

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **July 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, Allison Baugher, Derek Shaner 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: 882 8105 9596 and password: 700935. 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: Roquet moved, Reichen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) July 12, 2021 Agenda, b) June 14, 2021 Council Minutes Regular Mtg and June 28, 2021 Council Minutes Special Mtg; c) June 2021 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library, Park Board, Resignation of Ambulance Member Jeff Anderson, and Bills Resolution 2021-41.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler mentioned the library has received a book sanitizer through the American Rescue Plan Act Grant and the purchase of multiple copies of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community through the Libraries Transform Communities Grant. Dir Wheeler is also reviewing library contracts for other communities and will bring a contract for the Council to consider after Library Board approval.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated that his department has responded to many calls recently that included fatalities and that he is seeking Critical Stress Debriefing services for his staff.
- Police Chief Stafford stated that he has coverage scheduled for the Dunkerton Days celebration and that the \$750 nuisance abatement citation has been delivered to 100 E. Sycamore.
- Clerk Steffen had no additions to her written report.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated Affordable Tree Service has taken down 6 ash trees to date and that Public Works is preparing for the Dunkerton Days celebration.

Mr. Eldon Schneider from Origin Design (formerly known as IIW Engineering) provided the council with an update regarding the sewer pump discharge issue. Mr. Schneider stated the sewer pumps are rated to flow at 350-400 gpm but were only pumping at 200 gpm in 2018. The main sewer line to the lagoon was cleaned using a poly-pigging process and a pressure gauge was installed. The pumps are now pumping at 300 gpm and the city has not had to bypass into Crane Creek since these updates. Mr. Schneider feels these changes were sufficient to meet the needs of the city and the DNR. Mr. Schneider recommends periodic review of the wastewater pumps to maintain acceptable output to the lagoon.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2021-42 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Warning Siren Contract with Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG). Contract for application and reporting services for FEMA Grant. Total payment shall not exceed \$3,500 for the project.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Roquet to set a public hearing for August 9, 2021 for the consideration of Ordinance #207- Signs.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to approve signing a Water Filtration Plant Construction Engineering Contract with Fehr Graham. Construction administration fee of \$52,500 and Construction Survey and Observation time and materials estimate of \$37,500.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve American Legion Post 636 liquor license for Dunkerton Days Celebration.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Baugher to approve Midwest Sips liquor license for Dunkerton Days Celebration.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve Fire Department request to purchase 8 thermal cameras from Municipal Emergency Services for \$6,319.

Mr. Jaden Hansen requested the council waive the curb valve repair fee at 403 Joseph Rd. The valve broke when Public Works proceeded with water shutoff. Mr. Hansen mentioned he was on vacation when water bill was received. Moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to deny waiving of curb valve repair fees at 403 Joseph Rd. Mayor Schares offered a payment plan of 3 installments to be paid in addition to payment of current utility fees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Roquet, Baugher, Smith and Shaner. Nays – Reichen. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Baugher to send a letter to property owner at 205 E. Williams Street regarding potential issues with sidewalk. Letter to state property owner has 30 days to backfill around sidewalk.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve closing Main Street from the Tollgate Lounge to the Dunkerton Co-op on September 19 from 9 am – 4 pm for Main Street Showdown Car Show. Signs to be placed in front of the Community Hall stating “No Spectator Parking” as the Community Hall is rented for a different event that day.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.
- Mayor Schares mentioned the city will be receiving bids to concrete around manholes in Bar Haup to prevent snowplow issues this winter.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Shaner to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk