

## **APRIL 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

April 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Melinda Kieffer, Jaime Putzier, Dave Iseminger, Marvin Ihrke, Mr. John Austinson, Cameron Johnson, Cole Ferguson, Eric Tyler, Mr. & Mrs. Brossard, Mr. John Austinson (26B House Rep.), Mr. Craig Hilmer from the St. Charles Press, Joanne Wohlferd, and Helen Pierce ( Dover Cemetary). Not present was Matt Elder.

Agenda was presented for approval. Jaime Putzier made a motion to approve, seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Minutes from March 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jaime Putzier to approve, seconded by Davie Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion was made by Dave Iseminger to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Helen Pierce and Joanne Wohlferd are here representing the Dover Cemetary board. Tiling needs to be done next year in the cemetery and they are looking for donations. The estimated cost is \$4,088.12 .They have an annual breakfast each year that brings in about \$3,000.00 , bake sale and silent auction too which helps out.

Mayor Ihrke stated that he would like to talk to the Dover Township board first and then he will call Helen or Joanne with a final decision.

Helen Pierce stated that she and her husband Carlos have been working out at various cemeteries in the area. Their work involves power washing the tombstones. They will be doing Dover Cemetery next and would like the City of Dover to donate the water for this project. Approximately 200 gallons per load and are not certain how many loads there will be. The council agreed that they can get water from the City at no charge.

Mr. John Austinson introduces himself to the council. He is running for the 26B Minnesota House of Representative seat this year. He lives in Eyota and works in Byron.

Cole Ferguson is here to ask about the vinyl fence regarding his property. Not sure where it is compared to the easement.

Mr. and Mrs. Brossard are here regarding the drainage problem on their property on 5<sup>th</sup> way. This has been a problem for the past 3 years. Dave Hander enters at 7:16 P.M. He is an adjoining property owner who has the same problem. They have presented pictures. There is no ditch for the water drainage. They have talked to different landscapers about repairing the issue on their land themselves. They asked if there is an easement on the back of this land?

Could the City of Dover put in a ditch to drain the water south of Brossards property? Could the water drain to the storm sewer? As of now the water is running towards the business building of TNT Marine. Mayor Ihrke is meeting with Geoff Griffin tomorrow and will request that the City Engineer, Mark Welch, look at it.

Dave Hander stated that the snowplow has hit the shut off box for the Fire Hydrant near his property.

Brossards and Hander exit the meeting at 7:33

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE 204 PEARL STREET IN DOVER

Hearing called to order at 7:33 P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Dave Iseminger, Jaime Putzier, Melinda Kieffer, Marvin Ihrke, Cameron Johnson, Cole Ferguson, Eric Tyler, and Craig Hilmer from the St. Charles Press and Mr. John Austinson. Not present was Matt Elder.

Mayor Ihrke stated that there has not been a specific findings report done yet for this property, but the same plan was used for the Putzier variance done a couple years ago in Dover. 5' variance needed on the side and the rear of property yard. Will snowplowing be an issue? Not when the curb and gutter is put in. The bill for the variance request needs to be mailed to Mr. Cameron Johnson and the variance findings will be presented at the May council meeting.

Dave Iseminger makes a motion to approve the variance with the contingency of the facts and findings, motion was seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

A motion to close the hearing was made by Jaime Putzier, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Council meeting is reconvened at 7:44 P.M.

The topic of the shared garden in the City was discussed. A survey will be done in the Community to see if the need is there.

The Lending book issue was discussed. A resident will build one and set it up at the Well House where it will be under the pavilion. They need to talk to Marvin Ihrke about installing it there when it is built.

Jaime Putzier stated that the City Wide Garage Sale will be on Friday, May 20, 2016 and Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Mayor Ihrke made a rough draft of a letter that will be mailed out to property owners on the east side of Fifth Ave. S.E. in Dover. He will make any additions and corrections before they are mailed.

Some landscaping needs to be done out at the Dover sign. Dave Iseminger will check out replacing 2 trees there. He

has a \$500.00 limit.

Discussion on the Rolling Hills Transit Bus :

December 2015: 44 rides with 8 passengers

January 2016: 18 rides with 5 passengers

February 2016: 12 rides with 2 passengers.

The City of Dover believes that the bus is a great idea, but is it feasible financially for the City?

There is a good size hole in an alley behind a property owner in town. Pearson Builders has been contacted to repair this.

Dave Iseminger stated that the alleys are really taking a beating with all the different garbage trucks driving on them. Would it not be better to contract out to one company? An ordinance needs to be adopted and then bids need to go out. This will be discussed again.

M & M Projects is having a seal coating meeting at the Kahler Apache Hotel on 4-27-2016 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., if anyone is interested in going.

After the last snowfall in town, the City received several complaints from several property owners with no curb and gutter that their lawns had been chewed up by the snow plows. A company that would dedicate 6 or 7 trucks dedicated to the City of Dover has contacted us for next year.

The Dover Firehall has received a proposal to repaint the entire inside of the building, install new lockers, and install a new floor in the community center.

The Summer Recreation Program Committee presents its proposed plan for this year:

- The kitchen area in the Community Center will be used on Thursday A.M.

- 1 Swim bus

- Budget for supplies and wages

- Hire one person to oversee at \$10.00 per hour.

The ad will be placed in the St. Charles Press and on the website.

Jaime and Melinda report on the Dover Elementary School committee. It was stated that the consensus is to sell the building. The City of Dover would have the first right of refusal. The school would keep the bus garage and land.

Marvin Ihrke has ordered the first group of water meters.

T & R Flooring building: The City EDA has received a proposal for a meat locker/grocery store business to purchase the building. This is a local company. The company needs a letter from the City stating that this would be allowed.

Timberroots Building: Possible Trucking Firm for cold storage.

With no further business, motion was made by Jaime Putzier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Karen Henry

Clerk of Dover