

## City of Dover Meeting Minutes February 4 2021

February 4, 2021

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 Chelsie Kiekbush and Roger Ihrke City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen, Water Superintendent Marvin Ihrke (zoom) and City Engineer Mark Welch and Jacob Frank (GGG); absent- Jaime Putzier, Kevin Connor, none. Others in attendance: Mike Bubany (bond consultant) (zoom), Polly Calhoun-St. Charles Press (zoom) Steve Harvey (zoom).

The February meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 4th.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiekbusch to approve the agenda with one change moving the Bond topic first, motion carried.

Mike Bubany a Public Finance Advisor, reviewed the proposed refinancing of the City of Dover's 2018A bond. The interest rate would be reduced from 3.85% to 1.3% by refinancing and thus saving \$29,682 during the duration of the bond payments. Mr. Bubany prepared a resolution for the Dover City Council to approve if they decide to refinance. The new loan would be from Foresight Bank in Plainview MN and would pay off the current loan at Pine Island Bank. The closing date will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiekbusch to approve the resolution and refinance the 2018A Bond, the motion carried.

No citizens brought topics forward for the meeting.

Open public hearing for possible special assessments for proposed street projects in Dover.

Mayor Iseminger introduced City Engineer Mark Welch to describe the projects and answer any questions from the Council and the public.

Engineer Welch said the proposed assessments were published twice in the official newspaper and letters were sent to possible effected land owners for the projects as required by state statute. Mr. Welch stated that special assessments may be up to 25% of the project with the need to show how it improves the land owners like curb/gutter and sidewalks would meet that need. The last project that Dover approved a \$30 per linear foot was assessed, now the Council agreed to look at an increase to \$35 per linear foot as costs have risen since the last project.

The council addressed that as of yet they have not decided on which of the five proposals to do, if any. Question came up if this included curb/gutter and sidewalks on the proposals? That is the long-range plan of the council, unless there is an issue with any of the projects that would prevent that from being installed. They discussed which side of the streets the sidewalks would be installed- the standard is on the north and west sides according to the Engineer and again unless a reason comes up to do it differently. Center street was talked about and suggested that if the community center is going to be used for events, a parking lot should be created in the gravel area, and the engineer said he could incorporate areas for parking as well. The two main street projects were discussed- sidewalks would be on one side of the street only when they are reconstructed, instead of both sides as they exist now.

Council thoughts:

- Total amount of project should not exceed \$250,000
- Center street and Sheek streets should be done at the same time (location)
- The two main street projects blacktop is in good enough shape to wait a few years.
- Leaning toward Park Circle and the water (drainage) pipe along Sheek St N, would include water drainage from the community center property flowing to the creek.
- If the Council decided on Park Circle and drainage pipe it would be about \$200,000.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiekbush to give the engineer permission to move ahead with more detailed plans on Park Circle with curb/gutter and sidewalk and the drainage pipe running toward the creek to the north along the east side on N Sheek street, motion carried with two in favor and one abstaining (Ihrke).

Discussion- and direction for the Engineer to move forward using \$35 as the special assessment rate, due to increased costs from the last project, and asked the Engineer to lower the proposed interest rate from 4% to 2.5%.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by Mayor Iseminger to approve the proposed January meeting minutes, motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiekbusch to approve the financials and pay the bills as presented, the motion carried.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by member Ihrke to appoint Mayor Iseminger and member Ihrke to the councils' "street committee", motion carried.

Council gave the Clerk direction to go ahead and take up the wood flooring in the room proposed as a kitchen, then we will decide what type of flooring to put down.

We will continue using zoom meetings as long as we can under the Governors order, the council members are encouraged to attend in person and the zoom will be open to residents who would rather not attend in person.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiekbusch to approve the “dumpsite” agreement with the Millard family, same terms as last year, the motion carried.

We should consider having an area on the west edge for grass clippings so we can keep them separate from the brush- will check with the Millard family to see if they are ok with that.

Council member comments:

Member Ihrke: The clerk had contacted Greg Nicklay about leasing the city land that is agricultural land, member Ihrke said he is interested.

Member Ihrke stated that the annual fire-budget meeting will be held later this month with the City and townships.

Update on the city EDA land purchase- the person who it was approved for a purchase of one lot, is now considering other land parcels in the City, so nothing has been done as far as an actual agreement at this point.

The Dover Fire Department purchased a new washer for their equipment and are donating their used washer to the community center, if the City would like it- we will accept the donation.

Mayor Iseminger stated that the Eyota Ambulance will be meeting this month and asked for the City to have a member in attendance.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by member Ihrke to adjourn at 8:13 PM was made, the motion carried.

Gary Pedersen- Dover City Clerk