

DUNKERTON CITY COUNCIL met in regular session, **September 8, 2014**, in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Edward Jessen presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Council members present: Adam Fuelling, Tom Delong, Brian Belmer and Mark Lichty. Colt Robinson absent. Quorum present. Lichty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delong moved, Belmer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda by one motion: a) September 8, 2014 Agenda as listed b) Council Minutes Aug 11 Regular Mtg; Aug 19 Special Mtg as written c) Aug 2014 Monthly Reports: Clerk Budget, Clerk Bank Reconciliation, Debt Obligation Rpt, UB Reconciliation, Ambulance, Fire, Building Permits, Library Stats, and Payment of Monthly Claims. Roll call vote: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

- Library Director Wheeler reported that Friends of the Library have paid for an increase in internet speed and an automatic door for handicap accessibility.
- Fire Chief Manahl stated there were 5 calls in Aug and thanked everyone for attending the pancake breakfast.
- Ambulance Chief Stout stated they were not as busy in August and are still looking for recruits.
- Officer Roquet mentioned he is continuing to work on the police computer to make it compliant with BHC.
- Clerk Steffen reported that she is preparing for the city audit on Sept 15 & 16 and will be working on the city's annual financial report.
- Public Works Director Pierce stated he may be taking another position.
- PW Director Pierce on behalf of City Engineer stated there are no updates.

Public Comments:

- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duffy would like to donate \$200 towards a flag pole and flag for city hall. Council member Fuelling said he will speak with VFW regarding additional financial help for flag pole and flag.
- Monica Smith requested to have the water issues behind her house fixed before PW Dir Pierce leaves.
- Dan Steffen provided the city with a check for \$10,000 from the fire assoc for the SCBA units that were purchased. He also stated he hopes the city continues to be transparent in its processes.
- Aubin Reed and Tina Dalton thanked PW Dir Pierce for all that he has done for the community.

Council member Belmer motioned and Delong seconded to approve transfer of lease for vacant lot at 106 E Main Street from Josh Reed to Randy Reed. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Jessica Peters from the Dunkerton Economic Group asked the council to consider another resolution for enticing developers and investors to Dunkerton.

Council member Delong moved and Fuelling seconded to approve the Street Financial

Report, Resolution 2014-15. Ayes: Lichty, Fuelling, Delong and Belmer. Nays: None.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Lichty seconded to approve the KwikStar application for Carryout Native Wine permit. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Delong moved and Fuelling seconded to approve the Five Star Snow Trails Assoc renewal application. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Belmer seconded to approve The Isle Grant for park playground equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

Council member Fuelling motioned and Delong seconded to approve \$20 per month cell phone compensation for utility clerk Keith Kuenstling. Roll call vote: Ayes-All.

The Park Board stated the original offer for the Joseph Rd property was not accepted. Don Hauptly would like \$8000 for the property. Council member Fuelling asked if money from the sale of the tower lot could be used towards this purchase but PW Dir Pierce said that money has already been slated for another project. Council member Delong moved and Belmer seconded to approve offering \$8000 for the Joseph Rd property. Ayes: Lichty, Belmer, Fuelling and Delong. Nays: None.

Officer Roquet described various options for the police department as the city moves forward. Mayor Jessen and Council member Fuelling asked Officer Roquet to provide a list of pros and cons of the various options for the council members to consider.

Dan Steffen stated the fire dept has over \$150,000 for the new fire truck and asked if the city would be willing to finance the remainder of the truck at \$102,849.33. He stated the ISO rating for the fire dept will improve with a new fire truck. Council member Belmer stated the city needs to consider improvements so that the city continues to grow. Mayor Jessen asked if the city were to agree to finance the truck, would that prevent the fire dept from being able to pursue other grants. Mr. Steffen commented that they have not been successful with the grants they have written to date. Council member Belmer moved and Fuelling seconded to approve financing of the new fire truck for \$102,849.33. Ayes: Lichty, Delong, Fuelling, Belmer. Nays: None.

Discussion ensued regarding the Dunkerton School offer of \$9000 for the old water tower site at the corner of Canfield and Tower Streets. Council member Fuelling recommended selling the property for \$9000 as is. Mayor Jessen and Council member Belmer suggested having the property appraised so that the council knows how much it is worth. Council member Belmer moved to table discussion until after appraisal. Delong seconded. Ayes: Belmer, Lichty, Fuelling and Delong. Nays: None.

Council reviewed draft of wind turbine ordinance provided by city attorney Guthrie. Council member Fuelling motioned to adopt draft as is. Belmer seconded. Ayes: Belmer, Fuelling, Delong and Lichty. Nays: None.

Mayoral & Council Comments:

- Councilman Fuelling asked the council to consider alternatives for the golf cart ordinance such as weekend permits for events like Dunkerton Days. He would like comments from the public at the next council meeting.

With no further discussion, Delong/Fuelling to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Edward A. Jessen, Mayor

ATTEST: Sheila K. Steffen, City Clerk