

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **November 10, 2014**, 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: Adam Fuelling, Tom Delong, Mark Lichty and Colt Robinson. Absent: Brian Belmer. Quorum present. Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delong moved, Lichty seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) November 10, 2014 Agenda as listed b) Council Minutes Oct 20 Regular Mtg as written c) Oct 2014 Monthly Reports: Clerk Budget, Clerk Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library Stats, Payment of Monthly Claims, Annual Financial Rpt and Annual Rpt for the library. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

- Ambulance Chief Stout was unable to attend.
- Officer Roquet commented that he had nothing new to add to his police rpt.
- Clerk Steffen reported she has submitted the annual financial rpt to the state and will submit to the county auditor. She will need council approval to submit the TIF certification and annual urban renewal rpts.
- Public Works Director Pierce stated that they have been busy sweeping streets, working thru issues with street sweeper and getting ready for winter.
- PW Director Pierce on behalf of City Engineer stated the city has met with new Ament engineer.
- Library Dir Wheeler stated there was voting at the library for the first time and there will be a craft sale this Saturday from 10-noon.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated he did not have any additions to his fire dept rpt.

Public Comments:

- Pat Smith requested the yield sign at the corner of Williams and Washington streets be fixed.
- Dale Steffen stated this may be a good time to try using the BHC Sheriff's dept. There may be less financial impact.
- Pat Smith, Rose Scarbrough and Tina Dalton all commented that they would like to see the city keep a local police dept.
- Al Beard stated he is a new resident to Dunkerton and chose Dunkerton based on its low crime rate. He would like to see the city keep a local police dept as well.
- Veronica Eldridge felt the response time from the Sheriff's dept would be longer than response time from a local officer.
- Dan Steffen stated the Sheriff's dept would offer fully trained officers that would be on duty at all times and that response times may actually be faster than a local officer who may be off duty when a call comes in.
- Pat Ryherd stated she felt safer with the presence of a local officer in town.
- Mayor Jessen read a letter received by resident Cathy Rigdon. Cathy praised the local police dept for responding quickly to her husband's stroke stating the

dispatch service thought her husband's call was a prank since they could not understand him.

Discussion regarding the future direction of the Dunkerton police department continued with the council. Council member Delong provided a financial comparison between the BHC Sheriff's dept and the Dunkerton police dept. Council agreed to table Resolution 2014-25 to hire a full time police chief and continue discussion at next council meeting.

Approval to accept the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan for Black Hawk County was motioned by council member Delong and seconded by Fuelling. Resolution 2014-23 was adopted. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Maggie Burger from Speer Financial presented the current TIF and Urban Renewal information to the council.

Approval to submit the Annual Urban Renewal Report and the TIF Certification was moved by Council member Fuelling and seconded by Lichty. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Delong moved and Lichty seconded to approve Resolution 2014-24 requesting TIF financing of \$66,386 for FY2016. Ayes: Fuelling, Delong, Lichty, and Robinson. Nays: None.

Dunkerton Schools renewed their offer to purchase the old water tower site at the corner of Canfield and Tower Streets. Council member Robinson asked if a public hearing would be needed and Atty Guthrie stated that a public hearing would be required if disposing of public property. PW Dir Pierce to get prices from 3rd parties for removal of tanks and Mayor Jessen will update the school with those fees.

Mayoral & Council Comments:

- Council member Fuelling has contacted Wayne McGee regarding flag pole. Wayne will provide costs involved and will also make a donation towards the flag and pole.
- Mayor Jessen thanked Officer Roquet for his speedy response to Council member Belmer's dispatch call and offered his condolences to Clerk Steffen on the passing of her mother.

With no further discussion, Fuelling/Robinson to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk