

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **December 16, 2015**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Council members present: Adam Fuelling, Colt Robinson, Mark Lichty and Dennis Manahl. Tom DeLong joined via phone. Quorum present. Fuelling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robinson moved, Manahl seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) Dec 16, 2015 Agenda b) Council Minutes Nov 9 Regular Mtg and Dec 9 Work Session as written c) Dec 2015 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:

- Library Dir Wheeler was unable to attend.
- Fire Chief Manahl said they have had a couple of calls and that he has been working on the budget. Also, the new fire truck has arrived.
- Police Chief Adams said he has been working on the budget and bids for a new police car.
- Ambulance Chief Stout was unable to attend.
- Clerk Steffen mentioned budget reports are due Dec 28 and that she has been working with the school on an internship program for City Hall.
- Public Works Dir Pierce mentioned he has been working on issues related to the recent rain, safety training and the budget.
- Public Works Dir Pierce on behalf of City Engineer will be attending the RTA meeting tomorrow.

Public Comments:

- Dan Steffen presented the council with a check for \$50,000 from the Dunkerton Fire Association for payment towards the new fire truck. He had the fire truck available for viewing.

Council member Fuelling moved and Manahl seconded to approve a 1% wage increase for UB Clerk/Public Works personnel Kuenstling effective July 1, 2016. New wage will be \$16.98/hr. Ayes: Fuelling, DeLong, Lichty, Robinson, Manahl. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to approve the first reading of the amended Ordinance #181 Sewer Service Charges - Section 99.02. The amendment clarifies the accrual of sewer fees within city limits. Ayes: Lichty, Fuelling, Robinson, Manahl, and DeLong. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to waive the second and third readings of the amended Ordinance #181 Sewer Service Charges - Section 99.02. Ayes: Robinson, Lichty, Manahl, DeLong and Fuelling. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Manahl seconded to pass the amended Ordinance #181 Sewer Service Charges - Section 99.02. Ayes: Manahl, Fuelling, DeLong, Lichty, and Robinson. Motion carried.

Police Chief Adams provided the council with information regarding a new police car. Council member Fuelling moved and Manahl seconded to approve the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Charger not to exceed \$42,000 which includes a grant of \$20,000 from the Isle. Ayes: Fuelling, Lichty, Robinson, DeLong and Manahl. Motion carried.

The council discussed a new flag pole at the fire station. The current flag pole was damaged in a recent storm. Council member Fuelling motioned and Manahl seconded to approve the purchase of a 30 ft, 5 inch butt diameter flag pole and accept the contribution from Russ Nesbit of \$2,000 towards the purchase of the pole. Ayes: Lichty, DeLong, Manahl, Robinson and Fuelling. Motion carried.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Robinson seconded to hire Chris Reynolds on an as needed basis to help with snow plowing. Hourly rate set at \$15/hr. Roll call vote: Ayes - All. Motion carried.

The council discussed possible curb and sidewalk ordinance changes. The council directed Clerk Steffen and Public Works Dir Pierce to work with VJ Engineering and determine new wording for the curb and sidewalk ordinances. The council also discussed providing these permits through City Hall rather than through Bremer County.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Manahl seconded to approve the MidAmerican Accelerated LED replacement program - replacing 250 watt bulbs with LED's. The electricity savings should be seen by the city in the next 3-4 years. Ayes: Robinson, Manahl, Lichty and Fuelling. Phone connection with DeLong became disconnected. Motion carried.

Mayoral and Council comments:

- Mayor Jessen stated the recent rains have brought to light the need to revisit the sump pump ordinance. The city needs to get the runoff out of the sanitary sewer system. An option would be to do an inspection on the sale of a home. Also, to possibly apply some seed money to get this project started.
- Council member Robinson thanked Jon Cox for his work on the council over the last few months and Mayor Jessen welcomed Dennis Manahl to the council.

With no further discussion, Manahl / Fuelling to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk