

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **September 9, 2019**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Mark Lichty, Bill Richard, Tina Dalton and Tom Delong. Quorum present. Mayor Jessen 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, Lichty seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) September 9, 2019 Agenda b) August 12, 2019 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) August 2019 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Payment of Monthly Claims.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler mentioned having 14 additional children visit the library as a part of the new day care. Family movie night went well, and they will be doing another one.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated there were three fire calls, and they held the pancake breakfast where they served 302 people. Chief Manahl thanked the citizens for their support of the Fire Department and Ambulance Department. On Friday, October 11 the Fire Department will host 150 Kindergarten through 5th grade students.
- Public Works staff member Loftus stated the department has been flushing mains, E Williams Street paving is complete, DNR inspected lift stations and lagoons, interior of the water tower has been cleaned, water tower seal has been fixed, and discussed the water main break on W Williams along with the boil advisory.

Public Comments:

- Dr. Tim Cronin introduced himself as School Superintendent and shared about the strength of the financial outlook of the school, and ways to continue that trend. Anything that makes the city more appealing to bring in more children would help benefit the school.
- Mr. Dave Printy discussed water tower leakage, questioned why it wasn't fixed sooner.
- Mr. Ron Reichen mentioned the position of Library and City Hall street signs at the corner of S Canfield and Tower St blocking the school's sign when coming from the north, asking who to contact about having them moved.
- Mr. Dave Printy inquired about the enforcement of the City's parking ordinance.
- Comments ensued both for and against the proposed retention pond.
- Mr. Dave Printy inquired about three lots that were intended for houses having garages built instead, asking how the town can grow by building garages on land that was intended for houses.
- Mr. Ryan Peterson expressed his appreciation for the walking trails, and states he uses them daily, and feels they provide a safe place for his family to run and ride bikes.
- Mr. Jamie Stickfort shared regarding coming together as a community and encourages residents to get involved in a committee such as the Vision Committee or Park Board.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Delong to approve Resolution 2019-26 to set a date of Public Hearing on Land Acquisition Not to Exceed \$350,000. Dalton requested to check with the

election board about adding this topic to the ballot. Date of PH set for October 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichty to approve Resolution 2019-27 to set a date of Public Hearing on General Obligation refunding Not to Exceed \$705,000. Date of PH set for October 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Delong to increase funds for the lift station project to a total of \$10,000. The former budget was for \$3500. The increase will allow for installing a pipe to gain access for cleaning out the line, which can be used year-round.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Richard to increase the funds for a new Public Works pick-up truck to \$39,000 with a 50/50 split from Black Hawk County Gaming Association. Increase due to adding emergency lighting.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Richard to approve paying Community Hall invoice from Roto Rooter for \$449.40. Invoice was for a sewer backup at Community Hall during Dunkerton Days.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Delong to waive 90-day waiting period for Walter Anderson's wage increase, and offer a \$20 stipend for use of personal cell phone with the cancellation of the City's cell phone. Council decided to keep vacation time as stated in the Employee Handbook.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichty to schedule Trick-or-Treating for Thursday, October 31 from 5-7 pm.

Mayoral and Council comments: None

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

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Lisa Mahr, Deputy Clerk