

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **August 12, 2019**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Council members present: Mark Lichty, Bill Richard, DJ Manahl and Tom Delong. Quorum present. Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent agenda: Delong moved, Manahl seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) Aug 12, 2019 Agenda b) July 8, 2019 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) July 2019 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, Payment of Monthly Claims, resignation of Ambulance member Tim Dalton and addition of new Ambulance member Bruce Jefferson.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler mentioned the summer reading program ended July 30.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated there were two fire calls that were later cancelled.
- Clerk Steffen mentioned that she will be researching file servers for City Hall and will bring that information to Council at a future date.
- Public Works staff member Loftus stated the department has been updating google maps with current street information, fire hydrants have been painted, well house 2 and wellhouse 3 have been pressure washed and fire hydrants will be flushed Aug 14 through Aug 21.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Ron Reichen stated there were issues with the Community Hall bathrooms during Dunkerton Days and will be submitting a Roto Rooter bill to the Council.
- Ms. Jessica Huntley read a letter asking the Council to reconsider a vote on the bond issue for the Retention Pond. Ms. Huntley stated she was part of the Vision Committee that met 5 years ago and the Retention Pond was part of that plan. Ms. Huntley commented that the Retention Pond area included a picnic area, soccer area and continuation of the walking trail – all initiatives to make the city more attractive. Ms. Huntley stated that more housing and amenities are needed for growth.
- Mayor Jessen read a letter from Ms. Natalie Crawford regarding a recent compliment that she received. Ms. Crawford mentioned she participated in the memorial walk at Dunkerton Days and walked with a couple from a neighboring community. She stated the couple was very complimentary about Dunkerton's walking trails and parks. Ms. Crawford went on to say that Dunkerton has an amazing school and feels the community needs to expand in order to support growth at the school. Ms. Crawford asked the Council to reconsider the vote on the 30 acre GO Bond.
- Mayor Jessen stated he would like to speak as a resident and not as Mayor. Mr. Jessen stated he was in New Hartford recently and noticed that they have an Elementary School but no longer have a High School. Mr. Jessen also commented that some Dunkerton residents have complained about the streets, curbs and gutters in town. Mr. Jessen stated the streets in Dunkerton do not have the pot hole issues as compared to the streets in New Hartford. If the City does not continue to grow, if the City loses the School, then property taxes will decline and so will the ability of the City to maintain itself. Mr. Jessen also reminded those in attendance that over 40 people met 5 years ago as part of a Visioning Committee and that Committee

expected the City to proceed with the Vision Project. In 5 years, the water tower bond will be paid off – whether the City purchases 30 acres for a Retention Pond or not. The Vision Committee had a plan for the City and the City should move forward with that plan. Mr. Jessen stated the Dunkerton School is backing the City and the City needs to back the school.

Mr. Lucas Elsbernd from Fehr Graham Engineering presented the Council with two proposals regarding the high iron water issue. The first option would be to expand the well house at Well 3 and add iron removal filters. No modifications to Well 2 would be included in this proposal. The cost of this proposal is \$715,900. The second option would be to construct a new water treatment facility near Well 2 and add iron removal filters. A raw water line would be installed along W. Sycamore Street from Well 3 to the new water treatment facility. Both Well 2 and Well 3 would be treated for iron. The second option would eliminate the need to add poly phosphates to Well 2 and would eliminate Well 2's chemical injection pit. Cost of the second option would be \$1,048,450. Based on current utility rates and the 2% annual utility rate increase per City of Dunkerton Code of Ordinances Chapter 92, the City would not need to increase rates whichever option is chosen.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Richard to approve proceeding with a design of option 2 – treating Well 2 and Well 3 at the well house 2 location and adding a raw water line along W. Sycamore Street.

Moved by DeLong, seconded by Lichty to approve Resolution 2019-24 submittal of the annual Street Finance Report to the Department of Transportation. Clerk Steffen stated the beginning fund balance was \$111,314 as of July 1, 2018. Revenue and expenses were \$110,066 and \$107,256 respectively. Ending fund balance was \$114,124 as of June 30, 2019.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Manahl to approve Resolution 2019-25 to transfer \$245.65 from the General Fund to the Park Reserve Fund. The Park Board held a brat stand at Dunkerton Days. Their expenses totaled \$359.10 and revenues were \$604.75 for a profit of \$245.65.

Moved by DeLong, seconded by Lichty to approve Pinecrest Construction proposal of \$17,867 for a new maintenance shop roof and soffits. Roll call vote: Ayes – Lichty, DeLong and Richard. Nays – Manahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Manahl to approve purchase of a deer / brush guard for the ambulance (including installation) up to \$2,000.

Council discussed adding extensions onto speed bumps on Joseph Rd. Public Works staff member Loftus recommended not extending the speed bumps to the curb but allowing a gap for water to flow. Pricing for speed bump extensions as follows - \$96 per 4 ft section and \$120 per 6 ft section. Council directed Public Works staff member Loftus to purchase speed bump sections as needed to complete existing speed bump strips and allowing for water flow.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Lichty to approve 3 month contract with the Black Hawk County Sheriff's office for \$3,000/mo. and posting an open position for a new Part-Time Police Chief.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Lichty to approve offering a full-time public works position to current part-time public works staff member Walt Anderson. Offer to include \$19.50/hr and \$300/mo. in lieu of health and dental insurance. Offer to include a raise of \$.50/hr after successful completion of 90 day probationary period.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Richard to approve Robert C. Hauptly Construction bid for completion of walk trail in Bar Haup addition for \$50,000. Project to include east approach to bridge, walk trail, bio-swale clearspan, ramp, sidewalk, approach, handrail on both sides of bridge, and planter box on high end of wall. Roll call vote: Ayes – Lichty, Richard and Delong. Nays – Manahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Manahl, seconded by Delong to open the public hearing for the Special Permit request at 305 Big Jim Court.

Mayor Jessen asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any written comments either for or against the Special Permit. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the Permit. Mayor Jessen asked those in attendance if they had any comments for or against the Special Permit. Mr. Jim Brown stated he is requesting the permit so that he may add an extension onto his garage. Overall height at the peak will be 23 ft and sidewalls will be 9 ft. Addition will have same pitch, same siding as his home and setbacks will comply with City ordinance.

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

Motion by Manahl, seconded by Richard to approve the Special Permit at 305 Big Jim Court.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Manahl read his resignation letter to the Council effective at the end of the Council meeting. Council member Manahl stated he has enjoyed serving his community as part of the Fire Department and as a Council member. However, due to the disrespect shown to Council members & Mayor, notes left on his truck and the damage done to City worker vehicles, Council member Manahl stated he no longer enjoys coming to Council meetings or being out in the Community.
- Mayor Jessen and the Council thanked Council Member Manahl for all that he has done and stated they enjoyed being on the Council with him.

With no further discussion, Manahl / Delong to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk