

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **September 13, 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: Reichen moved, Shaner seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Sept 13, 2021 Agenda, b) Aug 9, 2021 Council Minutes Regular Mtg and Aug 19, 2021 Council Minutes Special Mtg; c) Aug 2021 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library, Proclamation for Russ Nesbit noting his 80th birthday, Proclamation for Patriot's Day 20th Anniversary, and Bills Resolution 2021-45.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler mentioned she is working on grants through the American Rescue Fund.
- Fire Chief Manahl was unable to attend.
- Police Chief Stafford was unable to attend.
- Clerk Steffen did not have any additions to her written report.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated construction of the water filtration plant has been delayed but the contractor is hoping to begin work at the end of September.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Baugher to accept and place on file the Annual Financial Report for FY2021. Total revenue was \$2,394,655 and total expenses were \$2,189,638, respectively.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Smith to table discussion of selling the lot next to the bus barn until the annexation process has been completed.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve signing a contract with the City of Elk Run for Library Services. The contract will allow the residents of Elk Run to use the Dunkerton Public Library.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to approve signing a contract with the City of Gilbertville for Library Services. The contract will allow the residents of Gilbertville to use the Dunkerton Public Library.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Sara Wheeler to the Dunkerton Library Board. Ms. Wheeler will be completing the term of Mary Peterson who will be resigning effective September 30, 2021.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to deny the request to change the name of Tower Street to Raider Drive. Changing the name of Tower Street would require changing addresses for residents

along Tower Street as well as the Dunkerton Public Library and City Hall. Mayor Schares and Council member Reichen will approach the school regarding the possibility of naming the entrance to the school "Raider Drive".

Moved by Shaner, seconded by Roquet to allow Dunkerton Police officers to wear their Dunkerton uniforms if they are called to provide police coverage for University of Northern Iowa events. The University is requesting additional police coverage from area police departments.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Smith to approve setting Halloween Trick or Treating for Sunday, Oct. 31st from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Mayor Schares informed the council that Iowa Codification is continuing to work on the proposed Sign Ordinance and will be forwarding a Nature Preserve Ordinance for council consideration.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Russ Nesbit asked if the Poyner Creek repair would require both lanes of Hwy 281 to be closed and asked who he could contact regarding the repair. Clerk Steffen said that she could provide contact information for the DOT.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.
- Council member Reichen stated a resident asked why there was no water in the Stickfort 3rd Addition pond. Mayor Schares commented that the pond is a detention pond and only meant to hold runoff from the southern end of Jon Rd.

With no further discussion, Baugher / Shaner to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk