

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2107

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Dave Iseminger, Cameron Johnson, Melinda Kieffer, Marvin Ihrke, Dale Kieffer, Jeremy Magnuson, Justin Henry, Officer Terry Walezski from Olmsted County, Brian from the Rochester Post Bulletin, Kelly Wrubel, Casey Flury, Terry Lehnertz, Amanda Bedtke, Jenna Schneider, Linda Mayer, Pat Kronebusch, Jody Ramsey and relatives, and Jill from the St. Charles Press. Jaime Putzier in attendance but not until the 2nd half of the meeting.

Agenda was presented for approval, motion made by Melinda Kieffer to approve, seconded by Cameron Johnson. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes from January 2017 meeting were presented for approval, motion was made by Dave Iseminger to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed Motion carried.

Bills presented for approval, motion was made by Dave Iseminger to approve, seconded by Cameron Johnson. All agreed. Motion carried.

No report from the Transit Bus.

The annual Fire Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

The City has only received one complaint regarding the Snow Removal in Dover. When the roads were scraped for ice buildup, a driveway was blocked. Terry Lehnertz stated that the corner near

his house needs to be kept clean. This information will be forwarded on to the snow removal company.

Dave Iseminger stated that the Christmas Lights were taken down . A new door handle needs to be replaced at the City Garage.

Council meeting will continue after the closing of the Public Hearing for the Dover School.

Public Hearing is called to order at 7:08 P.M.

A sign up sheet for the people in attendance of this meeting is attached.

Question was asked as to what to do with the school property in Dover? Should the City purchase it or have the School District sell it? The purchase price is \$1501.00. (\$1500 for the land and \$1.00 for the building)

Mayor Ihrke stated that the City can purchase the property all except the bus garage. The utility bills per year are approximately \$20,000.00 per year plus maintenance. These costs will continue each year. What uses could this building will be used for?

Input from the public:

- let the School District sell it
- turn classrooms into business rentals
- open gym for kids – this would not generate any revenue to the City
- DayCare Center – 5 year contract?
- apartments
- It could be City Hall for 10 years and then put it out for public use. The square footage of the building is a plus. The other lots could be sold off.

The council stated that they would not approve apartments there because other Cities have done this and after a few years it is just a run down eyesore.

It was asked how much money should be put into the building – is it cost effective? If the City has no use for it, why buy it?

With no further comments, a motion was made by Dave Iseminger to adjourn the hearing, motion was seconded by Cameron Johnson. Hearing adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Council meeting is continued....

Officer Walezki from the Olmsted County Sheriff's office does not have anything to report.

Mayor Ihrke asked that the council meeting be moved to March 16th instead of the original date of March 2 because he will not be able to attend until then. A motion was made by Cameron Johnson to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jody Ramsey from The Hair Shack presents the application for a liquor license. She has included an insurance certificate with Workman's Comp. She stated the contractor who is updating the inside is working with a plumber. The permit for the restaurant portion comes from the Minnesota Dept of Health. The liquor application will be submitted to the Alcohol and Gambling Division of the State of Minnesota. When the City has received approval from them, it will be then be presented to the council for review. Jody presents the City with a check for \$1500.00 for the liquor license and a \$100.00 check for a background check.

Linda Mayer would like to apply for the position of the Seasonal Worker. This will be advertise to the general public again.

Council discussion on the School Property in Dover. Cameron Johnson feels that the City should not invest in it because we do not have a use for it.

Dave Iseminger states that we should invest in it. We owe to the people of Dover to have control of the property, at least we will have the land. The cost to each taxpayer per year could be \$50.00 per household.

Jaime Putzier and Melinda Kieffer both stated that they would like the City to keep the property and to purchase it for the \$1501.00.

A comment was made by Mayor Ihrke that their may be grants available by the State that we could apply for.

A motion was made by Jaime Putzier to purchase the School property for the amount of \$1501.00, motion was seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Cameron Johnson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Karen Henry

Clerk of Dover

