

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **July 7, 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: Robinson, Fuelling, Delong and Belmer. Absent: Lichty. Quorum present. Fuelling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delong moved, Belmer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) July 7, 2014 Agenda as listed b) Council Minutes June 9 Regular Mtg; June 26 Special Mtg as written c) June 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:

- Clerk Steffen reported she will be out of the office the week of July 14 and July 28. Utility Clerk Kuenstling will have city hall open from 8 to noon during those weeks.
- Public Works Director Pierce reported for the City Engineer that there has not been any update on Dunkerton Rd Project.
- Library Director Wheeler absent.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated it has been a slow month with only two calls. Paperwork has been submitted to Isle for SCBA payment.
- Ambulance Chief Stout absent.
- Police Officer Roquet stated monthly stats are noted on the report submitted by Chief Schultz.
- Public Works Director Pierce discussed landlord shut off policy. He would like to see a consistent policy for landlords as well as winterbirds and other residents. Councilman Fuelling asked for additional research regarding what other cities do in these circumstances. Mayor Jessen also suggested having City Attorney review policy to see what may be appropriate. PW Director Pierce also asked council if cost of living raises are being considered. Mayor Jessen commented that reviews should be completed overall. Finally, PW Director Pierce commented that he felt having Maurer Tree Service provide clean up after recent storms was a cost effective manner in which to handle the tree debris. Mayor Jessen commented that as good stewards of the city it is a good practice to question a bill.

Public Comments:

- Chris Gibson mentioned there have been rumors of misuse of city credit cards. Mayor Jessen mentioned that the issue is being reviewed and he will be able to answer in due time.
- DJ Manahl mentioned there were comments missing from the June 9 published Minutes. Mayor Jessen mentioned those comments were not required to be published. Clerk Steffen commented that she had researched what should be published and was informed that only Minutes pertaining to resolutions and ordinances were legally required to be published.
- Paul McHone from the Dunkerton Economic Development Group described their intent to encourage growth in Dunkerton and there may be lots next to the

library as well as north and south of town available in the coming months.

- Jessica Lange from the Economic Development Group mentioned there may be an investor interested in developing the lots near the library but would like a commitment of some kind from the city.

Action to approve Black Hawk County Engineers Agreement for snow and ice removal. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Park Board interest in obtaining an available lot on Joseph Rd for a future park. Mayor Jessen mentioned closed session rules may apply to this discussion. Action to table discussion. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussion and action to approve adding a burn out contest and a motorcycle stunt team to Dunkerton Days. PW Director Pierce mentioned there was not enough money to hire a motorcycle team for this year. The burn out contest; however, would have a barricade behind the cars and the cars would be stationary. Drivers would have to provide proof of insurance and sign a waiver before participating. Roll call vote for adding burn out contest: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the voluntary annexation process for residents north of town. Mayor Jessen mentioned it would require 100% participation by all landowners. Clerk Steffen mentioned per INRCOG and the State of Iowa, that it would not be in the city's interest to pursue the annexation if participation by the landowners is anything less than 100%. Councilmen Belmer and Fuelling asked for a letter of inquiry to be sent to residents of Linnmar and Woodland. Roll call vote for letter of inquiry: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussion to review recycling proposal by Joe Fettkether. Need city attorney to address stipulations for contract cancellation. Per city attorney, the proposed site is in the flood plain. Council would like more information from Fettkether and city attorney. Issue to be tabled. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussion and action for Chapman lot infrastructure improvements to facilitate sale. Mayor Jessen suggested with an 80% build, the city could commit to curb & gutter, asphalt patching and storm sewers. Council agreed in principal to the concept and will review exact wording of the proposal when complete. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Mayoral & Council Comments:

- Councilman Delong said it was nice to see the city, citizens and school coming together to work on growth of the community.
- Councilman Fuelling thanked the Economic Development Group for all their hard work and the progress that has been made.
- Mayor Jessen mentioned a feasibility study from MSA may be available for the next council meeting regarding infrastructure for additional housing and a pond south of the fire dept.
- Councilman Delong commented about the water issue behind the senior center

when there is a hard rain. Mayor Jessen mentioned we can raise the bird cage. We have raised the dirt on the dike and will look at fixing the intake.

- Councilman Belmer stated there is water between his house and Rigdon's during a torrential rain and that he is looking into solutions.

With no further discussion, Fuelling/Delong to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk