

City of Dover Meeting Minutes April 1 2021

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dover City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Dave Iseminger in the City Hall Gym and by electronic zoom meeting as posted.

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Kevin Connor, Chelsie Kiekbush and Roger Ihrke City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen, Water Superintendent Marvin Ihrke and City Engineer Mark Welch in person (GGG); absent- none. Others in attendance in-person: Polly Calhoun-St. Charles Press, Craig Ferguson, Richard Hammel, Steve and Sandra LaBare, Mike Mathews, Carol Lovelace, Kevin Pilger; (zoom) Justin Cady (Paveman) and Max Bahr (Hillers).

The May meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 6th.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to approve the agenda by adding an ambulance discussion at the end of old business.

Craig Ferguson of Road Trip Bar and Grill addressed the council on bringing back a "street dance" for July 3rd City Celebration. He had talked with the owners of the other two bars in Dover and they would work together on the event if the council approves. He would like the time to be set from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM (ending just before the fireworks start). The bars would block off main street and control entry for the event, no charge to enter and the bars would pay for additional sheriff department officers to cover the event. Mr. Ferguson was asked to bring back a more detailed plan for the May council meeting and they would officially consider the request at that time.

Sandra LaBare brought up the issue of a run-down mobile home near her home and would like the city to take action. The city would like to take action, but has had to wait for the courts to accept these types of cases due to the covid 19 restrictions.

City Engineer Mark Welch opened up the discussion on the proposed bids for Park Ave/Park Circle and the storm water pipe along Sheek St N. Notices were sent out along with published notices on a public hearing for special assessments along Park Ave/Park Circle. Discussion took place on what the street re-construction would look like.

Three items to be considered- bids, special assessments (public hearing) and easements needed;

Opened public hearing on special assessments for comments- City Engineer compared Dover with Preston on amounts sought for special assessments- Dover \$35 per linear foot and Preston recently charged \$90 per linear foot on a project. If assessments were approved an owner can pay for it upfront or pay on a ten year pay plan with 2.5%

interest charged. No objections were brought forward. Method of charging for special assessment was then discussed.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Kiekbush if owners along the cul-de-sac decided to pay equal amounts for the assessment rather than by the footage they own, the council would accept that, if no agreement the charge of per foot would be assessed, the motion was approved with Member Ihrke abstaining.

Public hearing was closed.

Second, bids- three was submitted and the lowest was Griffen Construction for \$192,202 for the street and \$39,779 for the storm water pipe. Rochester Sand and Gravel and SL Contracting also bid. The city was expecting around \$175,000 so the bids all exceeded that amount be a large sum. A comment was made that maybe the city should look at bonding for the amount with interest being low. The bids are good for two weeks according to the City Engineer.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to “table” the decision and have a meeting on April 7th, 2021 to consider the bid again, motion carried.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Ihrke to “table” the decision on the special assessments until the April 7th meeting, the motion carried.

It was agreed that the City Engineer will meet Saturday morning at 10 AM with any owners along the cul-de-sac to address issues including easements needed with the Harvey’s both on the cul-de-sac and for the drainage pipe at the north end of Sheek Street North.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiekbush to approve the March meeting minutes as presented, the motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve the financial statements and the bills to be paid, the motion carried.

Discussion on the proposed “kitchen floor”, Justin Cady of Paveman Designs and Max Bahr of Hiller carpet joined the discussion on their quotes for flooring. The council would like to take in more quotes before deciding on a floor type and cost.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Connor to “table” the decision on flooring until next month, the motion carried.

Kevin Pilger, who is proposing to construct storage units in Dover came to discuss a lot and what would be needed for the infrastructure part of the development.

Discussion took place on how much of his access would have to be blacktop or cement, if he could have “outside storage” and for how long. The council and the clerk will work with Mr. Pilger to meet the city standards as he moves forward with the plan.

Ambulance issue about payments was brought up for discussion after last month’s presentations. One of the items of research found that Lewiston ambulance charges \$8 per person for their services. Doing the math, if Dover volunteered to pay Eyota \$10 per person: 58 homes times 2.5 average residents equal 145 people and divided into \$1,500 would equal just over \$10 per person on the average. It was thought this seemed fair.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Kiekbush to pay \$1,500 to Eyota Ambulance for equipment needed to service Dover in their ambulance district, the motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Connor to move the library in the community center to the west side of upstairs and change the existing library into a “family room/rest room with baby changing table, the motion carried.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Kiekbush to approve \$5,750 for fireworks display to be held on July 3rd, the motion carried. The same amount of money was donated by the Dover Fire Relief Association Gambling Fund.

Motion by member Kiekbush and seconded by member Connor to approve and host a “kids pedal pulling contest” from 5 to 7 PM on the 3rd of July, the motion carried.

The City had to pull the well for repair on well number 3 and options to fix the well came in:

- A. Replace with a turbine design like was in the well at \$ 128,478
- B. Replace with 8-inch submersible pump and new pipe at \$59,690
- C. Replace with 6-inch submersible pump and new pipe at \$38,194 (half the capacity of B.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve option B above for the 8-inch submersible pump and new pipe, the motion carried.

Council reports:

Mayor Iseminger- two items still ongoing the pond by the processing plant and pine trees to be planted by the cold storage buildings as they agreed to.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Putzier to “continue the meeting” until April 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM at city hall, the motion carried.

Gary Pedersen- Dover City Clerk

CONTINUED MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 7TH.

April 7, 2021

The Regular Continued Monthly Meeting of the Dover City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Dave Iseminger in the City Hall Gym and by electronic zoom meeting as posted.

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Kevin Connor, Chelsie Kiekbush and City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen, Water Superintendent Marvin Ihrke and City Engineer Mark Welch (GGG), Mike Bubany- bond consultant; absent- Roger Ihrke. Others in attendance in-person: Polly Calhoun-St. Charles Press, Mickey Badker, Steve and Jill Harvey and Rich Hammel.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Kiekbush to approve the agenda as presented, the motion carried.

Discussion took place on whether to go ahead with the street project along Park Ave and Park Circle and the storm water pipe along Sheek St N. The council talked about what money they have in reserve funds available with the bids coming in so much higher than expected.

Engineer and Bond consultant were asked to give detailed figures on cost of the overall project: construction about \$ 243,952 + \$53,473 for engineering + about \$10,000 for bonding costs = a total of about \$307,000.

Mr. Bubany then stated that if the city paid enough money up front to bring the bonding below \$250,000 the bonding costs go down to about a third. Mr. Bubany outlined his thoughts as – 4 options:

- a. Don't do the project- costs seem to always go up.
- b. Pay for the project out of reserves- then risk not having enough for cash flow.
- c. Borrow the full amount through bonding.
- d. Partial bond and pay part out of reserves- if under the \$250,000 we would get a lot better program for bonding- could use some reserves and keep some for-safety net.

The council asked him to take out contingencies for the project as it was determined the City could finance overruns.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Putzier to approve the construction project with the option of (d) from above, keeping the bond under \$250,000, the motion carried.

Discussion then took place on special assessments and easements needed for the project.

Steve and Jill Harvey addressed the Council to not be assessed on one of their parcels on the SW corner of the Park Circle cu-de-sac (old farm site) in return for providing the land needed to complete the bulb and for the easement for the storm pipe at the north end of sheek street north. The council determined this as a mutual benefit for both the city and the Harveys and the other land owners along the reconstruction part of the street.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Kiekbush to have the city absorb the costs for the special assessment by the "old farm parcel" in return for the rights to finish the cul-de-sac and the storm water pipe, the motion carried.

The job was bid to be finished by July 4th, 2021.

Motion by member Kiekbush and seconded by member Connor to assess special assessments for the property owners that have land and homes along Park Ave and Park Circle as determined at \$35 per linear foot, the motion carried.

Member Putzier said she had a complaint on a resident exceeding the recreation fire standard and burning garbage- send a letter from the clerk's office.

A motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Kiekbush to adjourn at 8:20 PM, the motion carried.