

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **October 8, 2018**, 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 Lichty, Bill Richard, DJ Manahl, Tina Dalton and Tom DeLong. Quorum present. Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Manahl, seconded by DeLong to approve adding an emergency pump issue to the agenda.

Consent agenda: DeLong moved, Lichty seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) October 8, 2018 Agenda with addition of emergency pump issue b) Sep 10, 2018 Council Minutes Regular Mtg as written c) Sep 2018 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Payment of Monthly Claims.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Dir Wheeler stated there are still water issues with the library so she is in contact with Ament Engineering. Dir Wheeler also stated Dalton Plumbing will be checking the dehumidifier which appears to have issues as well. Dir Wheeler also stated the drop box for books has been modified for fire prevention.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated the department had 2 calls and reminded everyone in attendance that this is fire prevention week. Fire Chief Manahl also mentioned that the 911 dispatch center has made modifications to the pager system and will be monitoring the changes.
- Police Chief Krieger stated she has been attending multiple trainings as well as doing seat belt checks at the high school. Chief Krieger stated there has been a dramatic increase in seat belt use since her initial check.
- Ambulance Chief Stout mentioned the new ambulance configuration has been modified so she is waiting for the cost of these changes.
- Clerk Steffen mentioned she will be preparing the Urban Renewal Report and Annual Financial Report for Council review.
- Public Works staff member Reynolds stated the notification system for Well 2 and Well 3 is hard wired and that Dunkerton Communications has stated this will need to be changed to a digital system. PW member Reynolds also informed the Council that the street sweeper needs repairs and the estimated cost is \$5,000.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Ron Reichen addressed the Council regarding water that was flowing across Sal Avenue between his property and the Tisue property. Mr. Reichen stated he felt the water issue seemed to appear after a culvert was installed. Clerk Steffen commented that the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is interested in meeting about this issue.
- Mr. Timm Jensen asked about the status of fixing alleys. Mayor Jessen replied a box blade will be used to grade the alleys.

- Mr. Brian Fulton, member of the Dunkerton Park Board , informed the Council that the graffiti on the sidewalk at Charma Park is still visible and that the sidewalk at Charma Park appears to have been damaged by an excavator that was used to dig up sand from Crane Creek. Mr. Fulton asked the Council who was responsible for fixing these issues. Mr. Fulton also mentioned graffiti on the back of the bathrooms at Charma Park. Mr. Fulton suggested installing a trellis so that the bathroom wall would be less vulnerable to graffiti.
- Mr. Tim Dalton asked if a fence could be installed between the basketball court and shelter at Eagle Scout Park. Mr. Dalton mentioned he was told there was fence at the City maintenance shop for this purpose.
- Ms. Elaine Nordman stated there was a pipe behind the shelter at Eagle Scout Park and wondered what the pipe was to be used for.

Moved by Lichy, seconded by Dalton to approve the first reading of Ordinance #198 Collection of Solid Waste ~ Section 106.09 Collection Fees. Ordinance #198 will update the Code of Ordinances from \$.50 to \$2.50 based on a motion that was approved at the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting.

Moved by Lichy, seconded by Richard to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance #198 Collection of Solid Waste ~ Section 106.09 Collection Fees. Ayes: DeLong, Lichy, Richard and Dalton. Nays: Manahl. Motion carried.

Moved by DeLong, seconded by Lichy to pass Ordinance #198 Collection of Solid Waste ~ Section 106.09 Collection Fees updating the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dunkerton, Iowa 2018. Ayes: Dalton, Lichy, Richard, and DeLong. Nays: Manahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Lichy, seconded by Dalton to offer the Deputy Clerk's position to Lisa Mahr for \$16.00/hr with a raise to \$17.00/hr at 90 days pending a 90 day review.

The Council discussed current wages for part-time public works staff. Current wages are set at \$15/hr. As the City looks at wages for public works staff for other cities, Council member Manahl said experience needs to be taken into account as staff member Reynolds is a retired fire chief. Moved by DeLong, seconded by Dalton to table discussion until the November council meeting.

Moved by Lichy, seconded by Dalton to approve a block of 10 support hours with Premier Technology and allowing Clerk Steffen to order a second set of 10 support hours if needed.

Council discussed the waive of utility fees for account 218301. Resident moved and paid balance in full prior to leaving; however, there were 4 days on the next billing cycle which totaled \$6.30. Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to waive \$6.30.

The Council discussed a wing plow for sale by the City of Fairbank. The plow will cost \$300. Installation of the wing plow is estimated to be \$5,500 to \$6,500. Moved by Manahl, seconded by DeLong to purchase the wing plow for \$300 if it includes all the necessary parts and controls.

Mr. Tim Dalton addressed the Council regarding a sidewalk next to the ball diamonds along Marilyn Street. Mr. Dalton is estimating a 4 ft section, 557 ft long with curb for \$3,080. This is a project which will include money from the Develop Our Diamonds foundation and the Dunkerton Community Schools. Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to table discussion until financial numbers can be ascertained.

Mr. Ron Reichen updated the Council on the plumbing quotes for the Dunkerton Community Hall. Mr. Reichen stated the Community Hall has received a quote from Miller Mechanical for \$1,500 for plumbing repair. Mr. Reichen also stated the Community Hall is waiting for a quote from Mr. Rob McMahon. Mr. Reichen has been told by other Community Hall members that Mr. McMahon may repair the plumbing issue for \$250. Moved by Lichty, seconded by Delong to table the discussion until November.

Moved by Lichty, seconded by Delong to approve the low bid of \$1,200 from VJ Engineering for bridge abutment design services. The design services will be for a 60 ft. walking bridge along the River Walking Trail in the Bar-Haup addition.

Dunkerton's Affidavit Operator, Chris Even, updated the Council on the current status of the lift station pumps. Northway has just completed rebuilding pump 1 and it is running at 25 amps; however, pump 2 is only pumping at 15-16 amps and therefore, not pumping to capacity. Pump 2 may need to be rebuilt and the issue may be an impeller. Estimated repair cost for an impeller is \$8,000. Council member Lichty asked if pump 2 should be replaced rather than repaired if a repaired impeller will cost \$8,000. Mr. Even stated the issue may not be the impeller but the pump will need to be reviewed to determine the issue and any related repair costs. Moved by Manahl, seconded by Dalton to approve repairing pump 2 as needed.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council Member Manahl thanked the public works staff for maintaining the pumps during the recent heavy rains to prevent basements from flooding.

With no further discussion, Lichty / Richard to adjourn at 8:56 pm.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk