

MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2014

August 7, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present was Mayor Ihrke, Jaime Putzier, Matt Elder, Aaron Nicklay, Doug Peterson, Crystal Merchlewitz, Elaine and Brandon Johnson from People Cooperative Services, Bryan from the Post Bulletin, the representative from the St. Charles Press, Dale Kieffer and Jim Howard from CO Brown Insurance.

Agenda presented for approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried.

Minutes from July meeting presented for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Nicklay, seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion was made by Doug Peterson, seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried.

Elaine from People Cooperative Services presents information regarding a possible sale between them and Alliant Energy. After her presentation she welcomed any questions and concerns from the council. Several concerns were expressed from the council. After a discussion, Elaine and Bryan exited the meeting. The council feels very uneasy about this sale. It was suggested that we send a letter to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission expressing our concerns. A motion was made by Doug Peterson to approve sending this letter, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. Matt Elder voted no. With 4 yes votes and 1 nay, the motion was carried and approved.

Report on the Summer Recreation Program in Dover. A survey was sent out to families that participated. Only a couple responses.

14 families participated this year. All went well. The council will look at this again at the February or March 2015 meeting.

Dog Issue: A certified letter to the owners of the 2 dogs in question, requesting them to attend this meeting regarding the determination of either a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog status. The owners were not present. After the council discussed the facts and the state statues, a motion was made by Doug Peterson to declare the two dogs, dangerous dogs. The motion was seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried. A certified letter will be sent to the owners with the councils decision along with the proper steps to be taken, according to the state statues on dangerous dogs. The owners have 14 days from the receipt date of the certified letter to appeal this decision.

Discussion on the County Road West #142 project. The bids were let out by Olmsted County. Question and concerns were brought forward:

There needs to be assessment hearings for the curb and gutter that will be assessed to the property owners along West County Road #142

There is an easement that needs to be placed on an agricultural field abutting the project

The retaining wall next to the Church property will not be touched and also curb and gutter may not be placed there. Some catch basins will be put in the grade by the Church.

The time line for this project will be from approximately the end of August through October.

Sidewalk will only be installed on the North Side of County Road #142

The City will need to borrow money in the amount of \$150,000.00 for this project

Mayor Ihrke spoke with Mike Bubany (representative from the bonding company regarding the loan. This will be with the MN Rural Water, loan rate would be between 2 ¾ and 3% with a seven year payback. The fee for Mike, attorney and loan fees would be approximately \$3800.00.

A motion was made by Matt Elder to enter into the agreement with Olmsted County. Motion was seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried. Be it noted that Aaron Nicklay abstained from voting.

Motion was made by Matt Elder to start the loan process, motion was seconded by Doug Peterson. All agreed. Motion carried.

Letter needs to be sent to the property owner on 5th Ave regarding the boulevard obstruction.

Regarding the party with the landscaping issue on their property. The property owner contacted the Mayor and stated that this is removed over the winter months. He asked if he could leave it there over the summer months. Council stated that if we accept his proposal then we do it for everybody. Decision was that it should be removed, but if it is on his own property, we cannot make him remove it.

Question was brought up about a fence on a sidewalk in town, should that be allowed? Doug will check on it.

Results from the Housing meeting for Olmsted County. There should be a Development agreement with the business in Olmsted

County, Mayo Clinic, and the housing authority. This would be like a 1st home program. We just need to wait and listen.

The City received an e-mail from Holiday Stations that they will keep us in mind for future project.

Pit Stop can pick up the port-a-potties at the Ball Field. The City of Eyota would like the City of Dover to put red lime on the field because they would like to move Eyota teams to Dover. Matt Elder was contacted regarding this. They are invited to come to a meeting with a plan.

The City received a letter from Mediacom stating that they are moving some channels around.

The City received a letter from Eastwood Bank stating that they have been sold to Bremer Bank. This will take place and be final as of January 2015.

With no further business, motion was made by Doug Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Karen Henry

Clerk of Dover