

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **August 10, 2020**, 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: Mark Lichty, Brian Roquet, Ron Reichen, 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: 854 5465 5527 and password: 228483. 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, Roquet seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) August 10, 2020 Agenda, b) July 13, 2020 Council Minutes Regular Mtg with correction regarding Lease Agreement contract for Patrick and Kim Ala, c) July 2020 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Bills Resolution 2020-46.

Department Head Reports:

- Fire Chief Manahl stated the pancake breakfast has been canceled for this year.
- Police Chief Stafford mentioned Racom will be testing radios for police and fire tomorrow.
- Clerk Steffen stated she will be working on the Street Finance Report and Annual Financial Report.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated the fish have been added to the lagoon. Police Chief Stafford mentioned that he had also purchased 6 of the grass carp that were delivered and paid the vendor directly. Mayor Schares stated he witnessed the transaction.

Mayor Schares commented that Sheriff Thompson and Black Hawk County Health Director Nafissa Cisse Egbuonye would be updating the council on COVID-19 at the end of the meeting.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Lichty to place all bids received for the Marilyn Street Project on file. The bids received for Fall 2020 Construction were: Tschiggfrie Excavating for \$258,175, Barry Smith Grading & Excavating for \$262,484.76, Peterson Contractors for \$267,473.25, Pirc-Tobian Construction for \$281,340, and Vieth Construction for \$306,156.50. Bids received for Spring 2021 Construction were: Tschiggfrie Excavating for \$260,003, Barry Smith Grading & Excavating for \$265,484.76, Pirc-Tobian Construction for \$289,045.25, and Vieth Construction for \$307,647. Peterson Contractors did not provide a Spring Construction bid.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2020-48 awarding the Marilyn Street Project to Tschiggfrie Excavating for \$258,175. Project to be completed before October 31, 2020.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve the following service contracts for VJ Engineering: change to design of storm water due to discovery of 24" storm pipe for \$4,860, change to scope of services to include construction plan distribution and bidding administration for \$3,500, construction survey of the Marilyn Street Project for \$7,650 and construction administration of the Marilyn Street Project for \$12,750.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2020-47 setting a public hearing date of

September 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm on the proposition to authorize a loan agreement and issuance of notes on the Marilyn Street Project for \$290,000 and refinancing of current General Obligation Bonds. Bond amounts to refinance will be \$570,000 with a total bond issuance of \$860,000.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Lichy to approve Resolution 2020-49 Medical Expense Reimbursement Fund 820. This resolution clarifies the Medical Expense Reimbursement process.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Lichy to approve adoption of the City of Dunkerton Investment Policy.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2020-50 Petty Cash Policy.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2020-51 Repeal of Flowers and Sustenance Resolution 2015-37 and Flowers and Sustenance Supplies Policy 2015-2. Roll call vote: Ayes – Lichy, Shaner, Roquet and Smith. Nays – Reichen. Motion carried.

Moved by Roquet, seconded Reichen to receive and place on file tree removal bids for trees in the city right-of-way. Bid received from Affordable Tree Service for \$5,200 plus \$50 per stump grinding fee for total bid of \$6,050. A bid was received from LT Tree Service for \$15,000 for tree removal plus \$1,050 tax for a total bid received of \$16,050.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Lichy to award tree removal contract to Affordable Tree Service for \$6,050.

The Council discussed dog related issues and the City of Dunkerton Code of Ordinances Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control. Residents described issues with various dogs in their neighborhood. Pet owners relayed the measures they are undertaking to address their neighbor's concerns. Council took no action.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Mayor Schares mentioned the city has applied for a REAP grant to add shelters along the River Walking Trail.
- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.

Sheriff Thompson, Black Hawk County Health Director Nafissa Cisse Egbuonye and Emergency Management Directory Lorie Glover presented an update to the council on the services provided by the Emergency Operation Center as well as additional protocols that will be implemented as children return to school this fall.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Lichy to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk