

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **October 20, 2014**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present: Adam Fuelling, Tom DeLong, Brian Belmer, Mark Lichty and Colt Robinson. Quorum present. Fuelling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fuelling moved, DeLong seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) October 20, 2014 Agenda as listed b) Council Minutes Sept 8 Regular Mtg as written c) Sep 2014 Monthly Reports: Clerk Budget, Clerk Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Payment of Monthly Claims. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

- Fire Chief Manahl stated October is fire prevention month and last few days have been busy. Dan Steffen also presented the city early that day with a check for \$100,000 from the Dunkerton Fire Association to be used towards the new fire truck.
- Ambulance Chief Stout mentioned there were 8 calls in September.
- Officer Roquet commented that he appreciated the help of the fire dept while he worked with members of a traffic accident.
- Clerk Steffen reported that she attended the IMFOA conference in Des Moines and will be meeting with Speer Financial re: SEC compliance, TIF certification and Urban Renewal rpt.
- Public Works Director Pierce stated the street sweeper has problems and may need to budget for new sweeper. Eagle Scout shelter is up and there were many volunteers that helped. REAP Grant has been approved and river walk project hopefully will start this spring.
- PW Director Pierce on behalf of City Engineer stated Rob is no longer with Ament and our contact is now Jennifer.
- Library Dir Wheeler stated the library has had MidAmerican do an assessment since their utilities are higher than normal. There will be a social security workshop and she is working on her annual rpt.

Public Comments:

- Chris Gibson asked for an update on the auditor's rpt and Clerk Steffen stated the auditors expect to have their findings published after the new year.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Belmer seconded to approve Trick or Treat night for Oct 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Robinson motioned and Fuelling seconded to approve Resolution 2014-16 the transfer of vacant lot at 106 E. Main Street into Randy Reed's name. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Fuelling motioned and DeLong seconded to approve new fire dept applicant Jed VanLengen. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Setting a public hearing for Nov 10 at 7 pm for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation

plan for Black Hawk County was motioned by council member Fuelling and seconded by Lichty. Resolution 2014-19 was adopted. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Belmer moved to adopt and Lichty seconded Resolution 2014-18 regarding the purchase of a new fire department truck. Ayes: Lichty, Robinson, Belmer, Delong and Fuelling. Nays: None.

Council member Lichty motioned to adopt and Belmer seconded Resolution 2014-21 regarding the transfer of funds for the purchase of the new fire truck. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Mayor Jessen stated the city has received a letter from the Dunkerton Schools rescinding their offer on the old water tower site at the corner of Canfield and Tower Streets. Council member Robinson motioned and Fuelling seconded to accept letter. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Discussion ensued regarding the appraisal received by the city for the old water tower site at the corner of Canfield and Tower Streets. Appraisal came in at \$13,600. Mayor Jessen will discuss appraisal with the school.

Council member Belmer asked the council to consider a utilities easement between his property and Carol Rigdon's as it pertains to grading for proper drainage to Joseph Rd. Belmer stated that when there is a good rain it runs into Rigdon's basement and fills up his yard. He has rec'd bids of \$700 to grade and put in rock. Possible sidewalk to the school was discussed. PW Dir Pierce stated he will follow up with the school re: their thoughts.

Cost of living raises for city employees was discussed. Further discussion regarding cost of living raises and personnel performance reviews to be slated for a later date. Council member Robinson motioned and Belmer seconded to approve a 2% raise retro to July 1, 2014. Ayes: Belmer, Robinson, Delong. Nays: Lichty, Fuelling. Motion carried.

Council member Robinson moved and Belmer seconded to approve a \$2.00/hr pay raise for PW Dir Pierce. Robinson commented that PW Dir Pierce has over 6 years experience, takes pride in his work and equipment, has a history of executing cost savings activities and has been loyal to the community. Robinson stated \$23/hr is also comparable to other cities the size of Dunkerton. Ayes: Belmer, Delong, Fuelling, Robinson and Lichty.

Discussion regarding additional uses for golf carts was entertained by the council. Council member Robinson motioned and Fuelling seconded using golf carts with headlights and tail lights on Oct 31, 2014 until 7:00 pm. Ayes: Robinson, Fuelling, Belmer. Nays: Delong, Lichty. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding future direction of Dunkerton police department. BHC Sheriff Tony Thompson provided a proposal to the council for fees related to their services. Mayor Jessen commented that the residents he has spoken to are in favor of keeping a Dunkerton police force. Council member Fuelling commented that a mix of using both Officer Roquet and BHC deputies may be an option. Additional information from Officer Roquet was requested so that the council could view a comparison of rates.

Landlord shut off policies were discussed. City Attorney Guthrie provided written comments that the city can require that upon a tenant moving out that the landlord move the rental property into his/her name. A turn off/turn on fee can be charged if the council approves. Council member Fuelling motioned and Belmer seconded that landlords will be assessed turn off/turn on fees if they request those services. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council reviewed the offer letter to Don Hauptly written by City Atty Guthrie. Council member Robinson moved and Belmer seconded to accept letter as written. Ayes: Belmer, Fuelling, Robinson, Lichty, Delong. Nays: none.

Council member Belmer moved and Lichty seconded to approve the first reading of the proposed Ordinance #176 Wind Turbine Regulations with no changes. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Lichty motioned and Belmer seconded to waive the second and third readings of proposed Ordinance #176 Wind Turbine Regulations.

Council member Fuelling moved and Lichty seconded to pass Ordinance #176 Wind Turbine Regulations amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dunkerton, Iowa, 2012. Ayes: Robinson, Delong, Belmer, Lichty, Fuelling. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayoral & Council Comments:

- Council member Fuelling stated Dunkerton Community Hall has had a Christmas tree donated as well as lights and would like to set up the tree at the Gazebo. They would like to hold a variety of festivities outside. The city will need to keep this area open this winter.
- Council member Delong asked about an update on the city flag. Council member Fuelling said he has left a message for Tom Smock and will follow up. He was told Wayne McGee may also be a resource for the flag and pole.
- Mayor Jessen stated the Chapman lots are still available. There is a contractor in Waterloo who may be interested. The contractor will be meeting with the Mayor.

With no further discussion, Robinson/Fuelling to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk