

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **November 9, 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: Brian Roquet, Ron Reichen, 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: 854 5465 5527 and password: 228483. 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 including corrections to the Library Minutes a) November 9, 2020 Agenda, b) October 12, 2020 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) Oct 2020 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Library, addition of new ambulance member Allison Barker and Bills Resolution 2020-68.

Department Head Reports:

- Fire Chief Manahl stated there were 9 calls for service over the past month.
- Police Chief Stafford mentioned he did not have any additions to his written report.
- Clerk Steffen updated the council regarding her attendance at the Iowa Municipal Finance Officer Association (IMFOA) conference.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Shaner to approve setting a public hearing for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Environmental Review of the new water filtration plant for December 14, 2020.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-69 submission of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certificate to the County Auditor. TIF request for FY2022 is \$63,900.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2020-70 transfer for redeemed General Obligation Bond payments of \$555,459.68.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-71 transfer for General Obligation Bond interest payments of \$1,272.77 to UMB Bank and \$1,675 to Farmers State Bank, respectively.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve submission of the annual Urban Renewal Report to the Department of Management. Beginning fund balance of \$56,637 as of July 1, 2019 and ending fund balance of \$57,840 as of June 30, 2020.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-72 setting public hearing for MidAmerican Natural Gas Franchise agreement for December 14, 2020.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-73 setting public hearing for MidAmerican Electric Franchise agreement for December 14, 2020.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve Resolution 2020-74 supporting a Black Hawk County Gaming Association grant application of \$48,000 for police equipment and a civil defense warning siren.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2020-75 Thomas James 3-year agreement ending Nov. 13, 2023 for garbage and recycling services. Weekly garbage service rate to remain at \$7.00 per household and recycling services at \$2.50 per household.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve Resolution 2020-76 policy for disposal of non-real estate city property.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Shaner to approve signing a 1-year extension with Physician Claims Company for ambulance billing. Currently, the city was in the process of moving to QuickMed for ambulance billing services; however, QuickMed canceled their contract due to staffing issues related to COVID and onboarding of a large customer. Per City Attorney, the City would need to show damages exceeding the annual ambulance billing amount before recommending the City seek financial compensation for cancellation of contract.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Roquet to approve hiring seasonal help for snow plowing at \$18/hr for CDL drivers and \$15/hr for non-CDL drivers.

The council discussed a new sign ordinance and will continue to review ordinances from other cities.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-77 appointing Allison Baugher to fill council vacancy left by Mark Lichty.

Clerk Steffen administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Baugher.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Mayor Schares updated the council regarding the Marilyn Street Project.
- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.

With no further discussion, Baugher / Reichen to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk