

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **October 14, 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 Lichy, Bill Richard, Tina Dalton, and Tom Delong. Quorum present. Dalton 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, Lichy seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) October 14, 2019 Agenda b) September 9, 2019 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; September 16, 2019 Council Minutes Special Mtg c) September 2019 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, Payment of Monthly Claims, addition of Fire Dept member Dan Praska, Urban Revitalization Property Tax Exemption Application and cleaning person for Library and City Buildings.

#### Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler mentioned the Library will be hosting a coffee day this Friday; Oct 26 will feature a speaker on the Salem Witch Trials; and Halloween portraits will be offered on Oct 31.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated the department has received a BHC Gaming Grant for \$7,000 and fire prevention day for elementary students will be this Friday at the Fire Station.
- Clerk Steffen mentioned she will be discussing server requirements for City Hall later on the agenda.
- Public Works staff member Loftus stated Public Works has been replacing signs at Well 2 and Well 3 as well as signs around town; that lift station pump 1 has been scheduled for maintenance with Electric Pump; and the City has had to bypass twice due to high water.

The Personnel Committee updated the Council on the Police Chief candidate interviews. The Committee mentioned they narrowed the candidates to 3 finalists and felt all were very qualified; however, they were concerned with the longevity of two of the candidates. Mayor Jessen and the Personnel Committee recommended the Council offer the part-time Police Chief position to Joe Stafford who is a long time resident of Dunkerton and who is currently involved with various programs at the Dunkerton School. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichy to approve offering part-time Police Chief position to Joe Stafford for \$25/hr plus health and dental insurance.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Dalton to approve Fehr Graham's engineering design proposal for \$93,000 to remove iron from Well 2 and Well 3. Proposal to include the Preliminary Engineering Report, Preliminary Design, Final Design and the Bidding phases of the project. Fehr Graham will help the Council create the RFP, evaluate the bidders and provide a recommendation for awarding the construction bid.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichy to open the public hearing for Resolution 2019-30

General Obligation Capital Loan Notes not to exceed \$705,000.

Mayor Jessen asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any written comments either for or against the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes not to exceed \$705,000. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the GO Capital Loan Notes. Mayor Jessen asked those in attendance if they had any comments either for or against the GO Capital Loan Notes.

Hearing none, moved by Dalton, seconded by Delong to close the public hearing.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Richard to approve Resolution 2019-30 not to exceed \$705,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Lichty to open the public hearing for Resolution 2019-31 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes not to exceed \$350,000.

Mayor Jessen asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any written comments either for or against the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes not to exceed \$350,000. Clerk Steffen stated the City had not received any comments either for or against the GO Capital Loan Notes. Mayor Jessen asked those in attendance if they had any comments either for or against the GO Capital Loan Notes.

Mr. Mitch Juhl and Mr. Dave Printy stated they would prefer the City have engineering plans completed before purchasing the 30 acre parcel.

Ms. Jessica Huntley stated she is in favor of the Council purchasing the 30 acre parcel as it will allow an opportunity for growth and recreational activities.

Mr. Ron Reichen asked the Council if the 30 acre parcel had been voted down at a previous meeting.

Ms. Colleen Jessen commented that she was in favor of the project and wanted to see the City move forward.

Ms. Kathy Rigdon stated the City does not need a retention pond and needs to take care of the City streets first.

Ms. Julia Richard stated that the City had only one park when she was younger and now there are three parks to enjoy. She would like to see the Council vote in favor of the 30 acre parcel.

Mr. Tim Dalton stated he was in favor of purchasing the 30 acre parcel and felt the City could do preventative maintenance as well as continue to grow. Mr. Dalton stated he would also like to address a comment that he has heard. Mr. Dalton stated that he and his wife, Council Member Tina Dalton, will not be personally benefitting from this land purchase.

Ms. Dawn Richard stated she would like to correct misinformation as well. Ms. Richard stated there have been comments that her husband, Council Member Bill Richard, will be personally benefitting from this 30 acre parcel because he works at CV Building Supply. Ms. Richard stated that her husband is salaried and will not be personally benefitting from this

land acquisition.

Ms. Bonnie Belmer stated that she agreed that the town needs to grow but rather than purchase land for a retention pond and recreational activities, the City should purchase land to build homes.

Mr. Travis Hoing mentioned \$350,000 is a lot of money; however, this is a long term plan and he is in favor of the purchase. Mr. Hoing stated he would like the City to unite and think of the future. He mentioned this is the time to move the town forward.

Mr. DJ Manahl stated the City needs to grow but the City needs to chip seal the streets as well.

Mr. Brian Roquet said he wanted to reiterate that the measure had been voted down previously. Council member Tina Dalton replied that she had voted against the measure initially because the people who attended that Council meeting had voiced their concerns against the project. However, Ms. Dalton stated she was approached by many community members after that meeting and they were in favor of the project.

Ms. Natasha Clark stated she is new to town and felt the division between the residents over this issue will not bring new people to town. Ms. Clark stated the City should beautify what is has but growth is needed too.

Mr. Justin Schilling stated he was on the Visioning Committee when the Retention Pond was initially discussed. He said the Committee did not hear anything negative about this plan and many community members were involved in the Retention Pond discussions. Mr. Schilling stated he is in favor of the land acquisition.

Mr. Fred Nordman stated he lived at 311 Joseph Rd for over 42 years and had seen water over Dunkerton Rd as well as had water in his back yard on many occasions. Mr. Nordman stated he felt the Retention Pond would help alleviate the pressure of those who live on Dunkerton Rd.

Hearing no further comments, moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichty to close the public hearing.

Motion by Delong, seconded by Lichty to approve Resolution 2019-31 not to exceed \$350,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes. Council member, Tina Dalton, reiterated that she has always been in favor of the project but stated she voted against the measure initially because the people who attended the first meeting had voiced their concerns against the project. However, she was approached by many community members after that vote who stated they were in favor of the project.

Council discussed Black Hawk Gaming Association Grant changes. BHC Gaming is changing their requirements to be a 30/70 split with 70% of vehicles paid for by the City. Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichty to approve a new City truck not to exceed \$29,000 with the City portion set at 70%.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Delong to update the Employee Handbook allowing staff

members to roll 1 week of vacation time to the following year.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Dalton to approve Premier Technology bid of \$1,730 for a server at City Hall. Bid includes installation and connection of all City Hall computers to the domain.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Delong to approve playground equipment and swing set for Carroll Hauptly Memorial Park not to exceed \$9,300 including metal sign design.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Lichty to approve posting winter seasonal help position for public works.

Moved by Dalton, seconded by Delong to open the public hearing for the Special Permit request at 910 Sal Avenue.

Mayor Jessen asked Clerk Steffen if the City had received any written comments either for or against the Special Permit request at 910 Sal Avenue. Clerk Steffen stated the City had received a letter from Mr. Tom Duffy and also a letter and petition from Mr. Brian Roquet. City Attorney Peters examined the petition. The petition listed names and signatures but did not state what the petition was for. Mayor Jessen asked if anyone in attendance had signed the petition and if they could confirm what they were signing.

Mr. Jim Olson was in attendance and he stated he signed the petition because he would like the City to enforce the Restricted Residence District ordinance as it is stated in the City Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Mitch Juhl stated he is not opposed to the Special Permit but felt the City should enforce the ordinance as it is written.

Council member Dalton asked those in attendance if anyone was opposed to the Special Permit request at 910 Sal Avenue which is increasing the peak height of the accessory structure to 20 ft. No one in attendance was opposed to the request.

Hearing no further comments, moved by Dalton, seconded by Delong to close the public hearing.

Motion by Delong, seconded by Lichty to approve the Special Permit for 910 Sal Avenue.

Moved by Delong, seconded by Lichty to approve the Robert C. Hauptly Construction bids of \$16,675 and \$7,750 respectively. Repairs to include storm sewer inlets, street patches and curb repair.

#### Public Comments:

- Ms. Natalie Crawford stated she would be willing to help decorate the town when it came time to decorate for Christmas.
- Ms. Jessica Huntley suggested that the City develop a 5 year plan and suggested communicating that plan to the residents.
- Mr. DJ Manahl thanked the Public Works Dept for changing the City signs. The new signs are easier for the Fire Dept and Ambulance members to read.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Delong stated the Council should review the Restricted Residence District section of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Council member Dalton stated she would like to see a 5 year plan as well – one that addresses sidewalks specifically.

With no further discussion, Delong/Lichty to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk