

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2014**

December 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:02P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Matt Elder, Aaron Nicklay, Jaime Putzier, Melinda Kieffer, Dave Iseminger, Marvin Ihrke and Nicole from the St. Charles Press. Doug Peterson was not present.

Agenda was presented and approved.

Minutes from the November meeting were presented for approval. There were a few changes that needed to be updated that will be forwarded to Karen to make. Motion was made by Aaron Nicklay to approve, seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried.

Dave Iseminger and Melinda Kieffer stated that they are here to observe the council meeting. Dave will be sworn in as the new council member at the January 2015 meeting and Melinda has an interest in filling the vacancy for the council chair currently held by Doug Peterson following his resignation effective February 5, 2014. Mayor Ihrke stated that Joan Flury is also interested in the upcoming vacancy. A decision will be discussed at the January 2015 meeting.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Ihrke presented an invoice that he received regarding the completion of the Olmsted County 142 road project totaling \$194,469.44. There was a 5% retainage fee for the project of \$9,723.47 included in the total balance due. The balance minus the retainage fee is then \$184,745.97 minus \$60,000.00 that is still owed to the City of Dover from the Olmsted County 10 road

project and the payment remaining of \$9,723.47 after the 1 year warranty has expired Motion was made to approve payment at this time of \$124,745.97 by Matt Elder, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Brief discussion on the proposed Truth in Taxation hearing and levy for the year 2015. Mayor Ihrke stated that there was concern from some residents regarding this. Motion was made by Aaron Nicklay to approve the budget and certify the levy for 2015. Motion was seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried.

Application for Liquor Licenses for the Last Round and Road Trip Bar and Grill for 2015 were presented for approval. Road Trip Bar and Grill must collect and pay delinquent bill on the Apartment prior to license approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Tax Assessment will be made for the vacant residential lot that the City of Dover has mowed all year and will be added to the property owners property tax. A certified letter was sent regarding this matter. If the said vacant lot comes up for sale the new owner will be required to pay the assessment prior to the purchase. Motion was made by Jaime Putzier to approve, seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried.

Brief discussion regarding Property Tax Assessments for delinquent water bills. No interest will be added at this time as it was not stated that it could be assessed in the current Resolution. All delinquent water customers with 3 or months of unpaid service will be added to a list to be turned into Olmsted County. These will be added to these certain residents 2015 property tax. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Discussion was made to review the current Special Assessment Resolution in January and make possible changes as needed. This will be added to the January Agenda.

Mayor Ihrke has heard nothing further from the Fire Marshall regarding the abandoned property in Dover that was damaged by fire in September. Karen will need to contact the owner of the property regarding permission to do cleanup of the fire and property.

Jaime Putzier reported updates regarding the Public Transit from a recent meeting with the cities of Dover, St. Charles and Eyota:

- There is a current delay and buses will not be ready as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January but more towards February.

- Semcac is in search of place to store the buses, 1 in St. Charles and 1 in Dover in which a rental fee will be paid.

- Dover has an available space with a 14' door that Jaime will present to Semcac.

- A public informational meeting will be held December 8<sup>th</sup> in Eyota from 10-11am and 2-3pm and in Dover from 6:30-8pm.

- Hours for service once it begins will be 7am-7pm.

- The active cities are currently working locally to set up a site for token purchase, information, advertising on the buses and specials for taking the public transit to their place of business.

- Another meeting will be held between the cities prior to the service starting to finalize details.

January meeting will also discuss Summer Rec for 2015, appoint a new Building and Permit person, discuss hiring an electrician to install outside meters to those homes that do not have them.

A complaint was received regarding snow plowing and that it was not done timely enough. Karen responded with the councils verbage as to when the streets are to be plowed. It was discussed to possibly purchase a plow head to put on the City's truck for small snow falls. It was decided that Roger will call Doug Wigham in the event that there has not been service but is needed.

Mayor Ihrke stated Mr. Griffin submitted a bill for \$10,000.00 to the Dover EDA. Motion was made by Matt Elder to transfer the funds to the EDA account for payment. Seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Elaine Gerry from Alliant Energy will be holding a meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Dover with the City to discuss issues regarding the purchase by Peoples Co-op.

Olmsted County has been in contact again in regards to setting up a plan in Dover for the water usage involving the I-90 project work.

Received letter from Journey to Growth requesting support and donation. No donation was discussed.

There will also be a public hearing at the January meeting to plat a lot in Henry Estates.

With no further business, a motion was made by Matt Elder to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Karen Henry/City Clerk

