

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **October 11, 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: 816 9040 2090 and password: 301726. 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: Roquet moved, Reichen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Oct 11, 2021 Agenda, b) Sept 13, 2021 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) Sept 2021 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library, New Ambulance Member Montana Ellis, and Bills Resolution 2021-46.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler mentioned the City of Gilbertville has signed a contract for Library Services and she anticipates the City of Elk Run Heights will do so as well.
- Fire Chief Manahl was unable to attend.
- Police Chief Stafford had no additions to his written report.
- Clerk Steffen provided the council with information from the League Annual Conference regarding cyber security, sign ordinances and GIS mapping of infrastructure.
- Public Works Director stated the Water Filtration Plant project is going well. The contractor hit four water lines while digging the filtration line, but those lines have been repaired.

Ms. Maggie Burger from Speer Financial provided a Tax Increment Financing update to the Council for FY2022.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve posting for Seasonal Snow-Plow Help. Position to pay \$18.00/hr for applicants with a CDL and \$15.00/hr for non-CDL applicants.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve pursuit of a Black Hawk County Gaming Association Grant for a Public Works UTV not to exceed \$27,000.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to allow removal of 2 Maple trees at 609 Sal Avenue at owner's expense. Per homeowner, contractor stated the proximity of the trees to the sidewalk will cause the sidewalk to heave in the upcoming years.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Baugher to approve bid of \$9,750 by Affordable Tree Service for removal of 14 ash trees and the trimming of 2 soft maple trees at Charma Park.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Baugher to instruct the city attorney to draft a 1-year provisional 28E Agreement for the exchange of equipment between the cities of Dunkerton, Fairbank and Jesup. Specifically, the agreement will outline a negotiable rate for rental of mosquito sprayer by the cities of

Fairbank and Jesup.

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. Mayor Schares also stated the city is continuing to work with the State of Iowa on annexation of the Mixdorf Nature Preserve and the city-owned lot next to the school bus barn.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Russ Nesbit thanked the Police Department for their help in getting the truck removed at 100 E. Sycamore Street.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.
- Council member Roquet provided the council with information from his attendance at the League Annual Conference including city facebook pages and the Certified Elected Municipal Official (CEMO) program.

With no further discussion, Roquet / Reichen to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk