. Elizabeth Downs asked how the new GO Bond would be paid for. Ms. Burger stated the current bond payment would continue but there would be an additional amount added to pay for the acquisition of property. Ms. Downs also asked how the water filtration system would be paid for. Ms. Burger stated that water revenue will be used to pay the SRF loan. Ms. Downs also asked what the City would do if the land was purchased and the retention pond project could not move forward. Ms. Burger stated the City could sell the land and pay off the bond.

Mr. Dave Printy asked the Council how many houses have flooded in the Bar Haup addition. Mr. Printy stated the retention pond does not address the flooding down town.

Ms. Kayla Tafolla asked if the creek along Joseph Rd could be widened. Ms. Tafolla mentioned she appreciates the parks and quality of life improvements that the Council is trying to address.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Delong to close the public hearing.

Motion by Delong, seconded by Lichty to approve Resolution 2019-21 instituting proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$800,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Delong, Lichty. Nays – Manahl, Dalton, and Richard. Motion failed.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Manahl to approve Resolution 2019-19 Set Asides for Department Reserves. Transfers from the General Fund to the following funds: Ambulance \$10,000, Fire \$10,000, Library \$3,000, Parks \$3,000, City Hall \$2,000, and Maintenance Shop \$5,000.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Delong to approve Resolution 2019-20 Transfer from Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund of \$53,026.26 for property tax relief.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Richard to table discussion of maintenance shop repair bids until roof repair bids have been received.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Manahl to approve Resolution 2019-23 for DOT Sign Replacement Grant.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Manahl to approve Resolution 2019-22 Payment of Medical Premiums. Advantage Administrators, who manages the City's self-insured insurance plan, has recommended reducing the fund balance by \$11,000 (from \$28,000 to \$17,000) since this plan was initially based on four full-time staff members. Once the plan reaches

\$17,000, Advantage Administrators recommends reinstating the monthly transfer to prevent this fund from becoming underfunded.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Delong to close Main Street from Canfield to Bloomfield for Dunkerton Days celebration.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Lichty to approve Sheriff's department coverage for Dunkerton Days at \$40/hr for 2 assigned deputies for 2 nights.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Manahl to approve the lowest tractor tire bid to Joe Stafford for \$2,180.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to approve seeking a grant for a new Public Works Truck up to \$38,000. The City will be seeking a grant from BHC Gaming Association for half of the estimated cost of a plow ready truck to replace the current Chevy truck.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Lichty to approve a callback policy for Public Works. Public Works will be paid 1 hour per day minimum for weekend water testing and 2 hours minimum for any callbacks after normal workday hours.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Lichty to approve Bev the Barbarian liquor license for Dunkerton Days. City Attorney Peters has also requested that Bev the Barbarian complete a permit application which restricts where her camper can be located for alcoholic sales and that Bev the Barbarian not sell beer or malt liquors to prevent direct competition with Chucky's Tollgate.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Richard to approve walkway bid from Robert C. Hauptly Construction for \$12,000. Walkway to be built from Sal Avenue to northern most bridge abutment in the Bar Haup addition. Roll call vote: Ayes – Delong, Lichty, Dalton and Richard. Nays – Manahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to pursue updating the City of Dunkerton Code of Ordinances to add a stop sign at Carroll Blvd and Donald Street.

Mr. Brian Roquet provided the Council with a letter regarding his concerns with the speed bumps on Joseph Rd. Mr. Roquet would like the speed bumps removed completely or replaced with speed humps. Ms. Carol Rigdon commented that she lives on Joseph Rd and would like to see more speed bumps added and have the existing bumps extended. Ms. Rigdon stated cars are going around the speed bumps and are speeding up between each set. The Council took no action on Mr. Roquet's request.

#### Public Comments:

- Ms. Monica Smith suggested the Council seek competitive bids for the maintenance shop and possibly waive two readings of the stop sign ordinance.
- Mr. Tom Smock addressed the Council and stated he wanted to correct some misinformation regarding the Veterans Park. Mr. Smock said it has been stated that the City is responsible for maintaining the park; however, that is incorrect. Mr. Smock mentioned that he and the Veterans Group are responsible for maintaining the Park and that City staff have asked if they can help. Mr. Smock has declined

their offers. Mr. Smock stated the Public Works staff is a hard-working group and he appreciates all their efforts.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Manahl thanked Ambulance Director Stout for her 4.5 years of service.
- Mayor Jessen read a letter from Interim Public Works Director Chris Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds thanked the Council for their support and stated that his last day with the City will be July 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Reynolds also suggested that Walt Anderson be moved to a full-time position within Public Works.

With no further discussion, Manahl / Dalton to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk