

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **September 14, 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, Lichty seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) September 14, 2020 Agenda, b) August 10, 2020 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; August 31, 2020 Council Minutes Special Meeting, c) Aug 2020 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, Proclamation for Disabled Veterans of America and Bills Resolution 2020-53.

Department Head Reports:

- Fire Chief Manahl mentioned Oct 4 – 10 is Fire Safety Prevention Week.
- Police Chief Stafford stated the Black Hawk County Gaming Association grants are open and he will be submitting a grant for a laptop, stop sticks and city siren.
- Clerk Steffen stated she did not have any additions to her written report.
- Public Works Director Loftus mentioned the public works department has been busy picking up brush after the most recent storm and street sweeping.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Lichty to approve receiving and placing on file the Auditor of State Citizen Petition Report released August 28, 2020. Mayor Schares commented that there were 3 findings in the report – segregation of duties which most cities in Iowa receive, no adopted credit card policy (policy was adopted by council on February 10, 2020) and the Minutes from March 11, 2019 stated the Council went into closed session but did not reference the specific Code of Iowa exemption.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-54 Street Finance Report for fiscal year 2020. Beginning Road Use Tax Fund balance as of July 1, 2019 was \$114,125. Ending fund balance as of June 30, 2020 was \$80,161.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes not to exceed \$290,000 for the Marilyn Street Project. Mayor Schares asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any comments either for or against the General Obligation Bonds. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the bonds. Mayor Schares then asked those in attendance and online if there were any comments either for or against the bonds. Hearing none, Roquet moved, Shaner seconded to close the public hearing.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-55 Loan Agreement and Issuance of not to exceed \$290,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes for the Marilyn Street Project. Streets affected by construction will be Marilyn Street, Tower Street, and E. Williams Street.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-56 Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Distribution of Preliminary Official Statement for \$860,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020 for refinancing the current city Series 2009A and Series 2010 GO Bonds.

Mayor Schares opened the public hearing for the special permit request at 309 S. Marble Street. Permit requests a 19 ft setback for the front yard – between each lot line abutting Williams Street and Marble Street – as well as a 16 ft setback for the rear yard. Request also includes removal of 16 ft of existing garage and replacing with a 40 x 40 ft garage on the north side. Mayor Schares asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any 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 Schares then asked those in attendance and online if there were any comments either for or against the special permit. Hearing none, Reichen moved, Shaner seconded to close the public hearing.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve Special Permit at 309 S. Marble Street. Roll call vote: Ayes – Smith, Shaner, Roquet, Reichen. Nays – Lichty. Motion carried.

The council discussed revising Chapter 105 Solid Waste Control ~ Section 105.09 Waste Storage Containers. Moved by Lichty, seconded by Roquet to set a public hearing to consider proposed changes to Ordinance #202 at the October 12 council meeting.

The council discussed revising Chapter 106 Collection of Solid Waste ~ Section 106.09 Collection Fees. Moved by Smith, seconded by Lichty to set a public hearing to consider proposed changes to Ordinance #203 at the October 12 council meeting.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve an agreement with the Department of Transportation for a detour through Dunkerton in May of 2021.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Lichty to approve Resolution 2020-57 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Local Match for Warning Siren Grant. Current estimates for siren replacement total is \$23,600. Local city match would be \$3,540.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve a car show on Sunday, September 20 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Street closure requested for Main Street from Canfield to Stickney. Food for the event will be offered in Community Hall.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Reichen read a thank you note from the Community Hall Board for the city's support of the refacing initiative.
- Mayor Schares mentioned the football team and public works staff will be cleaning up the Butterfly Garden at Charma Park. The Women's Garden Club will maintain the garden going forward.
- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.
- Council member Lichty submitted his resignation effective September 30, 2020. Mr. Lichty informed the council that he will be moving and will no longer be eligible to serve on the council. Mayor Schares thanked Council member Lichty for his service.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Lichty to adjourn at 8:01 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk