

City of Dover Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes April 6, 2023

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 as posted.

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Chelsie Kiekbusch and Eric Tyler. Absent- Kevin Connor. Staff present Gary Pedersen, Clerk/Treasurer, Marvin Ihrke & City Engineer Mark Welch, Others in attendance: Rex Herman, Marcia Mackay, Jody Wiza, Jon Schweitzer, Terry Lehnertz Shannon Norwood, and Marvin of Sunflower Photography.

The agenda for the meeting was presented. The motion was made by Member Putzier to approve, seconded by Member Kiekbusch the motion carried.

Marcia Mackey was present to discuss the dog bite complaint against her dog named Captain.

Ms. Mackey explained in the past her dog has not shown itself to be aggressive toward other people or dogs. He wears a shock collar, and she has a "pet stop" fence to keep her dog on her property. On the day in question the collar was malfunctioning and since has purchased a new collar and had the company that put the fence in check it out. Ms. Mackey stated that she is sure the dog will no longer be a threat to other dogs with the collar and fence working properly.

Motion by Member Putzier and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to declare the dog "captain" as potentially dangerous because of the incident of biting another dog, the motion carried.

Citizens open forum:

Jody Wiza addressed the council about the July 3rd celebration events. Jody would like to do the wrestling event again but would like to have it at the city park if that is ok with the council. Discussed possible dance, car show, kid peddles pull, ice cream treats by Fire Department and Mayor Iseminger brought up possible small tractor pull to add to the events. Will discuss on time frame of the events as they are decided on to firm up a schedule.

Jody Wiza then brought up that she would like to establish a volleyball court behind her bar to accommodate a volleyball league which she would also be part of in Altura. She invited the council to view her proposed setup and see if the council would be willing to approve the events through the special event permit as allowed for the bars. Ms. Wiza must come up with a scaled drawing showing exactly how the court will fit on the property and how it will be fenced.

Ms. Wiza can then apply for the special event permit for the days they plan on using the court. The council could then approve the permit with conditions if they determine it will not be unpleasant to anyone close to the event site. When an application is submitted the council will decide on whether to approve or not and with what conditions.

Public hearing for possible special assessment for the proposed 2023 street project located a block north and south of County Road 142 on Main Street. A notice was sent to all the property owners along this stretch that if approved they would pay a special assessment of \$40 per linear foot along their property along main street.

Public comment opened- Mr. Herman had questions and concerns about the proposed special assessment. It was explained that the individual property owners would be assessed at the rate of \$40

per linear foot- example if your property is 100 feet along the street it would be assessed \$4,000; there is also a state law that allows any property owner over 65 years of age to have the "assessment deferred". until the property is sold and at that time the special assessment would have to be paid by the sale of the property. No other questions or comments came forward for the public hearing.

The public hearing was closed by Mayor Iseminger.

Discussion took place on the bids for street reconstruction and how much if any of the project would be done this year. In reviewing the bids submitted by Griffen Construction, Rochester Sand & Gravel and Elcor Construction, discussion took place about the topsoil put down as the final step before seeding- complaints in the past that pour soil was used with rock- it was relayed to the City Engineer that that would not be tolerated in this project. Engineer Welch said he would make sure the bid winner would be let know. The project should also have an ending date to make sure the project is completed in a timely fashion. If the project is after the July 3rd City Celebration the project must be done by September 15, 2023, or penalties would be assessed.

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to accept the Griffen Construction bid for the entire project with conditions of the topsoil and finish date of September 15 this year, the bid amount of \$343,467.60, the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Member Putzier and seconded by Member Tyler to assess each property along the construction area, as notified, at the rate of \$40 per linear foot, the motion carried unanimously. There are 11 property owners to be assessed for a total of \$48,000.

City Engineer Welch then advised the council that Mr. Eric Killen is moving forward toward construction of another warehouse on the south end of the city, on the east side of his property. He may ask the City to investigate a TIF district to help with putting money away for the planned road in the future, between his property and the developers land just east of the planned expansion.

Motion by Member Putzer and seconded by Member Kiekbusch that if Mr. Killen provides a deposit to investigate a TIF District, the city could then use the money to hire a bond person and or an attorney as needed to look into setting up such a district, motion carried.

Photographer Shannon Norwood and her business partner Marvin of Sunflower Photography addressed the Council and answered questions such as their desire to lease a room in the Community Center for their business to operate.

Motion by Member Putzier and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to offer a lease to Sunflower Photography for space in our Community Center for \$425 per month, the motion carried. The Lease will begin May 1 and we will do some work in the room to bring it into a workable space for their business.

Motion made by Mayor Iseminger and seconded by Member Tyler to approve last month's minutes with the updated changes to the bid numbers for street reconstruction, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Putzier to approve the bills to be paid and financial statements as presented by the Clerk/Treasurer, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Putzier and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to approve the agreement with Greg Nicklay to harvest the hay lots in the city and the pond area east of the city for 2023 at the same rate as 2022, the motion carried.

The Clerk discussed new office hours to post for city hall, (see posting on website or front door of city hall). Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Mayor Iseminger to approve, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Putzier to have Jim Kieffer tuckpoint the east side of the community center this summer season, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Putzier to sign the agreement offered by J & M Displays for \$7,850 to do the July 3rd city fireworks, the motion carried.

Member Putzier discussed her research on city wide organized sanitary pickup.

Motion by Member Tyler and Seconded by Mayor Iseminger to have the Clerk contact LMC and or our City Attorney to find out the proper steps in adapting an ordinance leading to organized sanitary pickup for the city, the motion carried.

Council Member Items:

Member Tyler gave a wrap up on the latest with the sewer board district.

Member Kiekbusch discussed options with costs for a new playground setup for the city park across the road from the fire hall.

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Putzier to approve the expenses up to \$110,000 for a new playground to be installed while seeking as many grant or donation dollars as we can get, the motion carried.

Member Putzier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Kiekbusch motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

Minutes by

Gary Pedersen, Clerk