

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **December 13, 2021**, 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, Allison Baugher, Derek Shaner and Monica Smith. Quorum present. Mayor Schares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent agenda: Reichen moved, Roquet seconded to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion a) Dec 13, 2021 Agenda, b) Nov 23, 2021 Council Minutes Regular Mtg; c) Nov 2021 Monthly Reports: Clerk Financial Reports, Bank Reconciliation, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Police, Building Permits, Library, Resignation of Ambulance Members Christy Gruetzmacher and Bradley Jessen, and Bills Resolution 2021-51.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler mentioned the library is offering Hoopla, a digital service that offers online books, magazines, music, movies and more.
- Fire Chief Manahl was unable to attend.
- Police Chief Stafford stated Iowa District courts have ruled that the homeowner at 100 E. Sycamore Street is in violation of the City Ordinance and must pay a municipal infraction of \$750 and has 14 days to abate the nuisance.
- Clerk Steffen provided the council with the Department of Management backfill calculations which will be ending in FY2029. The backfill was a standing appropriation, beginning in FY2015, to reimburse local governments for the property tax reductions resulting from the rollback for commercial and industrial properties.
- Public Works Director Loftus stated the city trucks are ready for winter and the water filtration plant project is currently waiting for the filtration unit to be delivered.

Moved by Baugher, seconded by Reichen to approve Resolution 2021-52 GO Bond Interest Transfers. Bond interest payments including bond fees of \$5,100 to UMB Bank and \$1,535 to Farmers State Bank, respectively.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Roquet to approve signing a \$50,000 REAP Grant for Charma Park improvements and dredging along Crane Creek.

Moved by Reichen, seconded by Shaner to approve writing off utility account 195002 for \$.11.

Moved by Roquet, seconded by Shaner to approve hiring Chris Rodgers for additional snow-plow help. Mr. Rodgers currently has his CDL.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Reichen to approve an iPad Usage Agreement for council members and Mayor.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Baugher to approve paying \$600 towards curb and gutter repairs at 709 Joseph Rd. Homeowner is replacing driveway approach and will repair 40 linear ft of broken curb and on either side of drive.

Council discussed possible community service opportunities with the Dunkerton Community Schools. Council member Roquet will gather more information regarding potential projects.

Council also reviewed a potential sign ordinance drafted by Simmering Cory Codification. Council directed Clerk Steffen to forward the city of Orange City's sign ordinance for comparison and review.

Public Comments:

- None

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Council member Smith read a draft of an article to be submitted to the Dunkerton News.

With no further discussion, Reichen / Roquet to adjourn at 7:43 pm.

Michael J. Schares, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk