

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **December 8, 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, Colt Robinson and Brian Belmer. Quorum present. Delong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delong moved, Lichty seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) December 8, 2014 Agenda as listed b) Council Minutes Nov 10 Regular Mtg as written c) Nov 2014 Monthly Reports: Clerk Budget, Clerk Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Payment of Monthly Claims. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

- Officer Roquet commented that there was nothing new to add to his rpt. It has been a slow month and he has been working on a case with the school.
- Clerk Steffen reported she has submitted all required reports and is preparing for the city budget.
- Public Works Director Pierce stated he has started spreadsheets for the water dept and is hoping to provide to council at future meetings. He also expressed his condolences for the Bagby family.
- PW Director Pierce on behalf of City Engineer stated that Ament Engineering is on schedule to let the Dunkerton Rd project in Feb. He also expressed his concern with the lines painting issue and will address with Ament Engineering.
- Library Dir Wheeler was unable to attend.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated it has been a slow month - only 1 call. Canfield Rd should be open on Friday.
- Ambulance Chief Stout was unable to attend.

Public Comments:

- Zach Pierce said he has received a number of questions regarding the annexation process. Mayor Jessen asked if the residents of the additions north of town could hold a meeting. He would be happy to attend and answer questions.
- Dick Ede commented that it was nice to see the fire truck and firefighters at Tom Bagby's funeral. It was very professional.
- Jessica Huntley mentioned the patch on Dunkerton Rd in front of the co-op is coming out and drivers are starting to swerve around the hole. PW Director Pierce said he will try to patch.
- DJ Manahl commented that he would like to see council meetings remain respectful. He also commented that the fire association has donated substantially to the new fire truck. He also asked if a previous city employee had recently been in city hall. Mayor Jessen stated that they had. Officer Roquet commented that he had to work with a previous employee regarding a subpoena he had received.
- Mayor Jessen read a letter from Bonnie Belmer. The letter stated that the new pastor wondered if he had made the right decision moving to Dunkerton if the city chose not to pursue a local police department.
- Tina Dalton presented the council with a petition from the citizens of Dunkerton in favor of a local police department.

Discussion regarding the future direction of the Dunkerton police department continued with the council. Council member Fuelling supplied the council with a spreadsheet outlining expenses for a local dept vs the sheriff's dept. Council member Belmer supplied similar information. Fuelling stated the sheriff's dept would be in town for the beginning of school and at the end of the school day. Delong commented that it would be nice to have an officer in town who would be familiar with the residents and could provide quick response times. Mayor Jessen asked Officer Roquet to explain why he was called to Dewar recently. Officer Roquet stated BHC Dispatch did not have a deputy in the area and asked Officer Roquet to assist them in a domestic abuse call. Delong motioned and Lichty seconded to hire a full time police officer for the police dept. Ayes: Belmer, Lichty, Delong, Robinson and Fuelling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval to proceed with codification of Water Ordinance #177 and Sewer Ordinance #178 was motioned by Fuelling and seconded by Robinson. Ayes: Lichty, Delong, Belmer, Robinson and Fuelling. Nays: None.

Approval of Resolution 2014-22 to transfer money between funds was moved by Lichty and seconded by Delong. Ayes: Delong, Robinson, Fuelling, Lichty and Belmer. Nays: None.

Council approved proceeding with the Dunkerton School Curb Appeal group's welcome sign on the north side of town. PW Dir Pierce will work with the group to place the sign in the spring.

Mayoral & Council Comments:

- Council member Fuelling stated the flag pole for city hall will be approximately \$2000. He suggested the city budget this for next spring. He also congratulated the Community Hall group on the wonderful holiday festivities of Dec 6.
- Council member Belmer thanked Officer Roquet and the ambulance crew for the quick response to his home.
- Council member Robinson thanked the Bagby family for all the time Tom had spent in service to the city.
- Council member Delong thanked the citizens for being involved in the city.

With no further discussion, Fuelling/Belmer to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk