

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **January 13, 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, Bill Richard, Brian Roquet, Ron Reichen and Monica Smith. Quorum present. Mayor Schares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent agenda: Lichty moved, Reichen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion with an amendment to the Dec 10, 2019 Minutes: a) January 13, 2020 Agenda b) December 10, 2019 Council Minutes Regular Mtg with correction to include the meeting date was changed from Monday, Dec 9, 2019 to Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019 due to a school program conflict; January 9, 2020 Special Meeting; c) December 2019 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, addition of Fire Dept member Walter Anderson, Sump Pump/Groundwater Reimbursement approval for 303 W Dunkerton, renewal of Chucky's Tollgate liquor license, approval of Council Standing Committees, and Bills Resolution 2020-10.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler provided the Council with the Annual Library Report and stated that the Library will be going through its accreditation process in February. Lib Dir Wheeler has also completed her recertification as Library Dir.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated there were 4 calls for the month of December and that the Township Reports are almost complete. Chief Manahl reminded everyone that the Fire Dept chili supper will be February 1st.
- Clerk Steffen stated she is working on the City budget and will be scheduling additional budget workshops.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated there was a water main break on W Williams St. on Dec 31st and it was repaired by noon. In addition, there was a sewer main issue on Joseph Rd and Municipal Pipe was called in to repair. Repair was completed the same day.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Richard to approve setting the Maximum Levy Rate public hearing date for February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Council discussed refinancing current GO Bond debt and purchase of land. Per Mayor Schares, Speer Financial would like to know if the Council would ratify the sale of the bonds if they were to take the request to the bond market. Moved by Roquet, seconded by Smith to refrain from refinancing current GO Bond debt and purchasing of land. Roll call vote: Ayes – Reichen, Smith, Roquet. Nays – Richard, Lichty. Motion carried.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-2 naming the Waterloo Courier as the official newspaper of the City.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-3 Council Appointments with an amendment to City Attorney. Amendment to include tabling of City Attorney appointment at this time. Resolution 2020-3 will name Michael J. Schares to the Bremer County Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Ayes – Reichen, Roquet, Richard, Smith. Nays: Lichty. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-4 naming Farmers State Bank of Dunkerton, IA as the official depository with an amendment stating the maximum deposit amount shall be \$2,500,000.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-5 wages for City staff effective July 1, 2020.

Mr. Chris Even, Affidavit Operator for the City, updated the Council on ammonia nitrogen monitoring for 2019. Mr. Even recommended the City submit a request to the DNR to amend the current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to incorporate the new effluent limitations noted in the November 16, 2018 wasteload allocation tables. Moved by Lichty, seconded by Roquet to approve submitting a request to the DNR to amend the City's current NPDES permit as recommended by Affidavit Operator Chris Even.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Richard to approve Resolution 2020-6 Bond Fee Fund Transfer of \$500.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-7 Transfer from the Park Reserve Fund to the Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park Fund to cover park equipment and supplies purchases of \$9,063.98.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-8 Transfer of \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Reserve Fund for new ambulance set-aside as agreed upon with area townships.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Richard to approve Resolution 2020-9 Urban Revitalization Application for property tax exemption at 123 Carroll Blvd.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve tabling VJ Engineering proposal for curb, gutter and storm sewer projects. Council has requested that VJ Engineering appear at a future Council meeting and discuss project.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News. Mayor Schares asked that a statement be added to remind residents that the lid must be closed on the new red trash bins provided by Thomas James.
- Mayor Schares set next budget workshop meeting for Tuesday, January 21st at 5:30 pm.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Richard to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk